



A Guide to St. Teresa's Academy





Welcome

Welcome to St. Teresa's Academy! Whether you're an eighth grader exploring high schools, a transfer student, or a younger student considering your options, we're excited you're interested in STA. Our students say STA is more than a school - it's a community where friendships grow, young women discover new passions, and caring teachers support every student's success.

Guided by the mission of our founders, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, we inspire students to become compassionate leaders ready to make a difference. To help you get to know us, we offer opportunities like Shadow Day, where eighth graders and transfer students can spend a full day with a current student. We also host events throughout the year for all ages to experience what it means to be a Star.

We wish you a great year ahead! Please reach out to our Admissions team with questions or to schedule a family tour. We look forward to welcoming you to STA!

God Bless,

Dr. Siabhan May-Washington
President



St. Teresa's Academy Mission

STA educates young women to think critically, encourages them through Catholic values to love the dear neighbor without distinction, and empowers them to change the world.



For the third consecutive year, STA is Kansas City's favorite High School



STA is a STEM-certified school, recognizing high-quality STEM education



STA is the first Missouri green school in Kansas City



STA has earned gold status in the advanced placement (AP) school honor roll two consecutive years



STA has been continuously accredited for more than 100 years





Join The Sisterhood

Shadow Day

All eighth-grade girls are invited to attend a full day of classes with a student to experience campus life. Shadow Days are scheduled from September 2025 through January/February 2026.

Open House

Join us for Open House on Sunday, November 9. Take student-led campus tours, meet faculty, staff, current STA parents, and experience STA for yourself!

Application Timeline

Applicants for the 2025-2026 school year must complete these steps:

- Complete an Online Application and all checklist items. Priority Deadline is Friday, December 5.
- Take the required Placement Test on Saturday, December 6 or Saturday, December 13.
- Schedule a Family Meeting (optional) with Jane Clark, Director of Recruitment & Enrollment.

Financial Aid

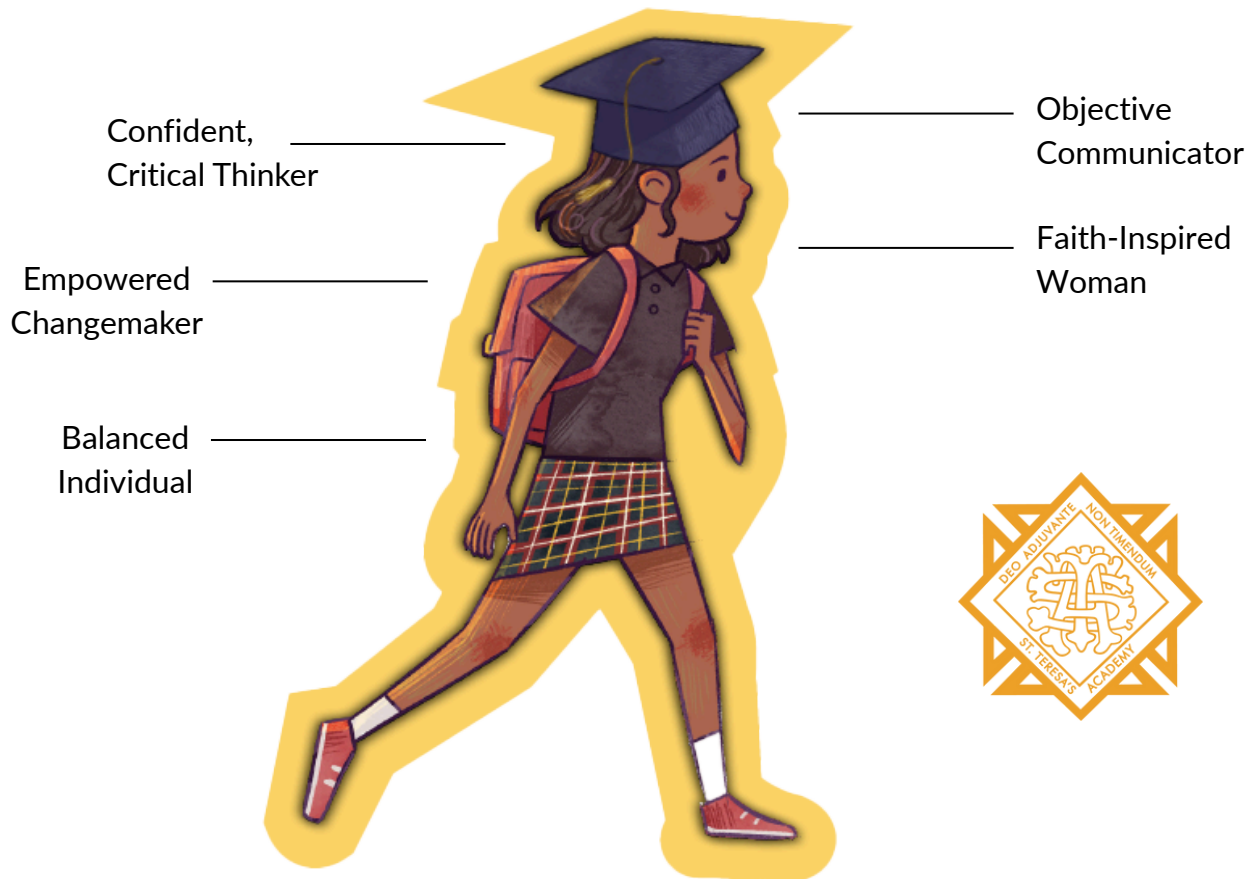
Families seeking financial aid may apply online at www.fairapp.com by December 5. The STA code is 184 and the password is sta184. Contact Principal of Student Affairs Dr. Liz Baker (lbaker@stteresasacademy.org) with questions.



