



# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL

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## 2022-2023 PROFILE

### The Marking System

In the 2022-23 academic year, St. Thomas Aquinas High School resumed using the traditional 4.0 unweighted/5.0 weighted grading scale. The inclusion of both the unweighted and weighted GPAs reaffirms our commitment to high academic standards and focus on coursework while encouraging the talented, motivated students that make up the STA student body to pursue a demanding curriculum. This scale aligns with the GPAs used at many postsecondary institutions, eliminating any notion of grade inflation, and increases understanding between STA, our families, and our colleagues in higher education.

Grade reports are made on a quarterly basis. Cumulative assessments are administered in all classes.

A/A+	93-100	4.0	C	73-76	2.00	P/PH	Pass/Pass Honors
A-	90-92	3.67	C-	70-72	1.67	AUD	Audit
B+	87-89	3.33	D+	67-69	1.33	P	Pass
B	83-86	3.00	D	65-66	1.00	F	Fail
B-	80-82	2.67	F	0-64	0.00	WP	Withdraw Pass
C+	77-79	2.33				WF	Withdraw Fail

### Grade Point Average

GPAs 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 sophomore year) for students who demonstrate superior academic ability and motivation. All students enrolled in AP courses must sit for the exam. Calc H is offered as a dual enrollment course. 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 approximately 55 cities and towns in three states (NH, ME, and MA) In addition, this year we welcome international students from Chile, Italy and Spain. 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. Our present enrollment is approximately 400 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 a Board of Trustees and 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 2022

<b>SAT</b>	
Evidence based Reading and Writing	589
Math	29
Mathematics	590
Reading	30
Writing	30
Mean (90 students tested)	1179
<b>ACT Composite</b> (4 students tested)	27.3

### Class of 2022 Plans

93% Four Year College • 1% Two Year College  
6% Postgrad Year/Gap Year/Military/Employment

### Graduation Requirements

Theology	3.50
Community Service	.50
English	4.00
Mathematics	3.00
Science	3.00
Social Studies	3.00
World Language (French 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 Volleyball, D3 Field Hockey,  
D3 Lacrosse, D3 Softball

Men and Women - D2 Swimming, D2 Outdoor Track, D2 Indoor Track, D2 Golf, D3 Tennis, D3 Basketball, D3 Cross Country, D3 Skiing, D3 Soccer

### Tuition 2022-23

\$16,991 tuition, plus \$400 in student fees  
Nearly one in three students receive some level of tuition assistance. The average award is approximately \$5,500

### Administration•Admission•School Counseling

Principal	Paul C. Marquis
Dean of Admission & Advancement	Daniel M. Richer
Director of Athletics	David Morissette
Director of Ministry & Campus Life	Keith Adams
Director of Communications & Marketing, Chief of Staff	Molly Wade
Chief Financial Officer	Lisa Durken
Manager of Administrative Services	Lisa Puffer
School Counselor	Angela Devoid
School Counselor	Julie Schneider
School Counselor	Heather Soldner
Center for Academic Achievement	Jessica Cummings

# St. Thomas Aquinas High School

## 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)  
**REG** = Course not included in the cumulative GPA  
**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  
 Philosophy/Christian Life CP  
 Community Service (see below)

### English

English 9 CP/H  
 English 10 CP/H  
 English 11 CP/H  
 English 12 CP/H  
 Holocaust  
 MedPop Culture CP  
 Mystery Suspense CP  
 Public Speaking CP\*\*  
**AP English Language**  
**AP English Literature**

### Mathematics

Algebra I CPE/CP/H  
 Algebra II CPE/CP/H  
 Geometry 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  
 Electrical Engineering  
**AP Biology**  
**AP Chemistry**  
**AP Physics C**  
**AP Environmental Science**

### Social Studies

Global Studies CP  
 Western Civ CP/H  
 US History CP/H  
 Economics CP/H  
 Psychology CP  
 Sociology CP  
 Civics CP  
**AP US History**  
**AP US Gov/Politics**

### World Languages

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

### Fine Arts

(not calculated in GPA)  
 Studio Art H  
 Painting  
 Pottery  
 Concert Band  
 Concert Choir  
 Piano  
 Music Exploration  
 Theatre  
 3-D Design\*  
 Music Theory H\*  
 Guitar\*

### Technology

(not calculated in GPA)  
 Digital Fine Arts  
 Graphic Design  
 Digital Photography  
 Game Programming\*\*

**Before/After School Offerings** (not calculated in GPA) - Jazz Choir, Music Ministry, Jazz Band, Chamber Singers (credit course, student must be enrolled in Concert Band or Concert Choir to participate)

**Community Service** (P) Pass - Community service hours are required for graduation

† Calc H is offered as a dual enrollment class. Upon successful completion, three college credits are issued by Southern New Hampshire University. Students may also take college courses from UNL, MSMU, and Nichols College.

\*not offered every year

\*\*no longer offered