



Saint James School

2024 Profile

As the leading independent college preparatory school in Central Alabama since 1955, Saint James School inspires students of all ages to discover their special talents, strive for achievement, serve others, and fulfill their powerful potential. In every classroom, from preschool to our most rigorous high school courses, students are challenged and mentored by their teachers as they develop strength of character and essential academic skills and knowledge. With a current enrollment of 840 students, our diverse student population includes students from an average of 15 countries in any given year. Saint James School offers a broad mix of college preparatory classes and extracurricular programs that meet a wide range of interests in academics, arts, and athletics, set in a learning community grounded in support, guidance, and encouragement.

Students Served

Pre-K2 - 12
840 (12% international)

Accreditation

Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS)
Cognia

Athletics

45 athletic teams with 66% student participation
22 team state championships
8 students (Class of 2024) signed to play in college

Arts

3 theatre and 8 grade-level annual stage productions
Award-winning choir, band, and forensics team
Nationally-recognized visual arts students

Tuition Assistance

\$1.10 million (26% of student body)

High School At A Glance

32 faculty members and administrators

78% hold advanced degrees,
including **5** doctorates

8:1 Student/Faculty Ratio

20 Advanced Placement (AP)
and **13** Honors classes

29 AP Scholar Awards

100% students accepted to 4-year institutions

\$34.8 million in scholarships
awarded over the last five years

4 annual school-wide service projects,
including community day

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Character • Commitment • Courage • Community

Mission Statement: Saint James School is an independent, nonsectarian, college preparatory school with a student body broadly representative of college-bound students. We are committed to challenging and assisting students in realizing their individual potential and preparing them for lives of responsibility, service, and achievement.

Class of 2024 Academic Achievements

GPA Distribution

Saint James School does not assign class rank.

Sector of Class	GPA
Top 20 Percent	> 4.07
Second	3.83 - 4.02
Third	3.55 - 3.79
Fourth	3.29 - 3.54
Fifth	2.61 - 3.25

Honors Diplomas	Grading Scale
Cum Laude: 3.8 GPA	A = 100-90
Magna Cum Laude: 3.9	B = 89-80
Summa Cum Laude: 4.0	C = 79-70
	D = 69-64
	F = 63 and below

ACT Distribution

Sector of Class	ACT
Top 20 Percent	28-35
Second	24-27
Third	23-24
Fourth	21-22
Fifth	16-20
Middle 50%	20-25

SAT*

Middle 50%
EBRW
MATH
EBRW+MATH

*5 students took the SAT

2024 AP Scholars

29 Total AP Scholars
10 AP Scholars with Distinction
6 AP Scholars with Honors
13 AP Scholars

National Merit® Scholars

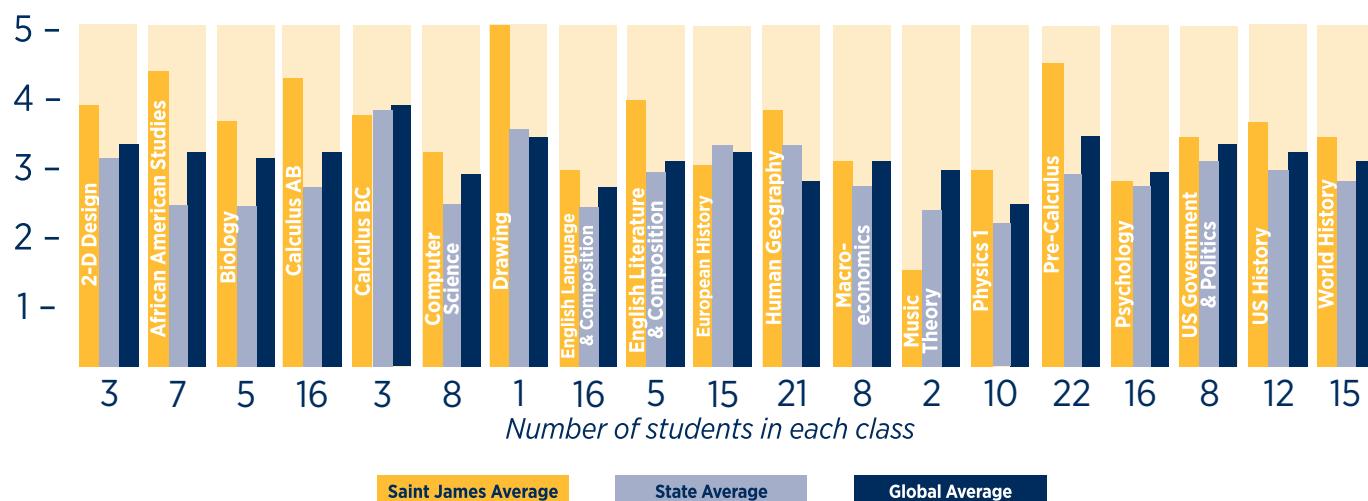
2024 – One Finalist
2023 – Five Finalists; One Semifinalist; Four Commended
2022 – One Commended
2021 – Two Finalists

Global Seal of Biliteracy™

2024 – Six Recipients
2023 – Four Recipients
2022 – Five Recipients
2021 – Two Recipients

Advancement Placement® Guidance and Results

AP classes begin in the 9th grade, and students can take an unlimited number of these classes. All students who take an AP class are required to take the exam, and Saint James students consistently score above both the global and state averages for those courses offered. In May 2024, exam scores in 84% percent of classes offered met or exceeded the state and/or global average. The following graph outlines AP scores for the 19 classes taken during the 2023-2024 school year.



