



Saint James School

2026 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 835 students, our diverse student population includes students from an average of 14 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
835 (12% international)

Accreditation

Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS)
Cognia

Athletics

45 athletic teams with 66% student participation
24 team state championships
12 students (Class of 2026) 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

30% of the student body receives Tuition Assistance

High School At A Glance

27 faculty members and administrators

81% hold advanced degrees,
including **8** doctorates

8:1 Student/Faculty Ratio

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

56 AP Scholar Awards

100% students accepted to 4-year institutions

\$48.1 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 2026 Academic Achievements

GPA Distribution

Saint James School does not assign class rank.

<i>Sector of Class</i>	<i>GPA</i>
Top 20 Percent	4.14-4.50
Second	4.0-4.011
Third	3.69-3.98
Fourth	3.20-3.65
Fifth	2.32-3.19

<i>Honors Diplomas</i>	<i>Grading Scale</i>
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

<i>Sector of Class</i>	<i>ACT</i>
Top 20 Percent	30-34
Second	26-29
Third	23-25
Fourth	20-22
Fifth	15-21
<i>Middle 50%</i>	<i>20-26</i>

SAT*	
	<i>Middle 50%</i>
EBRW	600-660
MATH	600-760
EBRW+MATH	1210-1380

2026 AP Scholars

56 Total AP Scholars
 26 AP Scholars with Distinction
 7 AP Scholars with Honors
 23 AP Scholars

National Merit® Scholars

2026 – Two Finalists
 2025 – One Finalist
 2024 – One Finalist
 2023 – Five Finalists; One Semifinalist;
 Four Commended

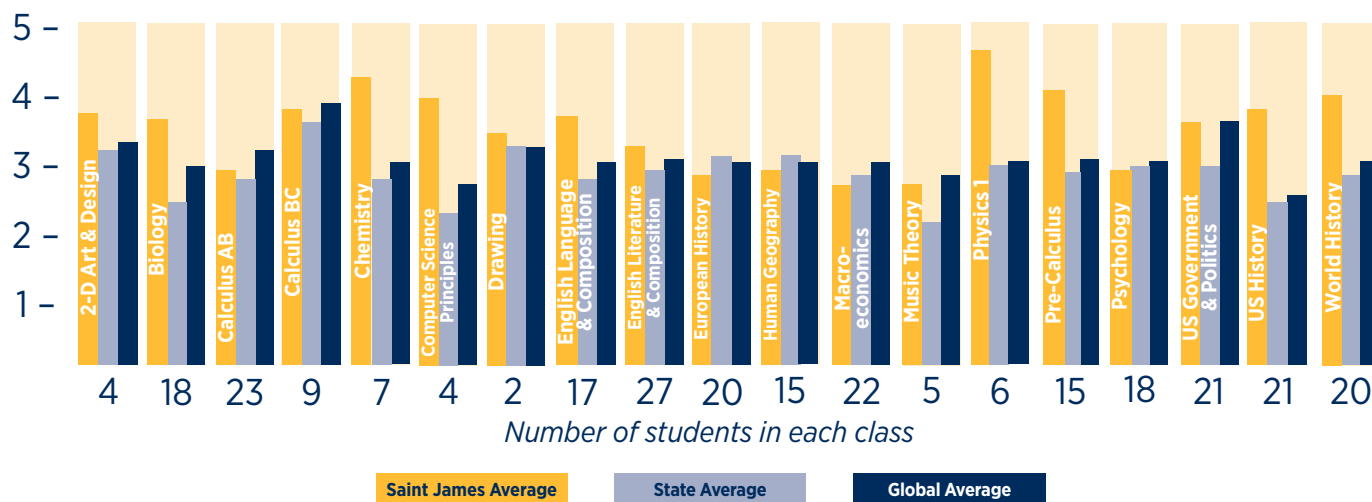
Global Seal of Biliteracy™

2025 – Nine Recipients
 2024 – Six Recipients
 2023 – Four Recipients
 2022 – Five Recipients

Advanced Placement® Overview and Results

Saint James offers AP classes begining in the 9th grade. Students may take an unlimited number of classes for which they qualify, and are required to take the exam for classes in which they are enrolled. Students consistently score above the state and global averages. In May 2026, students completed 279 exams with a 83% percent pass rate of 3 or higher.

The graph below details class averages for courses offered at Saint James taken during the 2025-2026 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 Art History**
- **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**
- **AP Computer Science A**
- 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**
- **AP Seminar**

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 (27 total)
- 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 (2022 - 2026)

United States Air Force Academy	University of Houston	Pennsylvania State University
Agnes Scott College	Howard University	University of Pittsburgh
Alabama A&M University	Huntingdon College	Purdue University
University of Alabama at Birmingham	University of Illinois Chicago	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
University of Alabama at Huntsville	Indiana University	Rice University
University of Alabama	Indiana State University	Ringling College of Art and Design
Alabama State University	University of Iowa	Rhodes College
Arizona State University	Iowa State University	Rutgers University
University of Arkansas	James Madison University	Samford University
The Art Institute of Chicago	Jacksonville State University	University of San Francisco
Auburn University	The Julliard School	Savannah College of Art and Design
Baylor University	Kansas State University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Bellhaven University	Kent State University	Seattle University
Berry College	University of Kentucky	University of South Alabama
Boston College	Liberty University	University of South Carolina
Boston University	Lipscomb University	University of the South: Sewanee
University of California Irvine	Louisiana Tech University	Seton Hall University
California State University	Louisiana State University	Sonoma State University
Carnegie Mellon University	Loyola University	Southern Illinois University
Centre College	Maryland Institute College of the Arts	Southern Methodist University
The Citadel	University of Memphis	Springfield College
Clemson University	Miami University (Ohio)	Syracuse University
College of William & Mary	The University of Miami	Tama Art University (Tokyo)
University of California at Davis	University of Michigan	Temple University
University of California Santa Barbara	Millsaps College	University of Tennessee
University of Colorado	University of Minnesota	University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
University of Connecticut	Mississippi College	Tennessee State University
University of Dallas	University of Mississippi	University of Texas
Davidson College	Mississippi State University	Texas A&M University
University of Delaware	University of Missouri	United States
Delta State University	University of Montevallo	Merchant Marine Academy
University of Denver	Morehouse College	United States Naval Academy
Drexel University	New Mexico State University	University of Texas at Arlington
Duke University	New York University	University of Texas at Dallas
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	University of North Alabama	Texas Christian University
Emory University	North Carolina State University	Texas Southern University
Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Texas State University
Florida Institute of Technology	University of North Carolina School of the Arts	Texas Tech University
Florida State University	Northeastern University	Troy University
University of Florida	University of North Texas	Tulane University
Furman University	Northern Arizona University	Tuskegee University
George Washington University	The Ohio State University	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
University of Georgia	University of Oklahoma	University of Washington
Georgia Institute of Technology	Oklahoma State University	Western Kentucky University
Georgia Southern University	University of Oregon	University of West Florida
Georgia State University	Parsons School of Design	University of Wisconsin
Gonzaga University	University of Pennsylvania	Wofford College
		University of Wyoming