Voted Kansas City's **Favorite High School ...**
three years in a row!



Portrait of a Graduate



Confident, Critical Thinker	Objective Communicator	Faith-Inspired Woman	Balanced Individual	Empowered Changemaker
Innovative and independent problem solver	Assured and adaptable communicator	Empathetic and inclusive neighbor	Ethical and flexible global citizen	Competent and resilient risk-taker
Visionary, forward-looking thinker	Respectful and creative collaborator	Prayerful and reflective disciple	Passionate and courageous leader	Disruptive and creative technologist
		Healthy and holistic individual		



Academic Excellence



Honors/AP/ Dual Enrollment

Business & Computer Science

1 credit required

Computer Science Discoveries (.5) 9-12
 Computer Diagnostics &
 Troubleshooting (.5) 10-12
 Engineering Materials &
 Production (.5) 10-12
 Entrepreneurship (.5) 10-12

Personal Finance (.5) 11-12
 Online Personal Finance (.5) 11-12
 Digital Marketing (.5) 11-12
 Accounting (.5) 11-12

AP Computer Science
 Principles (1.0 weighted)
 11-12

English

4 credits required

English I (1.0) 9
 Advanced English I (1.0) 9
 World Literature (1.0) 10

American Literature (1.0) 11
 Contemporary Literature & Writing
 (1.0) 12

Honors World Literature
 (1.0 weighted) 10
 AP English Literature
 (1.0 weighted) 11
 AP English Language (1.0
 weighted) 12
 College Composition
 (1.0 weighted) 12

Fine & Communication Arts

1 credit required

Visual Arts

Drawing I (.5) 9-12
 Ceramics I (.5) 9-12
 Painting I (.5) 10-12
 Drawing II (.5) 10-12
 Ceramics II (.5) 10-12
 Painting II (.5) 10-12
 Weaving I (.5) 10-12
 Weaving II (.5) 10-12
 Dyeing, Sewing & Stitching (.5) 10-12
 Wheel Throwing (.5) 10-12
 Digital Photography I (.5) 10-12
 Graphic Design I (.5) 10-12
 Graphic Design II (.5) 11-12
 Studio Art (.5) 11-12

Performing Arts

Acting I (.5) 9-12
 Concert Choir (1.0) 9

Theatrical Design & Makerspace
 Projects (.5) 9-12
 Musical Theatre Dance (.5) 10-12
 STA Chorale (1.0) 10-12
 STA Singers-Advanced Choir (1.0) 11-12
 Introduction to Piano (.5) 10-12
 Intermediate Piano (.5) 10-12

Communication Arts

Journalism (1.0) 9-10
 Broadcasting & Production (.5) 9-12
 Broadcasting &
 Production II (.5) 10-12
 Public Speaking &
 Communication (.5) 9-12
 Newspaper (1.0) 10-12
 Yearbook (1.0) 10-12
 Gender & Media (.5) 11-12

AP Music Theory
 (1.0 weighted) 11-12

Modern & Classical Languages

3 credits required

French I, II (1.0)
 Latin I, II (1.0)
 Spanish I, II, III, IV

Honors French Literature I (.5
 weighted) 11-12
 Honors French Literature II
 (.5 weighted) 11-12
 Honors Francophone Culture I
 (.5 weighted) 11-12
 Honors Francophone Culture II
 (.5 weighted) 11-12

College French III, IV
 (1.0 weighted)
 College Latin III, IV
 (1.0 weighted)
 College Spanish III, IV
 (1.0 weighted)
 Honors Spanish V
 (1.0 weighted)



