



**San Marcos Academy School Profile 2018-2019**

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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 63,071. The town also is home to Texas State University which serves a student population of 38,808 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 40% of the Upper School population representing thirteen 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 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: 150	Upper School: 26 Faculty Members
Middle School: 61	Middle School: 6 Faculty Members
Lower School: 42	Lower School: 7 Faculty Members
Boarding Students: 91	
Non-boarding Students: 162	
Average Class size: 8 (Upper School classes)	
Total Enrollment: 253	
Class of 2019: 41 students	

**College/University Matriculation and SAT Mean Score**

Class of 2018: Fifty-nine graduates were in the class of 2018 with 95% being accepted to a four-year college/university including, but not limited to, the following: Texas A&M Univ., Univ. of Texas-Austin, Texas Tech Univ., Auburn Univ., Texas State Univ., Baylor Univ., Univ. of Nebraska, San Diego State, Boston Univ., Michigan State Univ., California Baptist Univ., and Univ. of Colorado.

SAT Mean Score 2017-2018: 1178

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

## **Elective Classes, Additional Courses, Special Programs/Requirements**

Applied Arts--Art, Clay, Applied Music in voice and instrument	Independent Study
Band/Drama performance/Theatre	Distance Learning Courses
Photography/Yearbook	JROTC Leadership Training
Information Systems	Catalyst SAT Prep Class
Speech/Practical Writing Skills	PSAT/NMSQT testing
Humanities I and II	Senior Thesis--Research, Writing, and
Defense/Western Civilization Honors	
Spanish/French/Latin/American Sign Language	
Religion--Religious Foundations of Christianity, Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ, Honors Apologetics, Honors Church History	

## **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 Classes of 2019 and 2020: The class ranking is the total of the 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, JROTC Marksmanship, TAPPS Fine Arts and Academic competitions, strength and conditioning program

## **Clubs and Organizations**

Student Council, Student Ambassadors, International Student Organization, Math Club, Equestrian Club, Community Service Club, National Junior Honor Society (9th), National Honor Society (10th-12th), Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Rec Club

## **Special Needs/Accommodations**

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

Remedial math, reading, and/or writing assistance

Dyslexia specialist on staff

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