

## SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

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## Saint Paul Lutheran High School School Profile

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### THE SCHOOL

Saint Paul is a College Preparation, (LCMS) Lutheran, boarding High School located in Concordia, Missouri. Concordia is 60 miles east of Kansas City, MO and 70 miles west of Columbia, MO on Interstate 70.

Saint Paul has been a private Lutheran high school for more than 130 years - grades 9 through 12.

The school was established in 1883 as St. Paul's College and was patterned after the old German "gymnasium" classical educational system (a six year program). Originally, the school was to prepare young men for ministry in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Because of its rigorous course of study and high success rate among its graduates, Saint Paul attracts students with other vocational interests as well as international students from all over the world. Saint Paul's accreditation is through the North Central Association (NCA) and the National Lutheran School Association (NLSA). Saint Paul Lutheran High School received "Exemplary Status" recognition for the 2011-2012 academic year through the National Lutheran School Accreditation Commission (NLSA).

### SCHOOL'S MISSION

Saint Paul Lutheran High School is to provide curricular and co-curricular experiences in a Christian environment that equips students for joyful, faithful service to Christ and His world.

### STUDENT DIVERSITY

Saint Paul is currently working on its 131st school year as a residential, Lutheran High School. For the past 30 years, Saint Paul Lutheran High School has been known for welcoming international students from all over the world. As a Christian, college preparatory school, students come from local and surrounding communities. They also come from many parts of the United States and from many different countries, with each country representing their own unique culture.

### THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Saint Paul's Curriculum, Course of Study, and Concurrent (college/high school credit courses) are online at <http://www.splhs.org/Curriculum.html>.

Average class size—18 students

Available Courses—90+

The academic school year is divided into 2 semesters, with each semester consisting of 16 weeks of classes including an assessment period. Many courses are yearlong and some are semester contained. Students are normally expected to carry 7 to 8 courses each semester. All courses meet five days a week with the exception of religion courses and physical education courses. Religion courses meet three days a week and physical education courses meet two days a week. It is recommended that juniors or seniors take as many concurrent (college and high school credit courses) as possible prior to graduation. By taking concurrent courses beginning your junior year of high school, you will have the opportunity to earn from a semester to a year's worth of college credit before entering a college or a university.

Saint Paul's academic program is based upon the assumption that students are capable of studying independently, responsibly, and with self-direction. As a result, students spend a great amount of time on homework, class assignments, and other out of class projects.

In order to meet the academic demands and diploma requirements, it is expected that class time and homework together will require 6 to 7 hours per week per course. A typical student enrolled in seven to eight courses can expect to spend at least 42 to 46 hours each week on academic pursuits. At times, students will spend more time when significant papers are due, or when they need to prepare for exams.

### ADVANCED COURSES

Listed below are Saint Paul's Concurrent courses. The rigorous and demanding courses require extra preparation and study time. These courses use college texts and are typically equivalent to freshman or sophomore level college courses.

Math 122: Introduction to Statistics (3 credits)  
English 102: Experiences in Writing (3 credits)  
English 201: Introduction to Literature (3 credits)  
CTA 103: Experiences in Human Communication (3 credits)  
Sociology 101: Introduction to Sociology (3 credits)  
Religion 121: History and Literature of the Old Testament (3 credits)  
Religion 131: History and Literature of the New Testament (3 credits)  
Math 184: Calculus I (4 credits)  
Chemistry 115: General Chemistry (4 credits)  
Physics 110: Principles of Physics (4 credits)

### GRADING SYSTEM

Alpha letters indicate grades at Saint Paul. Saint Paul utilizes an 11-point grading scale and grade point average (GPA) is based upon a 4-point scale. Assessment periods conclude December and May of each school year.

Grading  
Scale

A = 4.00 / 95-100 = A	C = 2.00 / 77-79 = C
A- = 3.67 / 92-94 = A-	C- = 1.67 / 74-76 = C-
B+ = 3.33 / 89-91 = B+	D+ = 1.33 / 71-73 = D+
B = 3.00 / 86-88 = B	D = 1.00 / 68-70 = D
B- = 2.67 / 83-85 = B-	D- = .67 / 65-67 = D-
C+ = 2.33 / 80-82 = C+	F = 0 / 64 = F

### CURRENT STUDENT BODY

1. Current percentage of international students: 48%
2. Percentage of English speaking students: 88%

SPLHS STUDENTS	Day Student	Boarding Student	Total
Boys	27	79	106
Girls	34	62	96
Total	61	141	202

**CLASS DISTRIBUTION**

Grade 12-55  
 Grade 11-76  
 Grade 10-41  
 Grade 9-30

**GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENTS**

Each year, there are 12 to 16 states represented with 87 to 90 Foreign Nationals from over 16 countries.

