

Mission Statement

Saint James is an independent, nonsectarian, and 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.

PROFILE 2021

Saint James School admits students of any race, religion, color, gender, creed, national, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students of the school.



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Saint James School is an independent, nonsectarian, college preparatory, coeducational day school founded in 1955. The Pre-Kindergarten through 12th Grade school is located across from the Alabama Shakespeare Festival in the state capital. Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year is approximately 800.

Saint James School

- College preparatory curriculum
- 100% of graduates receive college acceptance
- Full range of course offerings including College Board Advanced Placement and pre-college major electives
- Advanced Placement Scholars
- National Merit Scholarship finalists & semifinalists
- ACT/SAT preparation beginning in middle school
- Competitive academic teams
- Outstanding college counseling and college tours
- Award-winning visual/performing arts
- Nationally competitive forensic teams
- International Student Program
- 1:1 iPad program in grades 3-12
- 41 athletic teams
- Community service involvement and service clubs

Faculty

The 2021-2022 Saint James School faculty consists of 109 professional staff members; 48 percent of these members have advanced degrees, including five doctorates.

Accreditation/Memberships

Saint James School holds dual accreditation from the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS) and Cognia. It holds membership in the National Association of Independent Schools, the Alabama Independent School Association, the Southern Association for College Admission Counselors, the National Association for College Admission Counselors, Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools, and The College Board.

Admissions

Admission to Saint James School is selective and competitive. Saint James enrolls qualified students without regard to race, religion, color, gender, creed, ethnic, or national origin. Entrance tests are required of all applicants, and admission is based on academic ability and a strong academic work and behavioral ethic.

High School Core & Elective Course Offerings

*Courses denoted by an asterisk are Pre-College Major Electives

<p>English</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ English I ■ Honors English I • ■ English II ■ Honors English II • ■ English III ■ AP English Language & Composition ■ English IV ■ AP English Literature & Composition 	<p>Mathematics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Algebra I ■ Geometry ■ Honors Geometry • ■ Algebra II ■ Honors Algebra II with Trigonometry • ■ Algebra III with Trigonometry ■ Pre-Calculus ■ Honors Pre-Calculus • ■ AP Calculus AB ■ AP Calculus BC 	<p>History & Social Sciences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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: U.S. ■ AP Macroeconomics ■ AP Human Geography
<p>Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Physical Science ■ Biology ■ Honors Biology • ■ Organismal Biology+ ■ Anatomy and Physiology ■ Environmental Science ■ Physics ■ Chemistry ■ Honors Chemistry ■ AP Chemistry with Lab Class ■ AP Biology with Lab Class ■ AP Physics ■ Conceptual Physics 	<p>World Language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Spanish I, II, and Honors Spanish III •, IV • ■ French I, II, and Honors French III •, IV • ■ Latin I, II, and Honors Latin III •, IV • 	<p>Technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 21st Century Technology ■ Programming*/Networking* ■ AP Computer Science Principles*
<p>Physical and Health Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 50%;">■ Physical Education <li style="width: 50%;">■ Cheerleading I, II, III, IV <li style="width: 50%;">■ Athletic Weight Training <li style="width: 50%;">■ Dance Team <li style="width: 50%;">■ Seventh Period Athletics <li style="width: 50%;">■ Lifetime Health and Wellness 		
<p>Fine and Performing Arts Electives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 33%;">■ Visual Arts I, II, III, IV <li style="width: 33%;">■ Chorus I, II, III, IV <li style="width: 33%;">■ Theater Arts I, II <li style="width: 33%;">■ AP Studio Art: Drawing with Lab <li style="width: 33%;">■ Percussion <li style="width: 33%;">■ Technical Theater I, II <li style="width: 33%;">■ AP Art History•• <li style="width: 33%;">■ AP Music Theory <li style="width: 33%;">■ Technical Theater Productions <li style="width: 33%;">■ Photography I, II <li style="width: 33%;">■ Performance Studies <li style="width: 33%;">■ Competitive Speech & Debate <li style="width: 33%;">■ Graphic Design* <li style="width: 33%;">■ Instrumental Music I, II, III, IV (Marching & Concert Band) <li style="width: 33%;">■ Journalism: Newspaper <li style="width: 33%;">■ AP Studio Art: 2-D Design* <li style="width: 33%;">■ Journalism: Yearbook <li style="width: 33%;">■ Public Speaking 		
<p>Additional Elective Offerings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 50%;">■ Survey of Sports Medicine, Physical Therapy & Related Professions* <li style="width: 50%;">■ Interpersonal Relations Youth Leadership <li style="width: 50%;">■ Introduction to Philosophy and World Religions <li style="width: 50%;">■ Leadership Seminar <li style="width: 50%;">■ Introduction to Business, Marketing & Personal Finance* <li style="width: 50%;">■ Visual Storytelling* 		

• Honors began 2018-2019

•• In conjunction with the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts

+ Botany / Zoology prior to 2018-2019

High School Information

General Diploma

For a general diploma, the student must pass 25 Carnegie units, including the following: English: 4 units; Mathematics: 4 units (a minimum of Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and Algebra III/Trig); Social Studies: 4 units; Science: 4 units; World Language: 2 units (at least two consecutive years of the same language is required); Physical Education: 1 unit; Technology: 1 unit; Fine Arts: 1 unit; Electives: 4 units

Honors Diplomas

Three levels of Honors Diplomas are available, requiring the following grade point averages (GPA): Cum Laude, 3.8 GPA; Magna Cum Laude, 3.9 GPA; and Summa Cum Laude, 4.0 GPA.

