



EPISCOPAL SCHOOL of JACKSONVILLE

COLLEGE PROFILE 2024-2025

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CEEB Code: 100761

Accreditation:

Florida Council of
Independent Schools (FCIS)
Southern Association of
Independent Schools (SAIS)

Graduation Requirements:

24 credits, including successful completion of:

- 4 English
- 4 Math
- 3 History
- 3 Science
- 3 World Language
- 2 Fine Arts
- 1 Freshman Seminar
- 1 Theology
- 1 Physical Education

Our School

Founded in 1966, Episcopal School of Jacksonville is a coeducational college-preparatory school, enrolling more than 1,500 students from ages 1 to Grade 12 across three campuses. An Episcopal education instills a love of lifelong learning and respect for the dignity of every human being.

Episcopal's Mission is to provide a superior college-preparatory education in an environment marked by high expectation, Christian nurture, and social diversity. Through a balanced program of academics, arts, and athletics, Episcopal's faculty seeks to instill in each student intellectual growth, character development, responsible leadership, and a commitment to community service.

- ✂ **Athletics** at Episcopal fields 45 Upper School teams across 19 sports. Approximately 75% of Upper School students compete in one or more JV or Varsity sports, with an average of 20% of senior athletes going on to continue their sports careers at the college level.
- ✂ **Fine Arts** at Episcopal are academically challenging and creatively stimulating, with visual art, music, theatre, and spatial design. Nearly 25% of senior artists continue their art in college.
- ✂ **Commitment to Service** and social responsibility are emphasized at Episcopal. Students are required to contribute at least 100 hours of service by graduation.
- ✂ **Honor System** is an integral part of Episcopal. Students are expected to act with integrity, be trustworthy, reliable, and honest, embodying kindness, awareness, inclusion, and respect for all.

An Episcopal School of Jacksonville Graduate:

- ✂ **Seeks Understanding** while valuing curiosity, collaboration, and inclusion; engaging in the ever-evolving process of learning.
- ✂ **Develops a Sense of Self** through experience and reflection; possessing confidence earned through challenge, tempered with humility.
- ✂ **Lives with Honor and Purpose** choosing to lead and do good; serving others as a part of a larger community.
- ✂ **Pursues a Life of Faith** by seeking a relationship with God and others; respecting the dignity of every human being.

Distinctive Characteristics

The Harkness Method ✂ Discussion-based teaching used in all Upper School English and History courses, which places a premium on the depth of contribution over frequency and empowers each student to find their voice and value others' thoughts, which in turn increases a sense of autonomy and the ability to verbally articulate insights, opinions, and questions.

Freshman Seminar ✂ All 9th grade students learn valuable skills, including public speaking, technology, study skills, and healthy living, to nurture their growth as successful students and responsible community members.

Honors Science Seminar ✂ Enrolled students undertake original scientific research under the tutelage of Episcopal science teachers and qualified scientists, to design and conduct controlled experiments in adherence to the rules of the International Science and Engineering Fair.

Advanced Honors Mathematics ✂ Available only after completion of AP Calculus BC, to reinforce formal logic and proof-writing through new and renewed content, providing exposure to and background in advanced topics not commonly encountered until college, and teaching students how to produce mathematical models of real and relevant situations.

Advanced Honors Mathematics ✂ All students design and complete a project of self-reflection about who they are and how they hope to continue growing.

Grading Scale and GPA points

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|----|------------------|------|----|-------|------|----|-------|------|----|-------|------|
| A+ | 100-97 | 4.34 | B+ | 89-87 | 3.34 | C+ | 79-77 | 2.34 | D+ | 69-67 | 1.34 |
| A | 96-93 | 4.00 | B | 86-83 | 3.00 | C | 76-73 | 2.00 | D | 66-63 | 1.00 |
| A- | 92-90 | 3.67 | B- | 82-80 | 2.67 | C- | 72-70 | 1.67 | D- | 62-60 | 0.67 |
| MX | Medically Exempt | | | | | | | | F | 59-0 | 0.00 |

Academic Overview



Reporting and Weighting ✂ Only courses taken at Episcopal during Upper School are listed on the Episcopal transcript and used to calculate the cumulative weighted GPA. A weighting of 0.25 is given to college preparatory academic courses, 0.50 to honors, and 1.0 to AP courses.