Academic Excellence



Honors/AP/ Dual Enrollment

<p>Mathematics 4 credits required</p>	<p>Algebra I (1.0) 9 Advanced Algebra I (1.0) 9 Geometry (1.0) 9-10 Algebra II (1.0) 10-11</p>	<p>Trigonometry (.5) 11-12 Finite Math (.5) 11-12 Precalculus (1.0) 11-12 Probability & Mathematical Modeling (.5) 10-12 Data Analysis & Statistical Reasoning (.5) 10-12</p>	<p>Honors Geometry (1.0 weighted) 9-10 Honors Algebra II (1.0 weighted) 10 College Precalculus (1.0 weighted) 10-12 AP Statistics (1.0 weighted) 11-12 AP Calculus I (1.0 weighted) 11-12 AP Calculus BC (1.0 weighted) 12</p>
<p>Health & Physical Education 1 credit required (inc. Health & Wellness, .5 credit class of 2029)</p>	<p>Health & Wellness (.5) 9 Fitness Activities (.5) 10-12 Pilates/Yoga (.5) 10-12</p>	<p>Personal Fitness (.5) 10-12 Weight Training (.5) 10-12 Yoga Stretch & Meditation (.5) 10-12</p>	
<p>Science 3 credits required</p>	<p>Biology (1.0) 9 Advanced Biology (1.0) 9 Physical Science (1.0) 10 Forensic Biology I (.5) 10-12 Forensic Biology II (.5) 10-12 Chemistry (1.0) 10-12</p>	<p>Physics (1.0) 10-12 Anatomy & Physiology I (.5) 11-12 Anatomy & Physiology II (.5) 11-12</p>	<p>Honors Chemistry (1.0 weighted) 10-12 Honors Physics (1.0 weighted) 10-12 AP Biology (1.0 weighted) 11-12 AP Chemistry (1.0 weighted) 11-12 AP Physics I (1.0 weighted) 11-12 AP Environmental Science (1.0 weighted) 11-12</p>
<p>Social Studies 3 credits required</p>	<p>Ancient World History (.5) 9 World History (1.0) 10 American History (1.0) 11 U.S. Government (.5) 12</p>	<p>Sociology (.5) 11-12 Psychology (.5) 11-12 Global Scholars (.5) 11-12</p>	<p>AP World History: Modern (1.0 weighted) 10 AP U.S. History (1.0 weighted) 11 AP U.S. Government & Politics (1.0 weighted) 12 AP Psychology (1.0 weighted) 11-12</p>
<p>Theology 4 credits required</p>	<p>Introduction to Scripture (1.0) 9 <i>The Living Church:</i> Re-Membering (1.0) 10 Catholic Social Teaching (1.0) 11</p>	<p>Your World, Your Faith (.5) 12</p>	<p>College Religions of the World (1.0 weighted) 12</p>

STA is in partnership with One Schoolhouse. Additional courses are available online and a fee applies. Dual enrollment courses are in conjunction with Rockhurst University, and Saint Louis University. Honors, AP, and dual enrollment courses are weighted in cumulative percent GPA.



Infinite Possibilities

High School Math Courses: What We Provide

Challenging Curriculum

Tailored to students' needs, our curriculum is designed to prepare each student for the rigor of college.

Math Hub

This interactive, student-centered learning atmosphere is comparable to a college math resource center.

Students can schedule time in the Math Hub spaces to work collaboratively on homework and group projects, or prepare for upcoming assignments.

Math Mentor Program

This unique program develops leadership skills and the opportunity to teach and collaborate with peers. STA junior and senior Math Mentors serve as primary resources for their peers in the Math Hub.

Inquiry-Based Geometry Course

Open-ended questioning and constructive group work are emphasized through investigations that provide rigor and allow students to build their problem solving skills.

Course Offerings

Students with an interest in math have many options available to them at STA. Through a variety of standard and advanced course offerings, students can choose their path to build knowledge and prepare for the future.

Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
Algebra I B	Geometry B	Algebra II B	Trigonometry + Finite Math
Algebra I A	Geometry A	Algebra II A	Precalculus
*Advanced Algebra I	Honors Geometry	Honors Algebra II	College Precalculus
Algebra I B	Honors Algebra II	College Precalculus	**AP Calculus AB
			AP Statistics

*Requires placement test.

**Students starting in Advanced Algebra I who wish to take AP Calculus AB will need to complete a summer course.



Infinite Possibilities

High School Math Courses: What We Provide

Eight-Grade Advanced Algebra I Class

St. Teresa's Academy offers an Advanced Algebra I class to eighth-grade girls who are talented in mathematics and excited to learn. STA is committed to the development of mathematical skills in young women to support their interests in pursuing STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, creAtivity and Math) fields, or simply becoming more innovative and critical thinkers.

