



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL

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The Marking System

In the 2022-23 academic year, STA 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.

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| 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 STA 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 on 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 China, Germany, India, 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 354 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 2023 Plans

85%, Four-Year College | 4%, Two-Year College
5%, Gap Year | 2%, Work | 2%, Junior Hockey | 2% Military

Graduation Requirements

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| Theology: | 3.50 |
| Community Service: | 0.50 |
| 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: | 0.50 |
| Electives: | 2.50 |
| Total Credits Required for Graduation: | 22.00 |

Athletics

23 STA teams compete within the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Boys: D2 Football, D2 Ice Hockey, D2 Baseball, D2 Lacrosse, D3 Soccer, D3 Basketball, D3 Tennis

Girls: D1 Ice Hockey, D2 Volleyball, D3 Soccer, D3 Field Hockey, D3 Basketball, D3 Softball, D3 Lacrosse, D3 Tennis

Coed: D2 Golf, D2 Swimming, D2 Indoor Track, D2 Outdoor Track, D3 Cross Country, D3 Skiing

Tuition 2023-2024

\$17,926, 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 | Counseling

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| President: | Paul C. Marquis |
| Principal: | Michael Orlando |
| Director of Admission: | Matthew Emond |
| Director of Advancement: | Sarah McCluskey |
| Director of Athletics: | David Morissette |
| Director of Ministry and Campus Life: | Jessica Rice |
| Director of School Counseling: | Julie Schneider |
| Chief Financial Officer: | Erin Luce |
| Communications and Marketing Coordinator: | McKenzie McGrath |
| Manager of Administrative Services: | Stephanie Bolduc |
| School Counselor: | Leah DiTommaso |
| School Counselor: | Heather Soldner |
| Academic Center Coordinator: | Jennifer Dunham |

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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)
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

Intro to Catholicism, CP
Morality, CP
Scripture I, CP
Scripture II, CP
Social Justice, CP
Christianity and Ethics, CP
World Religions, CP
Christian Life, CP
Communion of Saints, CP

English

English 9, CP/H
English 10, CP/H
English 11, CP/H
English 12, CP/H
Books That Matter, CP
Diverse Voices, CP
Finding Your Voice, CP
Holocaust Literature, CP
Mass Media and Pop Culture, CP
Mystery Suspense, CP
Public Speaking, CP
Women’s Voices, CP
AP English Language
AP English Literature

Mathematics

Algebra I, CPE/CP/H
Algebra II, CPE/CP/H
Geometry, CPE/CP/H
Statistics, CP
Pre-Calculus, CP/H
Calculus, H*
Mathematics of Business and Finance, CP
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics

Science

Biology, CP/H
Chemistry, CP/H
Physics, CP/H
STEM, CP/H
Advanced Genetics/Biotechnology, H
Advanced STEM, CP
Anatomy and Physiology, CP
Environmental Studies, CP
Forensics, CP
Intro to Electrical Engineering, CP
Marine Biology, CP
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Environmental Science
AP Physics C

Social Studies

Economics CP/H
US History, CP/H
Western Civilization, CP/H
Civics, CP
Global Studies, CP
Intro to the Law, H
Psychology, CP
AP US Government
AP US History

World Languages

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

Fine Arts and Technology

Intro to Digital and Fine Arts
Intro to Publiciations, Design, and Editing
Graphic Design and Drawing
Digital Photography
Painting Workshop
Pottery
3D Modeling and Design
Studio Art, H
Chamber Singers
Concert Band
Concert Choir
Jazz Band
Music Exploration
Fundamentals of Piano
Piano II
Beginning Guitar
Music Technology
The I’d Like To Ensemble
First Robotics

Community Service (P) Pass: Community Service hours are required for graduation. 10 hours for freshmen, 15 hours for sophomores, 20 hours for juniors, and 25 hours for seniors.

***Calculus 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.