



SCHOOL MISSION

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.

ADMISSIONS POLICIES

The curriculum is designed to best accommodate students of above average to gifted ability. The admissions process is planned with this in mind.

The admissions committee is composed of the head of school, academic dean and principals. Every effort is made to ensure students who are accepted will experience academic success. The Saint James School application process is self-managed, therefore, it is the parents' responsibility to monitor the application process.

All students are required to take admissions tests as prescribed by Saint James School. In evaluating students for admission, the admissions committee reviews results of the admissions tests, behavioral observations, teacher evaluations, and prior academic records.

Applicants who are accepted by the admissions committee are extended an invitation to join the Saint James student body at the completion of the initial round of evaluations. Students successfully completing the admissions process after the initial round of evaluations will be offered placement as openings occur.

GREETINGS!

from **Saint James School**

Our Admissions Team is eager to meet your family! As a member of the Association of Independent School Admission Professionals (AISAP), we are trained to help guide you through a smooth admissions process.

We encourage you to make an appointment to meet with us, tour our beautiful state-of-the-art facilities, and be a part of the excitement of 21st Century learning! Saint James teachers continuously participate in professional development training, so our students benefit from the most innovative and effective teaching methods.

The Pre-K4 program is designed to support students as they continue to develop the social, emotional, and early academic skills needed for success in Kindergarten. There is also an emphasis on learning and practicing important social skills such as kindness, respect, accepting personal responsibility, working independently, and working in a group.

A primary goal of the Kindergarten program is to assist students in developing a level of curiosity that motivates them to become strong independent learners. Care is taken to develop the whole child, both socially and academically, as preparation for first grade continues. Essential social and emotional skills are reinforced and practiced in a positive and nurturing environment which emphasizes qualities such as kindness, respect, listening, following instructions, and working effectively in a group. Students are encouraged to move toward independence and self-motivation. Students benefit from classroom programs planned by the elementary counselor and participate in the library program.

After you explore all the engaging learning experiences we offer our students, we look forward to receiving your child's admissions application. You may submit your online application by visiting the Admissions page of our website at STJweb.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. We will gladly help walk you through the process.

As the oldest independent school in Montgomery, we are proud of our rich heritage and look forward to an exciting future. We hope you will visit our campus and experience, first-hand, the impact of engaged learning in today's classroom! We look forward to working with you as you pursue your child's educational opportunities at Saint James School.

Sincerely,

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PRE-K4 AND KINDERGARTEN APPLICANT CHECKLIST

REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must be four (Pre-K4) or five years (Kindergarten) old by September 1 of the year they enter Saint James School.

RETURN THESE MATERIALS TO THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE

- Complete the online Application for Admission, which should include:
 - Official birth certificate
 - \$50.00 application fee
- Have the appropriate teacher complete the Pre-K/Kindergarten Confidential Teacher Evaluation and return it to the school.

PLEASE SCHEDULE THE REQUIRED TESTING

- Contact the Admissions Office regarding *STJ Assessment Day*. All Pre-K4/Kindergarten applicants participate in the DIAL-R (Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of Learning-Revised) screening during *STJ Assessment Day*. The DIAL-R is a comprehensive screening instrument that follows empirically-based developmental sequences of language, motor, and conceptual skills. The screening is based on competencies that pre-school, kindergarten, and first grade teachers from across the country have indicated are necessary for classroom success. Screenings are held for one week in early February.
- To ensure consideration during the initial round of evaluations, call one of the following psychologists to schedule the WPPSI-IV (Wechsler Preschool and Primary Scale of Intelligence-Fourth Edition), which is administered in the psychologist's office from November through February. The WPPSI-IV is a widely used standardized test designed to measure the intellectual development and functioning of a child from 2 years 11 months to 7 years 3 months of age. The testing fee of \$150.00 is payable to the psychologist at the time of testing. WPPSI-IV test results will be mailed to parents and the school by the psychologist. Saint James School must receive test results by mid-February for first-round decisions.

- JoAnne Ray, Ph.D. — 334.834.2488---8650 Minnie Brown Road, Suite 14

Dr. Ray received her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Memphis. She completed her residency in Clinical Psychology at the Medical College of Georgia/VA Consortium in 1995. From 1995 to 1999, she was a staff psychologist with the Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System. In 1999, she left that position to start her private practice, which she largely devotes to the assessment and treatment of children and adolescents

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Dr. Snider received her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Auburn University and has been a licensed psychologist in private practice since 1993. She completed her residency in Clinical Psychology at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois.

NOTIFICATION

- Parents of students completing the application process during the initial round of evaluations will be notified of the admissions committee's decision in March.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS INFORMATION,
PLEASE CONTACT THE SAINT JAMES SCHOOL ADMISSIONS OFFICE AT **334.273.2992**.