This class will provide a full year of Advanced Algebra I. Class will meet on STA's campus during the mornings school is in session, before the regular school day begins at your daughter's elementary/middle school.

Advantages of taking this course include:

- One full STA high school math credit will be granted upon successful completion of this class.
- Transcripts will reflect the grade and credit earned, but will not be calculated into your daughter's GPA. She will still need to earn four math credits during her four years at STA.
- Students successfully completing the course will be considered for placement into Geometry or Honors Geometry their freshman year at STA.
- Opportunities are available for college dual enrollment and Advanced Placement in math and science during your daughter's junior and senior years.



Global Learning & Engagement

The Global Learning & Engagement program at St. Teresa's Academy teaches students the knowledge, skills and perspectives they need in today's interconnected world.

The program promotes not only the development of global citizens and scholars, but also contributes to the fulfillment of all aspects of the Academy's mission.

Promoting global citizenship allows students to embrace social responsibility to act for the benefit of their society as well as others.

Global Scholars

Learning & Engagement Certificate

STA's Global Scholars certification program acknowledges students who master global competencies in specific areas linked to the UN Global Sustainable Development Goals and the STA Portrait of a Graduate.

This multi-year effort focuses on several academic subject areas, community partnerships, service-learning initiatives and cultural immersion. The program prepares students to participate as informed global citizens by nurturing intercultural learning and promoting students as agents of change. Students who successfully complete the certification program will receive special recognition in the commencement program and documentation on their high school transcript.

Applications are due January of sophomore year.

GLOBAL TIES > KC

STA partners with Global Ties KC, a proven expert in our local community, to facilitate the development of global competencies.
globaltieskc.org

Certificate Milestones

Four types of milestones are included in the certification process:

Academic Milestone

These include written reflections addressing the impact of globally focused lessons within the STA curriculum. Additionally, students will apply a global lens to their senior Capstone project to demonstrate the competencies developed through the Global Scholars program. Student will complete a semester-long Global Scholars course or an alternate pathway by enrolling in the Global Ties Youth Diplomates program.

Language and Cultural Immersion Milestone

These include participating in an immersive travel experience or several local cultural immersion experiences to better navigate and explore the world.



Global Learning & Engagement

Certificate Milestones (Cont.)

Service Learning Milestone

Students will grow as empathetic learners by walking with their dear neighbors in service. During the required Catholic Social Teachings course, participants will select a service agency whose mission addresses one or more of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Students also will serve in a leadership role in a globally focused club or extracurricular.

Community Engagement Milestone

Students will connect to global issues by attending speaking engagements, events, field trips and other globally focused events that engage our community with the world.

Immersive Travel Opportunities

(2025-2026) Academic Year

All summer travel will require participation in a corresponding Interim week course. Prices subject to 10-15% change. Final prices and itinerary details will be confirmed in August. Minimum participation required for trips to proceed. Scholarships are available through an application process to qualified students.

From the Amazon to the Andes: Exploring Sustainability and Indigenous Cultures

Bolivia - June 13-25



Fine Arts and Educational Performance Tour

Italy - May 27-June 4 (limited to STA choir program and students enrolled in fine arts courses).

Chic in the City: A Fashion Immersion

New York - January 6-10

Walking in the Footsteps of Freedom: An Immersive Journey Through Alabama's Civil Rights Legacy

Alabama - January 5-9

March of Life

Washington, DC - January 21-24

Understanding Identity and Unlocking Curiosity Through Cultural Immersion

Quebec & Montreal, CA - March 14-18

American Democracy and Civic Engagement

Washington, DC - June 7-12

Camino de Santiago Pilgrimage

Portugal & Spain - May 23-June 3



Innovation in Action

At STA, we believe students need to experience the world in order to make an impact. Here - on campus and beyond - they have opportunities that will inspire and motivate them to do more than they ever thought possible.

A World of Knowledge

An STA education challenges students inside and outside the classroom to apply and evolve their knowledge and make a profound impact in our world. Classrooms offer active, student-centered, investigative spaces designed for innovation, invention, spontaneous questions and creativity.



Internships & Externships

Learn how the world works through internships and externships. STA has carefully cultivated relationships with professionals and leading companies in the community to hone students' skills and help them learn about the myriad career options available. STA also partners with numerous local businesses to provide mentorship and career guidance to students.



Interim Week

STA's Interim Week in early January is a time of innovation, creation and discovery that introduces students to new ideas, experiences and environments. Many classes are taught through the shared leadership of teachers, student leaders and community partners, allowing students to learn from multiple perspectives. Courses are designed to spark passion, help students discover relationships among disciplines, and safely and boldly take risks for the sake of learning.