Academic Calendar ✂ Episcopal uses a semester system, with semester grades available in mid-January and mid-June each year.

Academic Ranking ✂ Episcopal does not rank students.

Academic Honors ✂ As a member of the Cum Laude Society, Episcopal inducts 10% of the class in the spring of junior year and a second 10% in the spring of senior year. Episcopal sponsors a chapter of the National Honor Society, as well as honor societies in various disciplines.

Curriculum ✂ Episcopal's curriculum is designed to prepare students to be successful at the most rigorous universities through learner-centered instruction. All courses are taught at the college preparatory level. A typical schedule consists of six courses per semester, with a small fraction of students opting for an overload of seven courses.

- ✂ AP and Honors enrollment is based on departmental approval or recommendation based on previous course performance and engagement.
- ✂ A small percentage of students take their first AP course in 10th grade, while most students take their first AP course in 11th grade. Given graduation course requirements and AP availability, fewer than 10% of students typically graduate with more than 10 AP courses.
- ✂ Students enrolled in an AP course take the relevant AP examination.

Course Offerings // 35 Honors and 29 AP Courses

Asterisk (*) denotes Honors availability / The full course catalogue with course descriptions is available at esj.org/coursecatalogue-us

ENGLISH (4 years required)

English 9*
English 10*
English 11*
English 12
AP English Language
AP English Literature
AP African American Studies/English 12
Literature of the Black Experience (.5 credit)

HISTORY (3 years required)

World History
Modern World History
United States History
AP World History (10th grade only)
AP United States History (11th grade only)
AP European History
AP U.S. Government & Politics
International Relations 1 (.5 credit)
International Relations 2 (.5 credit)
Microeconomics (.5 credit)
Macroeconomics (.5 credit)
Holocaust Seminar (.5 credit)
Intro to Ethics (.5 credit)

MATHEMATICS (4 years required)

Algebra 1*
Geometry*
Algebra 2*
Precalculus*
AP Precalculus
Honors Calculus
AP Calculus AB & BC
AP Statistics
Advanced Honors Mathematics/AP Statistics
Math for College Readiness
Advanced Algebra
Probability & Statistics

SCIENCE (3 years required)

Biology*
AP Biology
Environmental Science
Chemistry*
AP Chemistry
Physics
AP Physics 1
AP Physics 2
Honors Marine Biology
AP Environmental Science
Anatomy & Physiology
Honors Science Seminar
WORLD LANGUAGES
(3 levels required)
American Sign Language 1, 2, and 3
Chinese 1, 2*, 3*, 4*, AP
French 1, 2*, 3*, 4*, AP
Latin 1, 2, 3*, 4*, AP
Spanish 1, 2*, 3*, 4*, AP
AP Spanish Literature
Spanish Conversation & Composition
Greek & Roman Mythology (.5 credit)
French Through Cinema, Art, and Lit (.5 credit)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Strength & Conditioning (.5 credit)
Nutrition & Mindfulness (.5 credit)
Theory & Practice in Coaching (.5 credit)
Sports Management (.5 credit)

THEOLOGY

Intro to Christian Theology (.5 credit)
Faith & Action (.5 credit)
History of Old Testament (.5 credit)
Survey of New Testament (.5 credit)
Writings of C.S. Lewis (.5 credit)

COMMUNICATIONS

Freshman Seminar
Journalism: Yearbook*
Journalism: Newspaper*
Media Production*
AP Psychology
Film Analysis (.5 credit)

