

Saints' Next Steps ~ Recent College Acceptances

American University
Arizona State University
Assumption University
Auburn University
Babson College
Bentley University
Boston College
Boston University
Bryant University
Bucknell University
Catholic University of America
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
Colby-Sawyer College
College of the Holy Cross
Columbia University
Cornell University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College
Endicott College
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franciscan University of Steubenville
Georgetown University
Gonzaga University
Great Bay Community College
High Point University
Indiana Tech
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Johnson & Wales University
Keene State College
Maine Maritime Academy
Marist College
Massachusetts College of Art and Design

Massachusetts Maritime Academy
Merrimack College
Michigan State University
Mississippi State University
Mount St. Mary's University
New York University
Nichols College
Northeastern University
Norwich University
Ohio State University
Pennsylvania State University
Plymouth State University
Princeton University
Providence College
Quinnipiac University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rochester Institute of Technology
Sacred Heart University
Saint Anselm College
Saint Joseph's College of Maine
Saint Mary's College of California
Salve Regina University
San Diego State University
South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
Southern New Hampshire University
St. Lawrence University
St. Thomas University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stonehill College
Texas Christian University

The University of Alabama
The University of Tennessee
United States Coast Guard Academy
United States Merchant Marine Academy
United States Naval Academy
University College Dublin
University of California, Irvine
University of Connecticut
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Iowa
University of Kentucky
University of Maine
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Michigan
University of Mississippi
University of Nebraska, Lincoln
University of New Hampshire
University of New Haven
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
Villanova University
Virginia Military Institute
Washington University in St Louis
Wentworth Institute of Technology
West Virginia University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University



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HIGH SCHOOL

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Class of 2024 Plans

Four-Year College/University: 95%
Two-Year College/University: 1%
Post Grad Year: 2%
Gap Year: 2%



**Administration
Admission
School Counseling**

Paul C. Marquis, B.S.
President

Michael Orlando, Ed.D.
Principal

Director of Admission:
Steve Morrison, B.A.

Director of Advancement:
Sarah McCluskey, J.D.

Director of Athletics:
David Morissette, M.S.

Director of Campus Ministry:
Wesley Becklo, B.A.

**Director of School Counseling
and Student Services:**
Julie Schneider, PhD.

**Communications and
Marketing Coordinator:**
McKenzie McGrath, B.S.

Comptroller:
Sarah Lescault, B.S.

**Manager of Administrative
Services:**
Stephanie Bolduc, B.A.

School Counselor:
Leah DiTommaso, B.A.

School Counselor:
Heather Soldner, M.A.

**Center for Academic
Achievement Coordinator:**
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Profile
2024-2025

About St. Thomas Aquinas

Founded in 1960, St. Thomas Aquinas is a Catholic, secondary, coeducational high school located in the Seacoast of New Hampshire operating under the guidance 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.

Mission

St. Thomas Aquinas High School is a caring community, transforming the lives of students through a rigorous Catholic education, guided by faith and reason, and the light of the Gospel—developing their unique gifts, strengthening their personal faith and integrity, and fostering within them a commitment to justice, service, and moral leadership.

The Community

STA attracts students from over 55 cities and towns across three states (NH, ME, and MA) as well as international students from Chile, China, Germany, and India. The school community also welcomes students from diverse religious, social, and academic backgrounds. Our average class size is 14.9 students.

Winterterm

Winterterm is a week long experiential learning program in early March that provides a departure from the traditional curriculum. Students select from a variety of experiences, both in and out of the classroom, that provide meaningful and enriching educational experiences. This gives students the chance to widen their learning horizons, step outside of the traditional instructional atmosphere, and pursue an area that interests them intellectually.

This program provides students a variety of learning opportunities, the kind of which are generally found only on college campuses or as part of international study. We invite students to challenge their mind, support their passion, and transform their perception of learning so that they may fully embrace what promises to be a remarkable educational experience.

