



Saint James School

International Student Program

Saint James School is a college preparatory school with a commitment to providing a challenging and nurturing environment in which students can experience both academic and personal growth and success. Saint James is proud to serve a robust international student population representing an average of 10-15 different countries annually. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact the Director of Admissions and Enrollment, Elizabeth Hawke, at 334-273-3000 or ehawke@stjmontgomery.org.

We look forward to working with you to make every aspect of your student's international transition a positive experience.

Facts in Brief: Whether living in the Montgomery area for only one year or becoming permanent residents of the community, international families are attracted to many characteristics of Saint James School.

- Welcoming atmosphere with a diverse student body and student-centered culture emphasizing individual academic achievement and personal growth
- Dedicated and caring teachers and administrators
- College preparatory academic program enhanced by a wide variety of honors and Advanced Placement (AP) course offerings and elective options
- Diverse extra-curricular opportunities in visual arts, music, band, athletics, and drama
- Emphasis on 21st century learning for students in Pre-K3 - 12th grade including a one-to-one iPad program for students in 3rd - 12th grade and regular Apple technology access for Pre-K4 - 2nd grades
- Commitment to involving students at all levels in community service projects

International Profile

- International students come to Saint James through Air War College families from around the world, Hyundai Motor Manufacturing of Alabama (HMMA), Hyundai Power Transformers USA, other Hyundai supplier companies, and international families involved in the Montgomery business community.
- Annually, STJ enrolls 40-50 new international students in grades Pre-K2-12th grade. Over the past few years Saint James has welcomed new students from the following countries:

Australia	The Netherlands
Bahrain	New Zealand
Bangladesh	Norway
Brazil	Oman
Canada	Qatar
China	Rep. of Korea
Denmark	Singapore
Finland	Spain
Germany	Sweden
Greece	Switzerland
Israel	Taiwan
Italy	UAE
Japan	United Kingdom
Kuwait	Vietnam

Character • Commitment • Courage • Community

Saint James is an independent, nonsectarian, college preparatory school with a student body broadly representative of college-bound students. We are committed to challenging and assisting students in realizing their individual potential and preparing them for lives of responsibility, service, and achievement.

Program Overview

Saint James School offers a comprehensive International Student Program developed to meet the unique needs of international students and families. Components of the program include:

- *International Student Application and Enrollment Process:* Developed to meet the needs of international families.
- *English Proficiency Screening:* On-campus WIDA English proficiency screening is used to assess language needs and better serve international students for whom English is not their primary language (English Language Learners). The TOEFL iBT may be taken in place of the WIDA. A minimum TOEFL iBT® score of 94 or a minimum TOEFL Junior Standard Test® score of 800 indicates English proficiency.
- *International Report Card Option:* Based on English Proficiency test results, international students may receive an International Report Card in order to better accommodate their needs. This report card has been developed as part of our International Student Program to be beneficial for students as they transition to an English speaking school. Please note that high school students do not receive credit for classes taken under the international grading system.
- *International Parent Orientation:* Through an orientation held in the fall, international parents have an opportunity to meet division level principals, counselors, the athletic director, and the ESL tutor—and are provided with vital information about each division, Saint James School sports, and ESL tutoring at the school.
- *Tutoring Programs:* International students who are English Language Learners meet weekly during the school day with the ESL tutor in small, age-appropriate groups. Additional academic tutoring is provided at most grade levels, giving students an opportunity to work with classroom teachers on areas they may have questions or need extra instruction.
- *21st Century Technology:* Use of technology is embedded in classrooms and instruction at Saint James School from Pre-K4 - 12th grade, as appropriate. Saint James students and teachers have access to programs such as Google Translate which can be beneficial to English Language Learners.

College Acceptances

Often international students are only located in the Montgomery community with their families on a temporary basis. Due to this factor and others, including age, many do not seek admission to a college or university in the United States while enrolled at Saint James School. Other international students opt to return to their home countries to complete the next level of their education. However, the college preparatory curriculum and instruction provided by Saint James School thoroughly prepares all students to seek admission into colleges and universities in the United States. Listed below are recent college acceptances for international students. For a complete list of all colleges and universities to which Saint James students have been accepted, please see the latest Saint James School Profile.

University of Alabama	Miami International University
University of Alabama, Birmingham	Northeastern University
Auburn University	Ohio Northern University
Baylor University	Pensacola State University
Binghamton University-SUNY	Pratt Institute
University of California, Irvine	Rhode Island School of Design
Carnegie Mellon University	Saint Louis College of Pharmacy
Concordia University	Santa Fe College
Emory University	Savannah School of Art & Design
University of Findlay	School of Art Institute of Chicago
Georgia State University	School of Visual Arts, New York
University of Houston	University of South Alabama
Indiana University	St. John's University
Maryland Institute College of Art	
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	

After School and Summer Programs

Camp STJ (summer program) and **WonderWorks and 9th Period** (after school programs) are additional services provided for students enrolled at Saint James School. Camp STJ is available during summer break. WonderWorks and 9th period provide an extension of the school day until 5:30 p.m. Details of these programs and enrollment requirements are made available upon request.