Women's Symposium

Women's Symposium, held in the spring, offers a conference-style day of learning. Guest speakers present on topics aligned with a selected theme. Last years topic was elevating women's voices to shape a sustainable future.





Be Bold

Something for Everyone



Academic Activities

Debate Team
Future Business
Leaders of America (FBLA)
Global Scholars
Junior Classical League
(Latin)

Math Hub
Math Team
Mock Trial
Model UN
NHS (National Honor Society)
Robotics Team

Science Olympiad
Student Government Association
Société Honoraire de Français
(French Honor Society)
Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica
(Spanish Honor Society)
Teresa Broadcasting Company

Athletics

FALL

Cross Country
Golf
Field Hockey
Softball
Tennis
Volleyball

WINTER

Basketball
Swim and Dive
Wrestling

SPRING

Flag Football
Lacrosse
Soccer
Track and Field

ON-GOING

Dance
Esports
Powerlifting

Clubs / Extracurriculars

Asian Affinity Group
Art Club
BEAM Inclusivity Club
Black Student Coalition
Book Club
Car Care
Campus Ministry
Cinema (film critique) Club
Comedy Club
Conversación y Cafecito
Cooking Club
CSJ (community service)
Dance Club
Drama Club
Environmental Club
Fashion Club
Fine Arts Boosters
French Club
Flower Arranging Club
Full STEAM Ahead

Gateway Reading Program
Girls Who Code
Gluten Free Club
Green Team
Hispanic Affinity Group
Interfaith Alliance
Intramurals
Journaling Club
Junior Board Club
Latin Club
LIFT (Living in Fellowship and Truth)
Line Dancing
Mahjong Club
Makerspace Mentors
Number One Club
PAW (animal welfare) Club
Philosophy Club
Photography
Pickleball Club

Powerlifting
Pre-Health Club
Robotics
SCO (Student Community Organization)
Self Care Club
Small Business Club
Social Justice Club
Sources of Strength
Spirit Club
Stars and Crafts
Star for Creativity
Stars for Life
Stars for Literacy
STARS for Women's Rights
STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math)
Tabletop RPG Club
Ukulele
Walking
World Cultures Club
Yoga and Meditation

Fine Arts

VISUAL

Drawing
Graphic Design
Illustration
Photography
Sculpture/Pottery
Weaving/Dyeing

MUSICAL

Choir(s)
Competitions
Concerts & Performances
Piano
Praise Band
STA Singers
Windmoor Collective

DRAMATIC

Acting/Drama
Improvisation
Musical/Play
Playwriting
Student Productions
Technical Theatre

Publications

Students produce state and national award-winning publications, including the Teresian yearbook and the school newspaper, The Dart. STA's literary magazine, Windmoor, highlights the best of student photography and writing. Students also produce the award-winning Dart News Online (dartnewsonline.com) featuring multi-media news and information as well as the Teresa Broadcasting Company daily morning show



Full STEAM Ahead

St. Teresa's Academy is a leader in STEAM education and STEM certification. We are the first all-girls' school in the Midwest and the second in the nation to gain STEM certification, a mark of distinction offered to highly effective institutions excelling in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math as a path to success.

STEAM (STEM + creAtivity) is for Everyone

STA uses the Design Thinking approach to solve complex problems. Through a combination of courses, immersive learning activities, innovative spaces and a wide variety of extracurricular activities, our commitment to STEAM excellence enhances the quality and depth of education at STA.

- **Foley Computer Science Classroom:** This classroom provides the computational power needed for coding, simulation, and rendering tasks, empowering students to explore the frontiers of computer science and engineering, from developing sophisticated algorithms to designing immersive virtual environments. It's a hub where innovation thrives and students are well prepared for the demands of the booming tech industry.
- **Makerspace/Engineering Lab:** This lab is an innovation-driven facility designed to foster creativity, hands-on learning and technological exploration among students. State-of-the-art tools such as 3D printers, laser cutters, and a wide array of specialized tools and software provide students with the resources to turn their ideas into tangible prototypes.
- **Math Hub:** This collaborative space has several active learning rooms staffed by math faculty and student mentors. The Math Hub offers students support to increase their confidence with their mathematics skills.



- **Spaces to Invent:** STA has numerous state-of-the-art spaces to make, create and invent.
- **STEM/STEAM Certification:** Students who successfully complete the multi-year requirements earn a STEM/STEAM certificate. This advanced certificate will be noted on their official transcript. **STA is the only school in the area offering this certification.**
- **Teresa Broadcasting Company (TBC):** Students gather in the broadcasting studio to create and broadcast a daily program. TBC consists of news, events and other items of interest to the campus community. Students learn advanced technologies and broadcasting capabilities.