FINE ARTS

Dance*
Chorale*
Wind Ensemble*
Chamber Music
AP Music Theory
Theatre 1, 2, 3*, 4*
Spatial Design & Production*
Ceramics & Sculpture 1, 2, 3*
AP Ceramics & Sculpture
Draw, Paint & Print 1, 2, 3*
AP Draw, Paint & Print
Photography & Digital Media 1, 2, 3*
AP Photography & Digital Media
AP Art History

TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

Hon Advanced Programming (.5 credit)
Hon Applied Programming (.5 credit)
Video Game Design (.5 credit)
Engineering Design (.5 credit)
Honors Advanced Robotics (.5 credit)
Unmanned Aircraft Systems (.5 credit)
Enviro Tech & Sustainability (.5 credit)
Blockchain: Business Tech (.5 credit)
AP Computer Science Principles
AP Computer Science A

GPA and Testing Data

| Class of 2025 (6 semester GPA) | | Classes of 2021-2024 | | Classes of 2021-2024 | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Quintile | Mean GPA 155 students | Quintile | Mean GPA 592 students | Quintile | Mean SAT 81% testing** | Mean ACT 61% testing** |
| 1 | 4.56 | 1 | 4.67 | 1 | 1457 | 33 |
| 2 | 4.21 | 2 | 4.26 | 2 | 1339 | 30 |
| 3 | 3.96 | 3 | 3.96 | 3 | 1248 | 27 |
| 4 | 3.71 | 4 | 3.70 | 4 | 1158 | 24 |
| 5 | 3.27 | 5 | 3.15 | 5 | 1023 | 19 |
| Overall | 3.94 | Overall | 3.95 | Overall | 1246 | 27 |
| Middle 50% | 3.65-4.27 | Middle 50% | 3.62-4.34 | Middle 50% | 1130-1370 | 23-31 |

**The number of tests taken by Episcopal students is in decline, as more students take advantage of test-optional opportunities at institutions in the U.S. and beyond.

College Matriculation information 2021-2024 (592 students)

- ✂ 98% matriculated directly to 4-year institutions
- ✂ 61% public institutions // 38% private institutions
- ✂ 35 states, the District of Columbia, and 4 countries
- ✂ 45% in-state // 55% out-of-state
 - ✂ 38% other states in the south, 8% north, 5% midwest, 3% west, 1% international

Students from the Classes of 2021 to 2024 are attending:

