



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL

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2020-2021 PROFILE

COVID 19 - Spring Semester 2020

St. Thomas Aquinas continued to offer a high level of academic rigor and support during remote learning due to COVID 19. The transition to remote learning was seamless as STA is a Google Classroom school and each student is issued a Chromebook upon enrolling. Students continued to receive letter grades to highlight their commitment to excellence. In-person instruction has been restored for the fall of 2020 with no anticipated gaps in student achievement.

The Marking System

St. Thomas operates on a 4.25 grading scale. Grade reports are made on a quarterly basis. Cumulative assessments are administered in all classes.

A+	98-100	4.5	C+	77-79	3.0	P/PH	Pass/Pass Honors
A	93-97	4.25	C	73-76	2.75	AUD	Audit
A-	90-92	4.0	C-	70-72	2.5	WP	Withdraw Pass
B+	87-89	3.75	D	68-69	2.25	WF	Withdraw Fail
B	83-86	3.5	F	<67			
B-	80-82	3.25					

Grade Point Average

GPA's are based on the weighted average of St. Thomas Aquinas final letter grades only with the exception of art and music performance classes, technology courses, Winterterm, and the community service project. Grades in honors classes are awarded .5 more quality points and AP courses 1.0. All successfully completed transfer courses are denoted with a "P" (pass) on our transcript for credit purposes only; our GPA is not impacted by any transferred coursework.

Rank-in-Class

By policy, St. Thomas Aquinas does not publish class rank as all of our students participate in demanding college preparatory classes and most attend post secondary colleges or universities.

The Curriculum

The classroom experience delivers our mission by educating our students as independent learners, problem solvers, critical thinkers, and capable readers and writers. Our students develop skills and knowledge needed in their faith, in our democratic society and for a competitive business world. While our focus is college preparatory, St. Thomas Aquinas offers honors and advanced placement courses (teacher recommendation required, AP courses available starting junior year) for students who demonstrate superior academic ability and motivation. Dual enrollment courses are also offered. All students enrolled in AP courses must sit for the exam. All students who successfully complete dual enrollment coursework earn three college credits. Please see reverse side for a list of our course offerings.

The Community

Students come from 60 communities in New Hampshire, Maine, and Massachusetts. The school community welcomes students of varied religious, social, and academic backgrounds. St. Thomas Aquinas enrolls students in grades 9 through 12. Admission is based on demonstration of solid academic performance, entrance exam results and positive school citizenship. Average class size is 16 students. Present enrollment is 386 students.

The School

Founded in 1960, St. Thomas Aquinas is a Catholic, secondary, coeducational school located in the seacoast of New Hampshire operating under the auspices of the Diocese of Manchester. St. Thomas Aquinas provides an intensive college preparatory education. The New England Association of Schools and Colleges and the State of New Hampshire accredit the school.

Class of 2020

SAT	
Evidence based Reading and Writing	600
Math	29
Mathematics	586
Reading	30
Writing	30
Mean	1186
(86 students/93% tested)	
ACT Composite	24.9
(38 students/41% tested)	

Class of 2020 Plans

89% Four Year College
7% Two Year College
4% Other

Graduation Requirements

Theology	3.50
Community Service	.50
English	4.00
Mathematics	3.00
Science	3.00
Social Studies	3.00
World Language (French, Latin or Spanish)	2.00
Fine and Performing Arts or Technology	.50
Electives	2.50
Total credits required for graduation	22.00

Athletics

St. Thomas Aquinas teams compete within the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association.
Men - D2 Baseball, D2 Football, D2 Ice Hockey, D2 Lacrosse
Women - D1 Ice Hockey, D2 Softball, D2 Volleyball,
D3 Field Hockey, D3 Lacrosse
Men and Women - D2 Cross Country, D2 Swimming,
D2 Track, D2 Indoor Track, D2 Golf,
D3 Basketball, D3 Skiing, D3 Soccer, D3 Tennis

Tuition 2020-21 \$15,560

Nearly two in five students receive some level of tuition assistance with an average award of approximately \$5,000.

Administration•Admissions•School Counseling

President	Dan S. Soller
Principal	Paul C. Marquis
Director of Athletics	Emmaline Berg
Director of Campus Ministry & Student Experience	Keith Adams
Director of Communications & Executive Asst. of the President	Molly Wade
Director of Admissions	Daniel M. Richer
Associate Director of Admissions	Lisa Puffer
Business Manager	Fergus Cullen
Director of School Counseling & Counselor, Students L-Z	Robin Durawa
School Counselor, Students A-K	Mary Rice
Center for Academic Achievement	Jessica Cummings

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Course Offerings

Course Levels

CP = College Preparatory
CPE = College Preparatory Enriched (covers the same core content as CP at a slower pace with greater support)
H = Honors
AP = Advanced Placement

Explanation of Levels found on Transcript

- **IND** = Independent Study (CP/H based on individual experience) offered to exceptional students. Each student's experience includes a one-on-one mentor and a final project/presentation.
- **WT** = Winterterm - Each student participates in a one week experiential learning course each year between semesters.

Theology

Catholicism CP
 Morality CP
 Scripture 1 CP
 Scripture 2 CP
 Social Justice CP
 Christianity & Ethics CP
 World Religions CP
 Human Philosophy CP
 Community Service (*see below*)

English

English 9 CP/H
 English 10 CP/H
 English 11 CP/H
 English 12 CP/H
 ESL 1, 2 & 3
 MedPop Culture CP
 Sports Literature CP
 Mystery Suspense CP
 SciFi CP
 Public Speaking CP
AP English Language
AP English Literature †

Mathematics

Algebra I CPE/CP/H
 Algebra II CPE/CP/H
 Geometry CPE/CP/H
 Pre-Calc CP/H
 Calculus H †
 Statistics CP
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics

Science

STEM CP/H
 Biology CP/H
 Chemistry Q CP (*quantitative*)
 Chemistry H
 Physics CP/H
 Biotech H
 Anatomy CP
 Marine Biology CP
 Forensics CP
 Environmental Science CP/H
AP Biology (*see below*)
AP Chemistry (*see below*)
AP Physics C (*see below*)
AP Environmental Science

Social Studies

Economics CP/H
 Psychology CP
 Sociology CP
 International Relations H
 US History CP/H
 US History Foundation CP/H
 20th Century World History CP/H
 Global Studies CP/H
AP Psychology
AP US History
AP US Gov/Politics

World Languages

French I, II CP
 French III, IV, V H
 Latin I, II CP
 Latin III H
 Spanish I, II, III CP
 Spanish III, IV, V H

Before/After School

Jazz Band
 Jazz Choir
 Chamber Singers (*must be enrolled in band or chorus to participate*)

Fine Arts

(*not calculated in GPA*)
 Studio Art
 Drawing & Painting
 Pottery
 Black and White*
 3-D Design*
 Concert Band
 Concert Choir
 Piano I & II
 Music Theory H*
 Music Exploration
 Guitar*
 Theatre

Technology

(*not calculated in GPA*)
 3D CompAnimation
 Media Design I
 Digital Fine Arts
 Graphic Design
 Intro to Game Design
 Photography & Photoshop
 Data Science
 Game Programming

AP Biology, AP Chemistry and **AP Physics** meet for lecture and lab periods, limiting the number of other AP courses students can take.
Community Service (P) Pass - All students are required to complete a community service project as part of their St. Thomas Aquinas educational experience.

Tutoring P/PH - Semester course. Students provide both individual and group tutoring sessions in the Center for Academic Achievement.

*not offered every year

† Students may opt to take class as a dually enrolled course. Upon successful completion, three college credits are issued by Southern New Hampshire University.