

*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

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 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  
 Stanford 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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**Class of 2025 Plans**

Four-Year College/University: 94.2%  
 Two-Year College/University: 3.5%  
 Post Grad Year: 2.3%



**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:  
 Alexandra Landrigan, B.A.**

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

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

**Comptroller:  
 Christina Goodrich, B.S.**

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

**School Counselor:  
 Leah Cosgrove, B.A.**

**School Counselor:  
 Heather Soldner, M.A.**

**Center for Academic  
 Achievement Coordinator:  
 Jennifer Dunham, B.S.**

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*Profile*  
**2025-2026**

## 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. 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 while interweaving faith-based values to support the development of the whole student. 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. AP Calculus AB and AP English Literature and Composition 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 2026 and 2027 are required to enroll in a total of six credits per year. Students in the Classes of 2028 and 2029 are required to enroll in a total of 6.5 credits per year.

Classes of 2026 and 2027 = 22 credits to graduate  
Class of 2028 and 2029 = 24 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
- Junior Year: 20 Hours
- Sophomore Year: 15 Hours
- Senior Year: 25 Hours

## Advanced Placement Courses

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Environmental Science
- Physics C
- United States History
- United States Government & Politics
- English Language and Composition
- English Literature and Composition
- Seminar
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC/Multivariable
- Statistics
- 2-D Art and Design
- Psychology
- Spanish Language and Culture

## Honors Courses

**English** (American Literature, English 9, English 10, The Search for Self)

**Mathematics** (Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Pre-calculus - Summer)

**Science** (Advanced Genetics and Biotechnology, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, STEM)

**Social Studies** (Citizenship and Government, Economics, Introduction to the Law, United States History, Western Civilization)

**Performing Arts** (Music Theory)

**Visual Arts** (Studio Art)

**World Language** (French III/IV/V, Spanish II/III/IV/V)

2025-2026  
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

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:** \$19,577

**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 \$6,600 per student for/during the 2025-26 school year.

## Scholarships

Each year, several scholarships are offered to students which helps defray the cost of tuition. During the 2024-25 school year, over \$1,000,000 in scholarships was awarded to over 155 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.