/// Number Enrolled

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| 17 /// Auburn University | 2 /// Harvard University | 1 /// Toccoa Falls College |
| 1 /// Ave Maria University | 1 /// Haverford College | 1 /// Trinity University |
| 1 /// Ball State University | 1 /// High Point University | 2 /// Tulane University of Louisiana |
| 1 /// Barnard College | 10 /// Jacksonville University | 1 /// U.S. Merchant Marine Academy |
| 5 /// Belmont University | 1 /// John Cabot University | 1 /// U.S. Naval Academy |
| 4 /// Boston College | 1 /// Johnson & Wales | 2 /// University of Arizona |
| 2 /// Boston University | 1 /// Kenyon College | 1 /// University of British Columbia |
| 1 /// Bowdoin College | 1 /// Lewis & Clark College | 1 /// University of California Los Angeles |
| 1 /// Bridgewater State | 2 /// Liberty University | 6 /// University of Central Florida |
| 2 /// Brown University | 1 /// Lipscomb University | 1 /// University of Cincinnati |
| 1 /// Bucknell University | 1 /// Louisiana State University | 3 /// University of Colorado Boulder |
| 1 /// Butler University | 1 /// Massachusetts Institute of Tech. | 1 /// University of Denver |
| 1 /// Catholic University | 3 /// Mercer University | 48 /// University of Florida |
| 1 /// Chapman University | 3 /// Methodist University | 4 /// University of Georgia |
| 1 /// Citadel Military College | 1 /// Michigan State University | 1 /// Univ. of Illinois Urbana-Champaign |
| 6 /// Clemson University | 1 /// Montana State University | 1 /// University of Kansas |
| 1 /// Coastal Carolina | 1 /// Montreat College | 1 /// University of Louisville |
| 1 /// Colgate University | 4 /// New York University | 7 /// University of Miami |
| 2 /// College of Central Florida | 2 /// Northwestern University | 4 /// University of Michigan |
| 9 /// College of Charleston | 1 /// Nova Southeastern University | 13 /// University of Mississippi |
| 1 /// College of the Holy Cross | 1 /// NYU Shanghai | 1 /// University of Missouri |
| 1 /// Colorado Mesa University | 1 /// Palm Beach Atlantic University | 1 /// University of Mount Union |
| 2 /// Culinary Institute of America | 1 /// Palm Beach State College | 1 /// University of Nebraska |
| 2 /// Dartmouth College | 1 /// Paul Mitchell | 2 /// UNC at Chapel Hill |
| 5 /// Davidson College | 1 /// Pellissippi State College | 18 /// University of North Florida |
| 1 /// Dickinson College | 2 /// Penn State University | 1 /// University of North Georgia |
| 1 /// Drexel University | 1 /// Princeton University | 1 /// University of Notre Dame |
| 5 /// Duke University | 3 /// Purdue University | 1 /// University of Oregon |
| 1 /// East Stroudsburg University | 1 /// Randolph-Macon College | 2 /// University of Pennsylvania |
| 1 /// East Tennessee State | 2 /// Rhodes College | 1 /// University of Pittsburgh |
| 3 /// Eckerd College | 1 /// Rice University | 2 /// University of Richmond |
| 1 /// Elmhurst University | 2 /// Roanoke College | 1 /// University of San Francisco |
| 3 /// Elon University | 14 /// Rollins College | 10 /// University of South Carolina |
| 2 /// Embry-Riddle University | 1 /// Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College | 7 /// University of South Florida |
| 3 /// Emory University | 6 /// Samford University | 1 /// University of Southern Maine |
| 1 /// Fashion Institute of Technology | 15 /// Santa Fe College | 2 /// University of Utah |
| 4 /// Flagler College | 1 /// Art Institute of Chicago | 7 /// University of Virginia |
| 2 /// Florida A&M University | 7 /// Sewanee: University of the South | 1 /// University of Washington |
| 12 /// Florida Atlantic University | 12 /// Southern Methodist University | 1 /// Utah State University |
| 4 /// Florida Gulf Coast University | 6 /// Stetson University | 3 /// Valdosta State University |
| 1 /// Florida Institute of Technology | 1 /// Stevenson University | 4 /// Vanderbilt University |
| 2 /// Florida Polytechnic University | 1 /// Swarthmore College | 2 /// Virginia Tech |
| 2 /// Florida Southern College | 2 /// Syracuse University | 1 /// Wabash College |
| 5 /// Florida State College at Jacksonville | 18 /// Tallahassee State College | 7 /// Wake Forest University |
| 64 /// Florida State University | 4 /// Texas Christian University | 1 /// Warren Wilson College |
| 1 /// Full Sail University | 1 /// The American University of Paris | 4 /// Washington and Lee University |
| 7 /// Furman University | 1 /// The College of Wooster | 2 /// Washington University in St. Louis |
| 1 /// Garrett College | 2 /// The New School | 1 /// Western Carolina University |
| 3 /// Georgetown University | 2 /// The Ohio State University | 2 /// William & Mary |
| 5 /// Georgia Institute of Technology | 7 /// The University of Alabama | 2 /// Wofford College |
| 5 /// Georgia Southern University | 4 /// The University of Tampa | 2 /// Yale University |
| 1 /// Georgia Southwestern State | 3 /// The University of Tennessee | 1 /// York College of Pennsylvania |
| 2 /// Hampden-Sydney College | 3 /// The University of Texas at Austin | |
| 1 /// Harding University | 2 /// The University of West Florida | |