Full STEAM Ahead

STEAM Outside Of The Classroom

- **Externships:** Students can experience a real-world business environment through the Pathways Program. In partnership with local businesses, student participants get firsthand experience in an area of interest and learn how companies operate.
- **Extracurricular & Clubs:** STEAM-related groups include STEM Club, Girls Who Code, DECA, Future Business Leaders of America, Full STEAM Ahead speakers series and more.
- **Green Team:** This collaboration of student, faculty, staff and community members partner to identify and address sustainability goals.
- **Internships:** Students have the opportunity to connect with campus-based professionals to hone their skills in a variety of areas.
- **Makerspace Mentors:** Specially trained students encourage peers by guiding them through projects on high-tech equipment such as the 3D printer, woodworking tools and laser cutting machinery.
- **Outdoor Learning Spaces:** A student-managed apiary (collection of bee houses) and pollinator garden give students an opportunity to experience environmental science outside of the classroom.
- **STEAM Day & Night Events:** These student-led interactive activities take place in a variety of K-8 schools to showcase the Design Thinking approach.



Research & Design

The Design Thinking process identifies a need, researches a problem, images solutions, designs prototypes, and tests/evaluates and improves the design. It is used in numerous courses to address challenges, including:

- Digital Piano Lab
- eCybermission & Invention Convention
- Fahey Learning Center
- Interim Courses
- Tech Help Desk
- Theatrical Design Makerspace Course
- Senior Capstone Project



Succeed With Support

The mission of the Counseling Department is to assist all students in the process of personal, academic and career development so they may reach their full potential as productive citizens in a changing society.

Our comprehensive school counseling program's philosophy is predicated on the belief that all students are unique and dynamic individuals, capable of becoming responsive and productive adults. The program is both proactive and preventative in nature. It is committed to meeting the needs of all students using age-appropriate programs and lessons delivered by professional school counselors.



School Counseling

- Provides developmental guidance for students to promote academic, personal/social and career development in a proactive and preventive manner.
- Consults with faculty, parents and administrators concerning a student's success from personal/social and career aspects.
- Provides individual and group counseling for students in need.
- Provides a liaison with community agencies to garner services for students and families.
- Provides group support to enhance academic success for diverse learners in the Achievement Center.

What to Expect as a Freshman at STA

- Freshmen interview with their designated school counselor to discuss their transition to high school, academic progress, and to learn about available support resources. Freshman STAR Seminar is a yearlong extended orientation focusing on life at STA. Academic support includes monitoring, conferencing, tutoring and individual coaching for academic success.
- Personal support is offered for evaluation of life experiences, choices and boundaries to better develop a value system and sense of self.
- Freshmen who come to STA with no peers from their middle or grade school are encouraged to join the #1 Club to share experiences and make new friends.

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Love The Dear Neighbor

St. Teresa's Academy carries on the teachings of our founders, the Sisters of St. Joseph, to "Love God and the dear neighbor without distinction."

Together we are more.

The legacy of the sisters continues today. The Office of Ministry & Service offers young women experiences to explore and deepen their faith life through this lens of love.

When a student graduates from STA, she is grateful for the sisterhood that develops. Sisterhood grows when students are open to love of God, neighbor and self. Students learn it is this unifying love that truly empowers them to change the world.

Pray Together

St. Teresa of Avila, after whom St. Teresa's Academy is named, said, *"In this house, all must be loved."*

STA welcomes students of all faith traditions and spiritual journeys. Time spent together in prayer creates a stronger community. Whether praying together at Mass or before an athletic event, inclusivity of all students is paramount.

Daily Prayer

Every school day begins with prayer. Prayers include student-led reflections and an opportunity for all students, faculty and staff to examine their hearts with a Sharing of the Heart question.

Advisory Sharing of the Heart

Once a week, advisories spend time responding to the Sharing of the Heart question. The tradition comes from our founding sisters who sought to grow closer by being honest and vulnerable with one another.

Advisory Mass

Each advisory attends Mass together once a semester.

All-School Mass

As a Catholic school, Mass is celebrated on Holy Days and special occasions as a school community.

Parent-Daughter Masses

Throughout the school year, parents are invited to attend Mass with their daughters on special occasions.

Grow Together

Class Retreats

Each class attends a one-day retreat annually. Class retreats give students the opportunity to examine how they are doing individually and how they are impacting one another as a community. Retreat days allow for honesty and openness that bring classes closer as a group.

KAIROS Retreat Program

KAIROS is an optional three-day retreat for juniors led by seniors. Student participants hear witness talks from student leaders and share their stories in small groups. KAIROS is a transformational experience for students who choose to attend.



