

Academic Programs

Our rigorous academic curriculum is demonstrated by our students' personal accomplishments and success in college. The academic program at St. Anthony of Padua includes:

reading
religion
art

English
computers
music

spelling
social studies

math/algebra
foreign language

science
physical education

The Early Childhood Program at St. Anthony is a link between home and school for our youngest students in Preschool, prekindergarten, and kindergarten. Students are given the opportunity to develop their abilities through appropriate activities in a nurturing environment. Students in the early childhood classes benefit from the individual attention made possible by the small class sizes, and the Montessori teaching methods. The early childhood program is designed to instill in each child a lifelong love of learning through fun-filled, exciting school experiences.

The Elementary School Program is designed to build the academic skills which are the foundation for all learning. In the lower elementary grades, (grades 1-3) theme based learning units encourage students to expand their general knowledge as they investigate related topics in reading, math, science, religion, composition, and social studies. Students receive small group instruction as they move about the various classroom learning centers. This style of learning makes learning personalized and rewarding, and is enhanced by the small class sizes (approximately 22 students).

The academic program in the upper elementary grades (grades 4-5) is more challenging and demanding as students prepare to enter middle school. Emphasis is placed on sharpening critical thinking and problem-solving skills while developing specific knowledge. The program helps students to establish a solid foundation of learning in the core subjects.

The Middle School Program challenges students in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades to explore the world academically and socially. During this time of rapid growth and change, students are given opportunities to expand their academic horizons, develop leadership abilities, and take greater responsibility for their own lives. Through the advisor/advisee program, students interact with adult mentors and fellow students as they develop the social skills necessary to work through the challenging middle school years. The academic program in the middle school is structured to provide opportunities for advanced studies which facilitate success in high school and college.

Students with Special Needs - St. Anthony of Padua school does not provide special education services or facilities. The administration reserves the right to determine if the academic program of the school is appropriate for the needs of the individual child and may make minor adjustments in the school's education program to attempt to meet whatever special needs a student may have. If the principal determines that these minor adjustments have not provided a satisfactory accommodation of the program to the special needs of the individual child, and that it is in the best interest of the school and the child that he be placed in a more appropriate learning environment, then the principal will advise the parent to withdraw the student from SAS.

Foreign Languages - Students in **grades PK - 7 are taught Spanish** on a weekly basis. Students in grades 1-7 receive Spanish instruction twice each week. Students learn to read and write in Spanish. It gives English speaking students an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of a second language and it provides Hispanic students an opportunity to develop their reading and writing skills in Spanish, a language they know only as a spoken tongue. Students in grades 8-12 are taught Latin.

The Technology Program - St. Anthony prepares students to successfully interact in a world which increasingly demands computer skills. Every child, from Preschool through the eighth grade, participates in the computer program. Centered on two state-of-the-art computer labs and classroom computer learning centers, the technology program at St. Anthony offers students one of the best computer-to-student ratios in the state: one computer for every three students. This technology-rich learning environment features engaging learning activities designed to capture the interest of all students.