

Saint Francis Academy

Gainesville, Florida

ABOUT THE SCHOOL

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Saint Francis Catholic Academy (SFCA) is a co-educational, Catholic day school located in Gainesville, Florida. The mission at SFCA is to develop young men and women into leaders who exhibit service, faith, community, honor, and scholarship. The central focus of the school is a commitment to academic excellence, modeling uncompromising integrity, and providing a safe and nurturing environment for all students.



COMMUNITY PROFILE

Saint Francis Catholic Academy is located in Gainesville, Florida, which has a population of approximately 130,000. Gainesville is known as the home of the University of Florida Gators, but it is much more than a college town. Downtown Gainesville offers residents unmatched hospitality and comfort, along with great shops and restaurants.



COMMUNITY FACTS

Population: 130,000
Nearest Major City: Gainesville, FL
Temperature Range: 12°C to 34°C

QUICK FACTS

LOCATION OF SCHOOL

> Gainesville, Florida

TYPE OF SCHOOL

> Catholic, co-educational day school

GRADES OFFERED

> 9-12

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

> Catholic

SAT SCORE (AVERAGE)

> 1600

NUMBER OF STUDENTS

> 215

NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

> 5

STUDENT:TEACHER RATIO

> 12:1

ARE UNIFORMS REQUIRED?

> Yes

IS ESL OFFERED?

> No

GRADUATION POSSIBLE?

> Yes

NEAREST AIRPORT

> Orlando International Airport (MCO)

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Sports

Boys:

Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Soccer, Swimming, and many more...

Girls:

Basketball, Cheerleading, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track and Field, and many more...

School Clubs

Wolfbotics, PALS Leadership Club, Ambassadors club, Rubiks cube club, Writing Club, Helping hands club, Drama, Student government, and many more...

INTERESTING FACTS

- > AP exams are offered and about 65% of students achieve a score of 3 or higher out of a possible 5.
- > Students are able to earn college credits.
- > Every student receives their own MacBook.

FACILITIES



The facilities at Saint Francis Catholic Academy include: Athletic Fields, Cafeteria, Computer Labs, State-of-the-Art Gymnasium, Library, Media Center, and Science Labs.



COURSES OFFERED

MATH	SCIENCE	SOCIAL STUDIES	ENGLISH	LANGUAGES	THE ARTS	ELECTIVES
Algebra I-II	Anatomy and Physiology	American Government	AP English Language & Composition	AP Spanish	Band I-IV	Catholic Social Teachings
AP Calculus AB/BC	AP Biology	American History	AP English Literature & Composition	Latin I-IV	Drawing I-II	Christian Vocations
Geometry Honors	AP Chemistry	AP European History	English I-IV	Spanish I-IV	Painting I-II	Church History
Pre-Calculus	AP Environmental Science	AP Microeconomics				Computer Applications
Statistics	Biology	AP US Government & Politics				Computer Graphics
	Chemistry	AP US History				Computer Programming
	Marine Science	Economics Honors				Digital Photography
	Physics	European History				Digital Video Production
	Botany	World History				Journalism

UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Arizona State University
 Auburn University
 Benedict College
 Boston University
 Clarkson University
 Clemson University
 Colorado State University
 Emory University
 Florida State University

Fordham University
 George Mason University
 James Madison University
 Loyola University of Chicago
 Marymount University
 Michigan State University
 Providence College
 Roger Williams University

Ohio State University
 Tulane University
 University of Florida
 University of Michigan
 University of Notre Dame
 University of Mississippi

Uniform Guidelines (an abbreviated version)

For Young Ladies

SHIRT

- White/Blue SFCA logo monogrammed uniform shirt. Dress Blouse (white) required on Mass Day.

UNDERSHIRTS

- Only SOLID WHITE/BLUE undershirts, short or long sleeved, may be worn under the school shirt.

SKORTS/SHORTS

- Tan in color. Skorts/Shorts must have the SFCA logo monogrammed. The bottom length of the skort/shorts must be no more than 4 inches from the floor when the student is kneeling. Skorts/Shorts may not be altered, hemmed, or rolled. Skorts/Shorts must be worn around the waist not the hips. Uniform skorts are required on Mass Day.

SLACKS

- Tan in color. Slacks must have the SFCA logo monogrammed. The bottom of the slacks leg must not be rolled in any way and hemmed to the correct length. Slacks must be worn around the waist, not the hips.

BELT

- Solid plain dark brown or black with a regular buckle.