Love The Dear Neighbor

Serve Together

G.I.V.E

G.I.V.E. (Get Involved. Value Everyone.) is STA's student-run service club with the goal of spreading a lifelong love of service. Project leaders coordinate weekly and monthly service projects, which other students are welcome to sign up for outside of school hours. Students volunteer with organizations like Harvesters, Girls Can Run, CultivateKC and more.

Senior Intern Program

A group of seniors spends time every week to support a variety of spiritual needs on campus. These include producing daily prayer videos, writing prayers for Masses and helping plan student retreats. This experience provides an opportunity for learning as well as service hours, and more fully integrates students into the Campus Ministry team.

Freshman Day of Service

During their first semester at STA, freshmen spend a day of service with their entire class. Students have the opportunity to learn about the value of service under the unique charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph: "Love the dear neighbor without distinction."

Junior/Senior Service Project

Every student must complete a minimum number of service during their junior and senior years.

Junior Service Project

Students volunteer weekly at a local service agency during theology class.

Travel Together

In a typical academic year, students have three opportunities to deepen their faith through a travel experience. When students travel together, they see new things, gain greater perspective, and form bonds with other students along the way.

CSJ Leadership Camp

An annual three-day leadership camp at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in St. Louis, Missouri. Rising juniors are nominated by faculty and staff to attend.

March for Life

Students are invited to attend the annual pro-life march in Washington, D.C.

Service Trip

Students are invited to attend an annual weeklong service trip to rotating locations.



Embrace Differences

Diversity has been a key component of the St. Teresa's Academy mission and philosophy since our founding in 1866.

STA values and embraces a racially, culturally, ethnically, geographically and economically diverse student body and school community. We recognize and acknowledge the dignity and worth of each individual. Students, faculty and staff with different backgrounds, experiences and perspectives enrich and enhance the learning process in our college-preparatory environment.



St. Teresa's Academy is fully committed to a diverse school community. We believe recognizing each person's authentic self and the multitude of differences that exist in our society creates a meaningful community built on mutual respect and dignity for all.

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- We approach education from a multicultural perspective, teaching students the value of including diverse voices in our classrooms and community.
- We cultivate young women to care for the underserved and excluded, to recognize the difference among us, and honor each person's story so all are included and held dear.



Embrace Differences

STA offers an array of opportunities for our community to engage in diversity and inclusion on campus and beyond, always striving to expand our knowledge and understanding of each other.

Parent Committee

Parents of STA students are encouraged to participate in the Star Galaxy Committee. Meetings are open to any parent who wishes to learn more about diversity, equity and inclusion efforts at STA, and share their own thoughts, experiences and perspectives about how we can all make a difference.

Professional Development

STA faculty and staff participate in Professional Development designed to enhance the inclusive environment at STA. The program allows participants to choose from options such as participating in self-paced, certificate-bearing webinars on inclusive curriculum and going on excursions.

Celebrations

STA celebrates the diversity in our student body with cultural celebrations throughout the year.

- Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month
- Black History Month
- Hispanic Heritage Month
- Native American History Month

Student Organizations

Involvement in student-led organizations at STA allows students to immerse themselves in the culture of our sisterhood and celebrate the differences among us.

They include:

- GSA
- Social Justice Club
- Stars for Women's Rights

Affinity Groups

Joining an affinity group is a perfect way for students to support diverse communities in STA. These groups are led by students and moderated by a faculty or staff member, encouraging engagement with the campus community through programming and education.

- Asian/Asian American Affinity Group
- Black Student Coalition
- Hispanic Affinity Group



Information Through Technology

St. Teresa's Academy prioritizes technology in the classroom and across campus to provide students with an academic experience that is second to none.

One-to-One Technology Program

STA's unique One-to-One technology program supplies students with their own laptop computer to use during their four years here. Laptops are equipped with powerful software and capabilities for easy collaboration with classmates and teachers. This minimizes the use of paper, lightening backpacks while contributing to a healthier environment.

Collaboration Apps

Students stay connected to classmates and faculty through Microsoft Teams, a collaboration app that stores a student's work and communications all in one place. Students can attend virtual meetings and submit assignments through Teams, get real-time feedback from teachers and much more.

Wireless Campus

STA's unique and completely wireless campus gives students the ability to study from anywhere. Whether in a classroom, in the Quad or at a track meet, students will enjoy the freedom to work on assignments or participate in group meetings using wireless technology.

Real-World Experience

STA's Help Desk is staffed by students who are trained to troubleshoot technical issues. In addition to technical support, the Help Desk provides students an opportunity to interact with peers, faculty and staff to develop diagnostic skills.

