



San Marcos Academy School Profile 2019-2020

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Mission Statement

The mission of San Marcos Academy is to educate young men and women within a nurturing community based upon Christian values.

Vision Statement

The vision of San Marcos Academy is to produce leaders whose lives are built on integrity, a strong moral compass, a total commitment to lifelong learning and who exemplify Christ's devotion to service and His compassionate concern for others.

School and Community

Founded in 1907, San Marcos Academy (SMA) is a private, Christian college preparatory school located at the foothills of the Texas Hill Country in San Marcos, Texas. The campus is nestled on 220 acres of beautiful oak and mountain laurel trees and sits on the outskirts of San Marcos, a central Texas town with a population of 63,509. The town is also home to Texas State University which serves a student population of approximately 38,661 at its home campus and satellite campuses. SMA is comprised of grades K-12 with the delineation being Lower School (K-5), Middle School (6-8), and Upper School (9-12). SMA students in grades 6-12 are comprised of boarding and non-boarding with 14% of the Upper School population representing nine foreign countries. SMA is approved and accredited by the following agencies: Accreditation Commission of the Texas Association of Baptist Schools, Southern Association of Baptist Schools, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and the Texas Education Agency. SMA is affiliated with Texas Baptists and is a member of The Association of Boarding Schools.

Student Enrollment/Faculty Positions

Upper School: 166

Upper School: 29 Faculty Members

Middle School: 63

Middle School: 6 Faculty Members

Lower School: 106

Lower School: 12 Faculty Members

Boarding Students: 72

Non-boarding Students: 263

Average Class size: 9 (Upper School classes)

Total Enrollment: 335

Class of 2020: 47 students

Class of 2019 College/University Matriculation, SAT/ACT Mean Score, and Scholarship Offers

Forty graduates were in the class of 2019 with 90% (36 students) being accepted to a four-year college/university including, but not limited to, the following: Texas A&M Univ., Univ. of Texas-Austin, Texas Tarleton State Univ., Trinity Univ., Texas State Univ., Southwestern Univ., St. Edward's Univ., Univ. of California, The Ohio State Univ., Penn State Univ., Univ. of Illinois, and Univ. of Rochester. One student joined the military, and 3 students elected to take a Gap Year.

SAT Mean Score 2018-2019: 1137

ACT Mean Score: 23

Scholarship Offers: \$1,841,237

Curriculum

San Marcos Academy offers a rigorous curriculum in a seven class period day geared at preparing students for college-level work. Students are required to follow Texas' state-mandated course curriculum to graduate and/or obtain an endorsement in the following areas: Arts and Humanities, Multidisciplinary, STEM, and/or Public Service.

Extracurricular programs in athletics and academics through TAPPS (Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools), as well as clubs and organizations provide all of our students with opportunities to grow into well-rounded individuals and citizens. SMA offers honors classes in all of the core subjects as well as advanced placement and dual credit classes through Hardin-Simmons University as listed below:

English 1301, 1302	AP Macroeconomics
Math 1310 (Algebra)	AP Environmental Science
Math 1311 (Trigonometry)	AP Computer Science Principles
Math 2302 (Statistics)	AP Physics
U.S. History 1301, 1302	AP Calculus AB
POLS 1302 (Government)	
PSYC 1301	

Elective Classes, Additional Courses, Special Programs

Applied Arts--Art, Ceramics, Applied Music in voice and instrument	Independent Study
Band/Drama performance/Theatre	Distance Learning Courses
Yearbook	JROTC Leadership Training
Information Systems	SAT/ACT Testing Site
Spanish/French/Latin/American Sign Language	PSAT/NMSQT testing
Religion--Hebrew Scriptures Old Testament/New Testament	AP Testing
Religion-- Honors Apologetics, Honors Church History	Student Leadership Summit
Computer Programming/Computer Maintenance	

GPA/Ranking System/Grading System

The GPA is calculated on a 4.0 scale, with honors, dual-enrollment, and AP coursework weighted at a 5.0 scale.

Graduation Class of 2020: The class ranking is the total of three categories. The GPA category is weighted 65% of the rank-order, highest to lowest. The weight of ACT/SAT is 25%, which is determined by the rank order of the highest total composite SAT score or the median conversion score of ACT to SAT. The last category is the rank-order of total number of school activity points earned from highest to lowest, which is 10% of the formula. (Policy currently under review for Classes of 2021 and beyond.)

A=90-100

B=89-80

C=79-75

D=74-70

F=69-0

Athletics/Academic--TAPPS affiliation

Football, basketball, baseball, volleyball, golf, tennis, soccer, cross country, track and field, softball, swimming, cheerleading, JROTC Color Guard, TAPPS Fine Arts and Academic competitions, strength and conditioning program

Clubs and Organizations

Student Council, Student Ambassadors, LEO Club, International Thespian Society, Equestrian Club, Cheerleading, National Junior Honor Society (9th), National Honor Society (10th-12th), Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Student Recreation Organization

Special Needs/Accommodations

Distance Learning Courses for credit recovery and/or learning enhancement/acceleration

Remedial math, reading, and/or writing assistance

ESL Services

Dyslexia specialist on staff

GT specialist on staff

Accommodated Learning Program--academic assistance and special instruction for students with mild to moderate learning differences