Curriculum and Graduation Requirements

Our program of studies offers students a wide variety of options that explore various academic disciplines. STA’s dedicated faculty share their content expertise and innovative teaching and learning practices with all students; customizing the learning experience to meet students where they are on their learning journey.

While the main focus is college preparatory, St. Thomas Aquinas offers Honors and Advanced Placement courses for students who demonstrate superior academic ability and motivation. All students enrolled in AP courses must sit for the exam. Calculus Honors and AP English 12 are offered as dual enrollment courses. All students who successfully complete dual enrollment coursework earn three college credits.

Graduation Requirements

Students in the Classes of 2025, 2026, and 2027 are required to enroll in a total of six credits per year. Students in the Class of 2028 are required to enroll in a total of 6.5 credits per year.

Classes of 2025, 2026, 2027 = 24 credits to graduate
Class of 2028 = 26 credits to graduate

Community Service Required Hours

While students must fulfill a minimum community service hour requirement, many significantly surpass this expectation.

- Freshman Year: 10 Hours
- Sophomore Year: 15 Hours
- Junior Year: 20 Hours
- Senior Year: 25 Hours


Advanced Placement Courses

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| ■ Biology | ■ Calculus AB |
| ■ Chemistry | ■ Calculus BC/Multivariable |
| ■ Environmental Science | ■ Statistics |
| ■ Physics C | ■ Psychology |
| ■ Physics I | ■ French |
| ■ United States History | ■ Spanish Language and Culture |
| ■ United States Government & Politics | |
| ■ English Language and Composition | |
| ■ English Literature and Composition | |

Honors Courses

English (American Literature, English 9, English 10, The Search for Self)
Mathematics (Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Precalculus, Calculus)
Science (Advanced Genetics and Biotechnology, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, STEM)
Social Studies (Economics, Introduction to Law, United States History, Western Civilization)
Visual Arts (Studio Art)
World Language (French III/IV/V, Spanish II/III/IV/V)

2024-2025
Program of Studies



The Grading System

Grade Point Average (GPA) is based on the weighted average of final letter grades. We operate on a 4.00 grading scale. Honors courses receive a 0.5-point bonus, and Advanced Placement courses receive a 1.0-point bonus. All grades are included in the average except for art and music performance classes, technology design courses, community service, and Winterterm. The weighted GPA and unweighted GPA appear on the student’s transcript, along with the final grade in each course.

The Grading System

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| A+ | 98-100 | (4.00) | B | 83-86 | (3.00) | C- | 70-72 | (1.67) |
| A | 93-97 | (4.00) | B- | 80-82 | (2.67) | D+ | 67-69 | (1.33) |
| A- | 90-92 | (3.67) | C+ | 77-79 | (2.33) | D | 65-66 | (1.00) |
| B+ | 87-89 | (3.33) | C | 73-76 | (2.00) | F | Below | |

Honor Roll

The intent of the Honor Roll is to recognize students who pursue excellence in the academic program in which they are enrolled. Each quarter, the school will issue an Honor Roll of students meeting the following criteria:

- President’s List – All quarter grades A or higher or 4.0 GPA (unweighted)
- High Honors – All quarter grades B+ or higher or 3.67 GPA (unweighted)
- Honors – All quarter grades B or higher or 3.33 GPA (unweighted).

Tuition and Financial Assistance

Standard Tuition: \$18,644
Enrollment Fee: \$425

Additional Costs: Uniform, laptop, school supplies, calculator, AP exams & SAT costs, parking fees, student activities such as Winterterm and other events.

Financial Assistance

The average financial assistance awarded to families is approximately \$7,344 per student for/during the 2024-25 school year.

Scholarships

Each year, several scholarships are offered to students which helps defray the cost of tuition. During the 2023-24 school year, over \$58,000 in scholarships was awarded to over 50 students. Students are encouraged to apply for all scholarships for which they meet the criteria.

Payment Plans

STA families have four options for paying tuition: a single payment, a semi-annual payment, a 10-month payment plan, and a 12-month payment plan.