To earn an Honors Diploma, students must also meet the following requirements in addition to those for the General Diploma:

- Pass two additional Carnegie units
- Earn a minimum GPA of 3.8
- The student must complete six elective credits, one of which must be the third year of the same world language
- The student must receive high school credit for a minimum of four of the following science courses: Physical Science, Honors Biology, Biology, Chemistry, Honors Chemistry, Physics, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, Anatomy and Physiology, or AP Physics
- Complete six semesters of Advanced Placement courses in at least two subject areas
- Complete four semesters at Saint James School and satisfy all other requirements (transfer students only)
- Complete eight hours of approved, documented volunteer service for each year of attendance at Saint James in grades nine through twelve

27 Honors/Advanced Placement Offerings

Honors Course Offerings

Biology, Chemistry, English I, English II, Algebra II with Trigonometry, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, French, Latin, and Spanish

Advanced Placement Course Offerings

Art History, Art 2D Design, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Computer Science Principles, World History, European History, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Music Theory, Physics, Studio Art: Drawing, U.S. History, and U.S. Government and Politics

Saint James students taking AP exams consistently score higher than the global and state averages for those courses offered at Saint James School.

2017-2021 Saint James Students Scoring 3, 4, or 5: 75%

Total Number of AP Exams Taken in 2021: 194

61 percent scored 3, 4, or 5
26 percent scored 4 or 5

Advanced Placement Scholar Awards 2020-2021:

AP Scholar Designation: 14
AP Scholar with Honors Designation: 4
AP Scholar with Distinction Designation: 2

National Merit Scholarship Program

2020-21: Two Finalists; Two Scholarship Winners
2019-20: One Finalist; One Commended
2017-18: Two Finalists; One Commended
2016-17: Four Finalists; Four Commended
2015-16: One Commended
2014-15: Two Finalists; One National Achievement Finalist; One Commended
2013-14: One Finalist; One National Achievement Finalist
2012-13: One Finalist; Two Commended

Class of 2021 Profile

Saint James School does not assign class rank.

ACT Composite Score Quintile Distribution

Sector of Class	Distribution
Top 20 percent	33-28
Second	28-26
Third	25-23
Fourth	23-20
Fifth	20 or below

Middle 50 percent scored between 18-28.

SAT Score Quintile Distribution

Sector of Class	Total	EBRW	Math
Top 20 percent	1460-1210	780-660	750-590
Second	1200-1180	640-620	580-570
Third	1170-1110	610-580	560-530
Fourth	1100-1080	570-540	510-500
Fifth	1070-1000	530-520	480-460

Total: Middle 50 percent scored between 1090-1200.

EBRW: Middle 50 percent scored between 560-640.

Math: Middle 50 percent scored between 510-580.

GPA Quintile Distribution

Sector of Class	GPA Distribution
Top 20 percent	4.24-4.08
Second	4.06-3.92
Third	3.81-3.48
Fourth	3.47-3.15
Fifth	3.15-2.33

Grading Scale

A = 100-90
B = 89-80
C = 79-70
D = 69-64
F = 63 and below

Four-Year Institutions Accepting Saint James Graduates

Air Force Academy
Agnes Scott College
University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of Alabama at Huntsville
University of Alabama
American University
Appalachian State University
University of Arizona
Auburn University
Auburn University at Montgomery
Ball State University
Baylor University
Belmont University
Berry College
Binghamton University (SUNY)
Birmingham-Southern College
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brevard College
Brigham Young University
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
University of California Irvine
California State Polytechnic Institute
Calvin University
Carnegie-Mellon University
University of Central Florida
Centre College
University of Chicago
The Citadel
Clemson University
College of Charleston
College of William & Mary
Colorado School of Mines
University of Colorado
Colorado State University
Columbia University
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
University of Denver
Dickinson College
Duke University
Elon University
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
Emory University
Emory & Henry University
Faulkner University
Florida A & M
Florida Atlantic University
Florida State University
University of Florida
Furman University
George Mason University
Georgetown College
Georgetown University
George Washington University
University of Georgia
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia State University
Hampden-Sydney College
University of Hartford
Harvard University
University of Houston
Huntingdon College
Indiana University
Iowa State University
University of Kentucky
Liberty University
Louisiana State University
Loyola University
Marymount Manhattan College
University of Massachusetts
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
University of Miami
Millsaps College
Mercer University
University of Michigan
Middlebury College
Mississippi College
University of Mississippi
Mississippi State University
University of Missouri
University of Mobile
University of Montevallo
Morehouse College
University of Nebraska
New York University
University of North Alabama
University of North Carolina
North Carolina School for the Arts
Northeastern University
University of North Texas
Northwestern University
University of Notre Dame
Oberlin College
Ohio State University
Oglethorpe University
University of Oklahoma
Oklahoma State University
Olin College
Oxford University, England
Pepperdine University
University of Pittsburgh
University of Portland
Presbyterian College
Princeton University
Providence College
Purdue University
Queens University, Canada
Regents College, London
Rhodes College
Rice University
Rollins College
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Rutgers University
Saint Louis University
Samford University
San Diego State University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Seattle University
University of South Alabama
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
University of Southern Mississippi
University of the South: Sewanee
Southern Methodist University
University of South Florida
Spring Hill College
Stanford University
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee
University of Texas
Texas Christian University
Texas State University
University of Toronto
Troy University
Tufts University
Tulane University
Tuskegee University
University of Virginia
United States Military Academy
United States Naval Academy
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Wake Forest University
Washington and Lee University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wesleyan College of North Carolina
Wesleyan University
Western Kentucky University
Wofford College