High School Course Offerings

English

- English I
- Honors English I
- English II
- Honors English II
- English III
- **AP English Language & Composition**
- English IV
- **AP English Literature & Composition**

History & Social Sciences

- World History I
- **AP World History**
- World History II
- **AP European History**
- American History
- **AP United States History**
- US Government/Senior Economics
- **AP Government & Politics: US**
- **AP Macroeconomics**
- **AP Human Geography**
- **AP African American Studies**

Mathematics

- Algebra I
- Geometry
- Honors Geometry
- Algebra II
- Honors Algebra II with Trigonometry
- Algebra III with Trigonometry
- Pre-Calculus
- **AP Pre-Calculus**
- Honors Pre-Calculus
- **AP Calculus AB**
- **AP Calculus BC**

Science

- Biology
- Honors Biology
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Environmental Science
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Honors Chemistry
- **AP Chemistry with Lab Class**
- **AP Biology with Lab Class**
- AP Physics
- Conceptual Physics

Fine & Performing Arts

- Visual Arts I, II, III, IV
- **AP Studio Art: Drawing with Lab Class**
- Photography I, II
- Graphic Design
- **AP Studio Art: 2-D Design**
- Chorus I, II, III, IV
- Percussion
- **AP Music Theory**
- Performance Studies
- Instrumental Music I, II, III, IV (Marching & Concert Band)
- Theater Arts I, II
- Technical Theater I, II
- Technical Theater Productions
- Competitive Speech & Debate
- Journalism: Newspaper
- Journalism: Yearbook
- Public Speaking
- History of Rock and Roll
- Music Industry

Technology

- 21st Century Technology
- Programming / Networking
- **AP Computer Science Principles**
- STEM / Computer Science Tech Innovation
- Applied Digital Skills
- Exploration of Information Technology

World Language

- Spanish I, II
- Honors Spanish II, III, IV
- Latin I, II
- Honors Latin II, III, IV

Physical & Health Education

- Physical Education
- Athletic Weight Training
- Seventh Period Athletics
- Cheerleading I, II, III, IV
- Dance Team
- Lifetime Health and Wellness

Additional Electives

- Survey of Sports Medicine, Physical Therapy & Related Professions
- Introduction to Philosophy and World Religions
- Leadership Seminar
- **AP Psychology**

Graduation Requirements

General Diploma

25 Carnegie Units required

English	4 Units
Mathematics (minimum of Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and Algebra III/Trig)	4 Units
Social Studies	4 Units
Science	4 Units
World Language (at least two consecutive years of the same language)	2 Units
Physical Education	1 Unit
Technology	1 Unit
Fine Arts	1 Unit
Electives	4 Units

Honors Diploma

- Two additional Carnegie Units
- Minimum GPA of 3.8
- Six elective credits, one of which must be the third year of the same world language
- High school credit for minimum of four science courses, including: Biology, Honors Biology, Chemistry, Honors Chemistry, Physics, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, Anatomy and Physiology, or AP Physics
- Six semesters of AP courses in a minimum of two subject areas
- Four semesters at Saint James and satisfy other requirements (transfer students only)
- Eight hours of approved, documented volunteer service for each year attended at Saint James (grades 9-12)

College Acceptance Highlights (2020 - 2024)

United States Air Force Academy
Alabama A&M University
University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of Alabama at Huntsville
University of Alabama
Alabama State University
University of Arkansas
The Art Institute of Chicago
Auburn University
Auburn University at Montgomery
Baylor University
Bellhaven University
Berry College
Boston College
Boston University
University of California Irvine
Calvin University
Carnegie Mellon University
Centre College
The Citadel
Clemson University
College of William & Mary
University of Central Florida
University of Colorado
Columbia College Chicago
University of Connecticut
University of Dallas
University of Delaware
University of Denver
Drexel University
Duke University
East Carolina University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emory University
Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising
Faulkner University
Florida A&M University
Florida State University
University of Florida
Furman University
George Washington University
University of Georgia
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia State University
University of Houston

Howard University
Huntingdon College
University of Illinois Chicago
Ibri Technical University (Oman)
Indiana University
Indiana State University
University of Iowa
Iowa State University
The Juilliard School
Kansas State University
University of Kentucky
Lipscomb University
University of Louisville
Louisiana State University
Loyola University
Marion Military Institute
University of Memphis
Menlo College
Miami University (Ohio)
The University of Miami
University of Michigan
Middle Tennessee State University
University of Minnesota
Mississippi College
University of Mississippi
Mississippi State University
University of Montevallo
Morehouse College
University of Mobile
New York University
University of North Alabama
North Carolina State University
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina School of the Arts
University of North Texas
Ohio State University
Ohio University
University of Oklahoma
Oklahoma State University
Pace University
University of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania State University
University of Pittsburgh
The Pratt Institute

Purdue University
Rice University
Rutgers University
College of St. Scholastica
Samford University
University of San Francisco
Savannah College of Art and Design
Seattle University
Seton Hall University
University of South Alabama
University of South Carolina at Aiken
University of the South: Sewanee
University of Southern Mississippi
Southern Methodist University
Spring Hill College
Stillman College
Tama Art University (Tokyo)
University of Tennessee
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Tennessee State University
University of Texas
Texas A&M University
United States Merchant Marine Academy
United States Naval Academy
University of Texas at Arlington
University of Texas at Dallas
Texas Christian University
Texas Southern University
Texas State University
Texas Tech University
Troy University
Tulane University
Tuskegee University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Tech University
Warren Wilson College
University of Washington
Western Kentucky University
University of West Florida
University of West Georgia
University of Wisconsin
Wofford College
University of Wyoming
Xavier University of Louisiana