SHOES

- Only athletic shoes (solid-colored Black, White or grey) or **solid-colored black, brown, tan, or cordovan leather loafers or docksiders** are permitted.
- **ALL SHOES MUST BE CLOSED TOE AND CLOSED HEEL. NO BACKLESS SHOES OR SANDALS WILL BE ALLOWED.**
- Foot problems are addressed if a doctor's note is filed with the Office. A doctor's note will NOT be accepted for more than one week. Skate shoes are not acceptable.
- **NO SLIPPERS, FLATS, BOOTS, FLIP-FLOPS, CROCS ARE PERMITTED.**

SOCKS

- Must be worn and come no higher than top of calf muscle (Does not cover the knee)
- **Must be solid in color (white, navy, gray/silver or black) and match.**
- No leggings may be worn. Tights (natural or white) may be worn.
- Students who come to school without socks on will be violating the dress code.

OUTERWEAR

Only approved SFCA monogrammed outerwear purchased at school is acceptable during the school day.

- During severe weather, all unauthorized jackets must be removed upon entering the building and put in the student's locker.

NOTE: Sunglasses, visible tattoos, tongue or visible body piercing, coats, hats, caps, bandanas, sweatshirts, and vests are not permitted. No excessive artificial fingernails/colors. No holographic contact lenses are allowed.

For Young Men

SHIRT

- White/Blue SFCA logo monogrammed uniform shirt. Dress shirt with SFCA blue or silver ties must be worn on Mass Day.

UNDERSHIRTS

- Only SOLID WHITE/BLUE undershirts, short or long sleeved, may be worn under the school shirt.

SHORTS

- Tan in color. Shorts must have the SFCA logo monogrammed. **Shorts must be worn with a belt and around the waist not the hips.**

SLACKS

- Tan in color. Slacks must have the SFCA logo monogrammed. The bottom of the slacks leg must not be rolled in any way and must be hemmed to the correct length. **Slacks must be worn with a belt and around the waist not the hips.** Uniform slacks must be worn with the dress shirt and tie on Mass Day.

BELT

- Solid, plain dark brown or black with a non-decorative buckle.

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Uniform Guidelines for Young Men (continued)

SHOES

- Only **athletic shoes** (solid-colored Black, White or grey) or **solid-colored black, brown, tan, or cordovan leather loafers or docksiders** are permitted.
- **ALL SHOES MUST BE CLOSED TOE AND CLOSED HEEL. NO BACKLESS SHOES OR SANDALS WILL BE ALLOWED.**
- Foot problems are addressed if a doctor's note is filed with the Office. A doctor's note will NOT be accepted for more than one week. Skate shoes are not acceptable.
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SOCKS

- Must be worn and come no higher than top of calf muscle (Does not cover the knee)
- **Must be solid in color (white, navy, gray/silver or black) and match.**
- Students who come to school without socks on will be violating the dress code.

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Personal Appearance

All Female Students

- Jewelry must be limited to one thin necklace, one watch, one bracelet no wider than ½ inch, and small earrings no bigger than a quarter and no longer than 1 inch.
- Hairstyles should reflect the professional appearance of the uniform. Hair must not touch eyes. Completely or partially shaven or dread-lock style haircuts, spikes, excessively gelled hair, and multi-colored or unnaturally colored hair are not permitted.
- Body piercing, visible tattoos, beads, link chains, extreme hair styles, and all other symbols of the counter culture are never permitted. Excessive make-up is not permitted.
- Proper undergarments must be worn. Bra color should blend with the clothing color or skin color of the wearer.
- There is NO exposure of midriff or undergarments. The midriff area is determined by placing your hands above your head with no part of your midriff showing.
- Length and fit of the clothing should be suitable to the build of each individual.
- **Shirts MUST be tucked in and buttoned completely at all times.**

All Male Students

- **Facial hair of any kind is NOT permitted.** Students must be clean shaven at all times. Students will be required to shave at school before being admitted to the classroom.
- Jewelry is limited to one thin necklace and watch. Necklaces should be worn underneath the shirt. Earrings are NOT permitted on campus before, after, or during school hours.
- Hairstyles (student's natural color) should be traditional, conservative, and unpretentious. Length must NOT be longer than mid-ear on the sides. Length must be at least two inches above the collar in the back. When hair is brushed forward, the length must not extend below the eyebrows. All hairstyles must be kept in what the administration deems appropriate. Sideburns must not extend below the plane of the ear.
- Body piercing, visible tattoos, beads, link chains, extreme hair styles, and all other symbols of the counter culture are never permitted.
- **Shirts MUST be tucked in at all times.**

PRIVILEGES WILL BE REVOKED IF DRESS REGULATIONS ARE NOT FOLLOWED. The SFCA faculty and administration reserves the right to judge the acceptability of all hair style/color, and dress appearance. If an appearance is judged unacceptable, a student who is NOT in accordance with SFCA guidelines will not be allowed to attend classes. In cases where the problem cannot be corrected, students will be required to change into SFCA clothing the administration provides. The student will not be allowed on campus until the problem is corrected to the satisfaction of the administration.