EPISCOPAL SCHOOL *of* JACKSONVILLE

COLLEGE PROFILE 2026-2027

About Episcopal

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

Our 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.

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.

College Counseling Mission To build relationships with students and their families over the four years of Upper School and to help each student shape a strong and authentic profile, in and out of the classroom, enabling them to achieve success in the college process.

Athletics College Counselors work hand in hand with coaches and advisors to identify university programs that are a good fit from competition, academic, and cultural standpoints. Each year, **approximately 22% of our senior athletes go on to compete at the collegiate level** across many sports at a variety of colleges.

22% ESJ seniors go on to compete in collegiate level athletics

Fine Arts The College Counseling and Fine Arts Departments work in partnership to offer collective support and guidance to student-artists who are interested in continuing their craft in college. Each year, **approximately 25% of our seniors continue their art education in college**.

25% ESJ seniors continue their art education in college

Commitment to Service Community service and social responsibility are emphasized at Episcopal. Students are required to contribute at least 100 hours of service by graduation. During their time in Upper School graduating seniors collectively serve approximately 25,000 hours.

Honor System The Honor System is an integral part of Episcopal, establishing a culture in which each person in the community is valued and respected. Students are expected to act with integrity, be trustworthy, reliable, honest, and embody kindness, awareness, inclusion, and respect for all. These expectations extend to all aspects of the college application process.

About Episcopal College Counseling

Rooted in care and respect for each student's unique interests and goals, our College Counseling program empowers students to develop authentic profiles—both in and beyond the classroom. Our four experienced college counselors partner closely with families to guide students through self-discovery, thoughtful research and decision-making, and a data-informed, values-aligned college search. Whether they're aiming for a highly selective university or exploring a range of schools that match their interests, our counselors help navigate the journey with confidence and clarity.

Our goal is to prepare students to take ownership of their future – equipped with the tools, insights, and self-knowledge they need to thrive and contribute in college and beyond.

Through a highly personalized approach, our College Counseling team provides students and families with programming and support at each grade level, including:

- Academic course planning and strategic advising for purposeful involvement throughout Upper School
- Frequent interactions to get to know each student, through on-campus engagement and participation
- Guest speakers, College Knowledge information sessions, and parent information events
- College visit recommendations and planning
- Individualized and balanced college list development, with a focus on academic, personal, social, and financial fit
- College admissions representative visits on campus
- Essay brainstorming, coaching, and editing
- Personalized timeline for standardized testing and preparation
- Review and feedback for all college application components
- Strategies and support for final college selection

Academic Information

Grading 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 Honor Societies

- Cum Laude Society
- National Honor Society
- National Junior Honor Society
- Discipline specific societies in World Language, and Fine Arts

Graduation Requirements:

24 credits, including successful completion of:

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

Grading Scale and GPA points

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
									F	59-0	0.00

Curriculum

Episcopal's challenging curriculum is thoughtfully designed to prepare students to be successful at some of the most selective universities in the country. Learner-centered instruction is at the heart of our curriculum, taught by expert faculty. All courses are taught at the college preparatory level and a typical schedule consists of six courses per semester. A small percentage of students take their first AP course in 10th grade, while most students take their first AP course in 11th grade.



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 Teaches and employs skills required to be successful students and responsible community members, including public speaking, technology, study skills, and healthy living.

Honors Science Seminar Students undertake original scientific research under the guidance of Episcopal science teachers and qualified scientists, to design a controlled experiment that is conducted in a school laboratory or in a research institution. All projects must adhere to the rules of the International Science and Engineering Fair.

Advanced Honors Mathematics Available only to students who have completed AP Calculus BC. Its purpose is to reinforce formal logic and proof-writing through new and renewed content, provide exposure to and background in advanced topics not commonly encountered until college, and teach students how to produce mathematical models of real and relevant situations.

Global Seal of Biliteracy Recognition and certification of proficiency in English and another language, as determined by the ACTFL Proficiency Scale or Common European Framework.

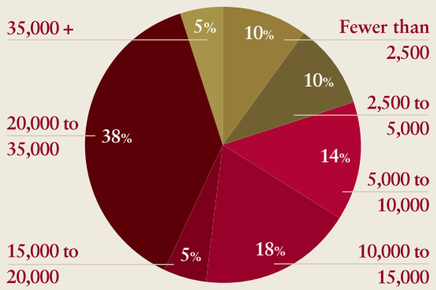
Senior Capstone All students design and complete a project of self-reflection about who they are and how they hope to continue growing.

Advanced Placement & Honors Courses

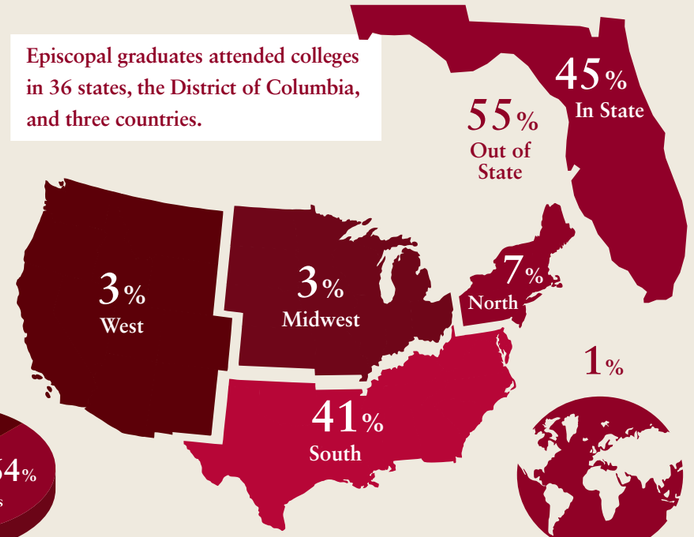
Episcopal offers 42 Honors and 31 Advanced Placement courses. The full Upper School Course Catalogue is available at esj.org/coursecatalogue-us.