**THE FACULTY**

Saint Paul Lutheran High School has dedicated Christian faculty with advanced degrees and an average of 17 years of teaching experience.

Total Teaching Faculty: 20 Male: 50% Female: 50%

- 74% of Saint Paul's teaching staff have earned Advanced Degrees.
- 26% of Saint Paul's teaching staff are currently working towards their Master's Degrees.
- 10% of Saint Paul staff have earned PhD's.

**COLLEGE PREPARATORY DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS**

A four-year student, entering SPLHS placed at the 9<sup>th</sup> grade level, across the curriculum, must complete the following college preparatory graduation requirements.

Subject Area	SPLHS College Preparatory Graduation Requirements
Religion	3 days a week each semester
English	4 Units 2 units must emphasize *Composition or Writing skills. *Speech is considered an English credit.
Mathematics	4 Units Algebra I, Algebra II and above
Science	3 Units Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy/Physiology - One must include laboratory study.
Social Studies	3.5 Units 1 unit of Geography, 1 unit *American History, 1 unit of World History, .5 unit of *Government w/ U.S. & Missouri Constitutions
Fine Arts	1 Unit Choir, Band, Visual arts or Theatre
Practical Arts	1 Unit must include .5 unit of *Personal Finance
Physical Education	1 Unit plus .5 unit of *Health
Foreign Language	2 Units both units must be in the same language - we offer Spanish and German.
Electives and Additional Core Courses	5 Units *Saint Paul Electives to be selected from foreign language, and/or combination from two or more of the following course areas: Communication Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, or Fine Arts. .1 of a credit in P.E. per quarter of attendance at Saint Paul is required.
	* State of Missouri requirements
Total Credits	25 Units plus religion

**SAT REASONING**

For the 2012-2013 school year, the mean SAT score was 1550 for international students.

**ACT**

Averages of SPLHS students tested in recent years.

SPLHS Mean

State of Missouri Mean

National Mean

English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
24.7	23.8	24.5	23.7	24.3
21.4	21.0	21.9	21.6	21.6
20.5	21.1	21.3	20.9	21.1

SPLHS Average Composite Score (top ¼) = 30.71

SPLHS Average Composite Score (top ½) = 28.46

**In recent years, Saint Paul students were admitted to the following universities and colleges.**

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL  
 University of Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN  
 Central Methodist University, Fayette, MO  
 Concordia University, Seward, NE  
 Concordia University, Mequon, WI  
 William Jewell, Liberty, MO  
 South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD  
 Santa Barbara City College, Santa Barbara, CA  
 Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL  
 Creighton University, Omaha, NE  
 University of Missouri, MO  
 Indiana University, Bloomington, IN  
 University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ  
 Truman State University, Kirksville, MO  
 Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD  
 Westminster College, Fulton, MO  
 Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA  
 Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR  
 Stony Brook University, Albany, NY  
 State University of New York, Buffalo, NY  
 Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI  
 State University of New York, Albany, NY  
 University of Illinois, Urbana, IL  
 University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, WI  
 Montana State University, Bozeman, MT  
 Seoul National College, Seoul, Korea  
 University of Texas, Austin, TX  
 Kansas University, Lawrence, KS  
 United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO  
 Baylor University, Waco, TX  
 Hawaii University at Manes, Honolulu, HA  
 Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN  
 University of Oregon, Eugene, OR  
 University of Missouri School of Medicine, Kansas City, MO  
 Washington University, St. Louis, MO  
 Penn State University, California, Fresno  
 University of Delaware, Newark, NJ  
 Concordia University, Irvine, CA

It is important to note that it is typical for students to go beyond SPLHS graduation requirements in many subject areas.

**ACADEMIC STANDING**

Students are ranked and we do calculate a cumulative grade point average.

**Saint Paul  
 Lutheran High  
 School Facilities**