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Esports and Live Broadcasting

STA's Esports is the first all-girls' team in the metro area. Esports teaches students problem-solving skills, digital literacy, how to communicate in an online environment and digital collaboration skills. Broadcasting & Production courses offer students the unique opportunity to see how content creators develop and edit video content for the entire school to view daily!



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STA is a member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) and its state and regional affiliates, and adheres to the Code of Ethics and Professional Practices adopted by NACAC. STA is also a member of the Association of College Counselors of Independent Schools (ACCIS).

St. Teresa's Academy has a long history of preparing young women for college and the world beyond. STA graduates benefit from the Academy's sound academic reputation. The college search process is an important time in a young woman's life to look back at accomplishments and to look forward to future goals. The mission of the College Counseling department is to assist students and their parents in the college search, application and matriculation process.

STA maintains relationships with college and university admissions offices throughout the country and around the globe. Our counselors, who have prior college admissions experience at a range of selective institutions, regularly visit college campuses to learn more about offerings and meet with STA graduates, as well as attend and present at local and national conferences. STA continually boasts a 100% acceptance rate to college.

College Related Events

AP Exams - PSAT - PreACT - Practice ACT - Catholic College Day - Financial Aid Workshop - Senior Application Info Night - Junior Night - Sophomore College Planning Night - College Fair - Summer Application Work - College Planning Seminars (college fit, resumes, essays, application process, and more)

More than 100 colleges and universities from the U.S. and abroad visit STA each year to meet with interested students.



Communications

STA utilizes student and parent newsletters, class meetings, small group seminars, individual meetings and the STA website to disseminate information about the college search and application process. Students and parents use Maia Learning, web-based college search and planning tools that provide up-to-date information specific to STA. Students register in the winter of sophomore year.

- ***A college education is an investment in your daughter's future. Take advantage of tax savings and plan early.***
- ***Missouri Residents - MOST (Missouri Savings Tuition Program). For more information, go to missourimost.org.***
- ***Kansas Residents - Save early for college and receive a tax deduction in the state. Check out learningquest.com.***



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Four-Year Statistics



More than 50% of graduates attend college outside of MO & KS



98% of STA graduates attend four-year colleges/universities



More than 90% of STA graduates earn one or more merit-based scholarships



St. Teresa's Academy graduates from 2022-2025 are attending colleges and universities in these states (■)

College Matriculation 2022-2025

Alabama State University
American University
Arizona State University
Arts University Bournemouth
Auburn University
Avila University
Baylor University
Belmont University
Benedictine College
Binghamton University
Boston College
Boston University
Bryn Mawr College
Butler University
California Polytechnic State University
Case Western Reserve University
Chapman University
Clemson University
College of the Holy Cross
Colorado College
Colorado Mountain College
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Columbia College Chicago
Creighton University
Dartmouth College
DePaul University
Dominican University of California
Drake University
Elon University
Fisk University
Gonzaga University
Grinnell College
Hamilton College
Harris-Stowe State University
Howard University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Indiana University-Bloomington

Iowa State University
Jackson State University
Johnson County Community College
Kansas City Art Institute
Kansas State University
Lindenwood University
Long Island University - Post
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Luther College
Lynn University
Macalester College
Marquette University
Marymount Manhattan College
Maryville University of Saint Louis
McGill University
Metropolitan Community College
Miami University-Oxford
Michigan State University
Millikin University
Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design
Missouri State University
Missouri University of Science & Technology
Morgan State University
Mount Saint Mary's University
North Carolina A & T State University
Northeastern University
Northwest Missouri State University
Northwestern University
Occidental College
Ohio State University
Oklahoma State University
Olivet Nazarene University
Pacific Northwest College of Art
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Pepperdine University
Pittsburg State University

Prairie View A & M University
Purdue University
Quincy University
Regis University
Rhodes College
Rockhurst University
Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Saint Louis University
Saint Louis University-Madrid Campus
San Diego State University
Savannah College of Art & Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Seton Hall University
South Dakota State University
Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville
Southern Methodist University
Spelman College
Stephens College
SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry
Texas Christian University
Truman State University
Tulane University
Union College
United States Air Force Academy
United States Military Academy
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
University of Arkansas-Fort Smith
University of California-Los Angeles
University of Central Missouri
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Dayton
University of Denver
University of Florida
University of Galway
University of Georgia
University of Hawaii at Manoa

University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of Maryland-College Park
University of Miami
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri
University of Missouri-Kansas City
University of Missouri-St Louis
University of Montana
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma
University of Oregon
University of San Diego
University of South Carolina-Columbia
University of Southern California
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee-Knoxville
University of Toronto
Truman State University
Tulsa University
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Vassar College
Villanova University
Washington & Lee University
Washington University in St Louis
Webster University
Western Colorado University
Wichita State University
William & Mary
William Jewell College