College Matriculation Information 2023-2026 (599 Students)

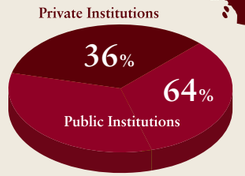
Undergraduate Enrollment Size of Colleges Attended



Episcopal graduates attended colleges in 36 states, the District of Columbia, and three countries.







2023-2026 College Admission Highlights

- **4,473 applications to 420 unique colleges, yielded 2,982 offers of admission**
- **95%** of graduates enrolled in one of their top 3 colleges
- Competitive results at state universities, including the University of Florida (110) and Florida State University (176). The rate of acceptance for Episcopal students is nearly double the global acceptance rate for both institutions.

ESJ CLASS OF	2026	2025	2024	2023
Students	155	154	138	152
Mean SAT	1244 *(136 testers)*	1236 *(137 testers)*	1229 *(128 testers)*	1264 *(127 testers)*
Mean ACT	26 *(96 testers)*	26 *(106 testers)*	26 *(103 testers)*	27 *(101 testers)*
Highest 9-12th weighted GPA	4.96	4.98	4.98	4.97
Mean 9-12th weighted GPA	4.01	4.08	4.04	3.96
Lowest 9-12th weighted GPA	2.32	2.79	2.34	2.41

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Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS)

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2023-2026 College Matriculations

Number Enrolled

1 American University
1 Anderson University
3 Appalachian State University
25 Auburn University
1 Ball State University
1 Barry University
1 Bates College
1 Belmont Abbey College
5 Belmont University
2 Boston College
1 Boston University
1 Bowie State University
2 Brown University
1 Centre College
1 Charleston Southern University
9 Clemson University
1 Coastal Carolina University
1 Colby College
2 College of Central Florida
7 College of Charleston
1 College of the Holy Cross
1 Colorado Mesa University
2 Colorado School of Mines
2 Columbia University
1 Covenant College
1 Culinary Institute of America
2 Dartmouth College
2 Davidson College
1 Drexel University
5 Duke University
1 Elmhurst University
5 Elon University
1 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Daytona Beach)
1 Emory University
1 Emory University Oxford
3 Flagler College
3 Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
15 Florida Atlantic University
4 Florida Gulf Coast University
1 Florida Institute of Technology
2 Florida Polytechnic University
4 Florida Southern College
1 Florida State College at Jacksonville
62 Florida State University
1 Fordham University
1 Full Sail University
7 Furman University
1 Garrett College
3 George Washington University
2 Georgetown University
3 Georgia Institute of Technology
1 Georgia Military College
13 Georgia Southern University
10 Hampden-Sydney College
1 Harding University
1 Haverford College
2 High Point University
8 Jacksonville University
1 John Carroll University
1 Liberty University
3 Louisiana State University
1 Macalester College
1 Marion Military Institute
4 Mercer University
2 Methodist University
1 Michigan State University
1 Middlebury College
1 Montana State University
1 Montreat College
4 New York University
1 Northeastern University
2 Northwestern University
1 Penn State University (University Park)
1 Purdue University (Main Campus)
1 Queens University of Charlotte
1 Randolph-Macon College
1 Rhodes College
1 Rice University
5 Rollins College
1 Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College
3 Samford University
15 Santa Fe College
1 Savannah College of Art and Design
1 Seton Hill University
14 Sewanee: The University of the South
1 Smith College
6 Southern Methodist University
1 St. Johns River State College
6 Stetson University
1 Stony Brook University
1 Syracuse University
15 Tallahassee State College
1 Texas A&M University
3 Texas Christian University
2 The American University of Paris
2 The Catholic University of America
1 The Citadel Military College
1 The College of Wooster
1 The New School
1 Trinity College Dublin
1 Trinity University
2 Tulane University of Louisiana
1 United States Merchant Marine Academy
1 United States Military Academy
2 United States Naval Academy
1 University of Alabama
2 University of Arizona
1 University of British Columbia
1 University of California Los Angeles
7 University of Central Florida
6 University of Colorado Boulder
1 University of Denver
50 University of Florida
1 University of Florida Online
6 University of Georgia
1 University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
1 University of Kansas
1 University of Louisville
1 University of Maryland
1 University of Massachusetts Boston
1 University of Memphis
7 University of Miami
2 University of Michigan
13 University of Mississippi
1 University of Missouri
4 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
25 University of North Florida
3 University of Notre Dame
1 University of Oregon
1 University of Pittsburgh
8 University of South Carolina
8 University of South Florida
1 University of Southern California
1 University of Southern Maine
15 University of Tampa
4 University of Tennessee
2 University of Texas Austin
1 University of Utah
5 University of Virginia
1 University of Washington
1 Utah State University
3 Valdosta State University
1 Vanderbilt University
2 Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
11 Wake Forest University
4 Washington and Lee University
2 Washington University in St. Louis
2 Western Carolina University
2 William & Mary
1 Wofford College
2 Yale University