

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 21% of our senior athletes go on to compete at the collegiate level** across many sports at a variety of colleges.

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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.**

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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:

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| 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
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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.

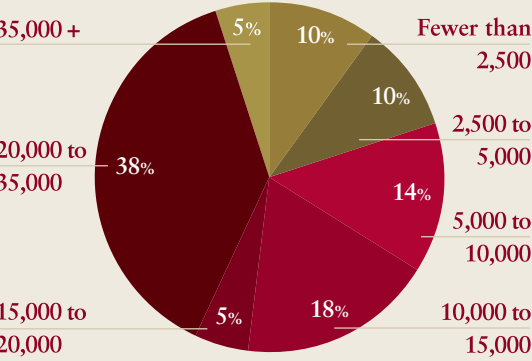
Senior Capstone All students design and complete a project of self-reflection about who they are and how they hope to continue growing.

Advanced Placement & Honors Courses

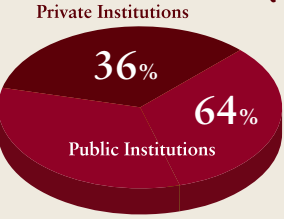
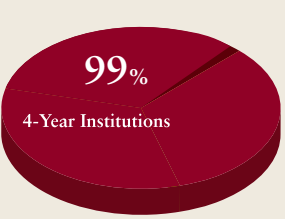
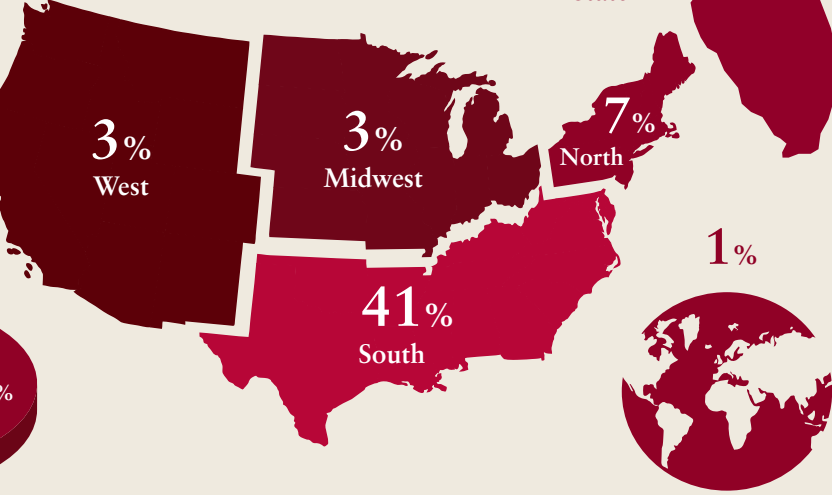
Episcopal offers 42 Honors and 31 Advanced Placement courses. The full Upper School Course Catalogue is available at esj.org/coursecatalogue-us.

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.
- 8 students received Congressional nominations and offers of admission to United States service academies and 3 awarded full-tuition Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) scholarships.

Episcopal College Counseling Highlights

- Four dedicated College Counselors, with collectively more than 60 years of college admission counseling experience.
- College Counseling programming for students begins in ninth grade, to encourage intentional and well-informed choices throughout Upper School.
- Episcopal College Counselors serve as members of professional organizations, advisory boards, and planning committees which foster strong rapport with college admission leaders and contribute to the positive reputation of Episcopal students.

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Administration

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2023-2026 College Matriculations

/// Number Enrolled

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