

International Student Program



MISSION STATEMENT

Saint James 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.

Welcoming International Students into an Environment of Success

Saint James School is a college preparatory school with a commitment to providing a challenging and nurturing environment in which students can experience both academic and personal growth and success. Saint James is proud to serve a robust international student population representing an average of 15 different countries annually. If you have questions about International Admissions to Saint James School or would like additional information, please contact the Dean of Admissions, Mrs. Cathy Pearson, at 334-273-3000 or e-mail her at cpearson@stjweb.org. We look forward to working with you to make every aspect of your student's international transition a positive experience.

Facts in Brief

Whether living in the Montgomery area for only one year or becoming permanent residents of the community, international families are attracted to many characteristics of Saint James School:

- Welcoming atmosphere with a diverse student body and student-centered culture emphasizing individual academic achievement and personal growth
- Dedicated and caring teachers and administrators
- College preparatory academic program enhanced by a wide variety of advanced and Advanced Placement (AP) course offerings and elective options
- Diverse extra-curricular opportunities in visual arts, music, band, athletics and drama
- Emphasis on 21st century learning for students in Pre-K-3 through twelfth grade includes a one-to-one iPad and Macbook program for students in grades five through twelve and regular Apple technology access for Pre-K-3 through fourth grades
- Commitment to involving students at all levels in community service projects

International Profile 2016-2017

- International students come to Saint James through Air War College families from around the world, Hyundai Motor Manufacturing of Alabama (HMMA), Hyundai Powers Transformers USA, other Hyundai supplier companies, and international families involved in the Montgomery business community.
- Saint James also enrolls qualified F-1 Visa students. The Saint James TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) code is: 9821. TOEFL is available to students applying for grades 10-12. TOEFL Jr. is also accepted for younger students in grades 5-9.
- 36 qualified new international students were enrolled in Saint James School for the fall of the 2016-2017 school year. Over the past few years Saint James has enrolled students representing the following countries:*

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| ■Australia | ■Germany | ■New Zealand | ■Sweden |
| ■Brazil | ■Greece | ■Norway | ■Switzerland |
| ■Canada | ■Israel | ■Oman | ■Taiwan |
| ■China | ■Italy | ■Qatar | ■United Arab Emirates |
| ■Denmark | ■Kuwait | ■Rep. of Korea | ■United Kingdom |
| ■Finland | ■The Netherlands | ■Singapore | ■Vietnam |

- International students are enrolled in every division at Saint James (Leu Elementary, Middle School, and High School) in Pre-K-3 through twelfth grade.

*Many international students remain enrolled at Saint James School for multiple years with increasing numbers working towards graduation. Therefore, the actual international student population is much larger than the number above, which only reflects students who were new to the school for the 2016-2017 year.

Saint James admits students of any race, religion, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national or ethnic origin in administration of its education policies, admission policies, scholarship and financial aid programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.

International Student Program Overview

Saint James School offers a comprehensive International Student Program developed to meet the unique needs of international students and families. Components of the program include:

■ **International Student Application and Enrollment Process:** Developed to meet the needs of international families.

■ **English Proficiency Screening:** On-campus W-APT English proficiency screening is used to assess language needs and better serve international students for whom English is not their primary language (English Language Learners.) **Applicants applying for an F1 Visa will be required to take TOEFL in place of the W-APT. A minimum TOEFL score of 94 is required for F1 applicants prior to admission.**

■ **International Parent Orientation:** Through an orientation held in the fall, international parents have an opportunity to meet division level principals, counselors, the athletic director, and the ESL tutor and are provided with vital information about each division, Saint James School sports, and ESL tutoring at the school.

■ **Tutoring Programs:** International students who are English Language Learners meet weekly during the school day with the ESL teacher in small, age-appropriate groups for tutoring and instruction. Weekly tutoring is provided at all levels, before or after school, giving students an opportunity to work with their classroom teachers in any areas where they may have questions or need extra instruction.

■ **International Report Card Option:** Based on English Proficiency test results, international students may receive an International Report Card in order to better accommodate their needs. This report card has been developed as part of our International Student Program to be beneficial for students as they transition to an English speaking school. Please note that high school students do not receive credit for classes taken under the international grading system.

■ **21st Century Technology:** Use of technology is embedded in classrooms and instruction at Saint James School from grades Pre-K3 through twelve as appropriate. Saint James students and teachers have access to programs such as Google Translate which can be beneficial to English Language Learners.

■ **Rosetta Stone Classroom:** To support and strengthen English language learning, each international student is provided with a Rosetta Stone account for the English language. Students can access this program, both at school and from home, to practice their English skills. Additional, complimentary English subscriptions for Rosetta Stone are available for Saint James international families to use at home.

International Student College Acceptances 2009-2016

Often international students are only located in the Montgomery community with their families on a temporary basis. Due to this factor and others, including age, many do not seek admission to a college or university in the United States while enrolled at Saint James School. Other international students opt to return to their home countries to complete the next level of their education. However, the college preparatory curriculum and instruction provided by Saint James School thoroughly prepares all students to seek admission into colleges and universities in the United States. Listed below are recent college acceptances for international students. For a complete list of all colleges and universities to which Saint James students have been accepted, please see the latest Saint James School Profile.

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| ■ Auburn University | ■ Miami International University | ■ School of Visual Arts, New York |
| ■ Baylor University | ■ Ohio Northern University | ■ St. John's University |
| ■ Binghamton University-SUNY | ■ Pratt Institute | ■ Saint Louis College of Pharmacy |
| ■ Concordia University | ■ Rhode Island School of Design | ■ University of Alabama |
| ■ Emory University | ■ Santa Fe College | ■ University of Alabama, Birmingham |
| ■ Indiana University | ■ Savannah School of Art and Design | ■ University of California, Irvine |
| ■ Maryland Institute College of Art | ■ School of the Art Institute of Chicago | ■ University of Findlay |

After School Programs Available to Elementary Students

The Extended Day program is a service provided for parents of students enrolled at Saint James School. The program coincides with the school calendar and is open to students from Pre-K3 through fifth grade. Sessions are offered from noon until 5:30 p.m. Students may also participate in additional extracurricular activities such as Art, Dance, Lego Builders, Piano, and Tae Kwon Do for an additional fee. For more detailed information, you may contact the Extended Day Director or Assistant Director upon enrollment.