

St. George's School

Middletown, United States



On a hilltop above Newport, students trade desks for the deck of Geronimo, studying oceanography under sail.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	61/100
Academic outcomes	67/100
University placement	66/100
Prestige & heritage	71/100
Alumni network	19/100
Facilities	73/100
Transparency	62/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

St. George’s School occupies a strong niche in the US boarding market: an old New England Episcopal school with real character, a compact student body and a serious residential culture. With 400 pupils, **80%** of them boarders, and a **7:1** student-teacher ratio, it offers scale without sprawl. The hilltop setting above Newport gives it a distinct physical identity, but the sharper point is educational: this is a college-preparatory American school that still puts weight on lived experience, not only classroom performance. The headline example is Geronimo, the school’s sailing vessel, which turns marine and environmental study into something *salt-air real* rather than decorative.

What distinguishes St. George's is that blend of tradition and application. Founded in 1896, it keeps the language and habits of an Episcopal boarding school, including form years and a strong residential emphasis, yet it avoids feeling trapped in ceremony. The school offers 126 courses, with 36 advanced classes, across arts, humanities, languages and STEM. It also pushes beyond campus through Connected Learning programmes in places such as Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. That matters. Plenty of boarding schools talk about experiential learning; St. George's has built visible structures for it. For parents, the attraction is clear: *a school with backbone*, *a campus with purpose*, and academic life that extends beyond the timetable.

It also earns a place on a shortlist because it is selective without being opaque about its shape. The acceptance rate sits at **19%**. The student body draws from 29 US states and 11 countries; **33%** are students of colour and 15% are international students. Those figures point to a school with breadth of intake and a genuine residential mix. Fees are expensive at **\$79,900** for boarding and **\$55,470** for day pupils, so families are buying into a premium US boarding proposition. They need to want the full package: boarding life, organised sport, faculty access, and a campus culture where community expectations are not optional.

The right student for St. George's is bright, energetic and happy living close to adults and peers in a structured environment. This is not the place for a teenager who wants anonymity, a loose day-school rhythm or a narrowly transactional route to university admission. It suits students who will use the arts centre, the playing fields, the dormitories and the water; students who enjoy *the discipline of boarding*, *the pull of the sea*, and *a close-knit hilltop community*. For the right child, St. George's offers more than polish. It offers immersion.

STRENGTHS

- Historic 1896 school with established Episcopal traditions.
- Boarding and day options for ages 14-18.
- 125-acre Middletown campus near the Rhode Island coast.
- Distinctive open-ocean navigation aboard sailboat Geronimo.

TRADE-OFFS

- Episcopal heritage may not suit every family.
- American curriculum only; no IB or A Levels.
- Located in Middletown, not a major city.

ADMISSIONS

St. George's is a coeducational American college-preparatory boarding and day school for grades 9–12, so the main entry points are inferably Grade 9 (Third Form, around age 14) and other secondary-year places where available up to Grade 12. It serves pupils aged 14–18. The school's public overview confirms a selective intake, with a stated 19 per cent acceptance rate, but it does not publish admissions deadlines, testing requirements or interview format in the material provided here. Families should therefore expect a standard competitive independent-school process, but will need to confirm the mechanics directly with the school.

Financial aid is clearly part of the admissions picture: St. George's publishes tuition and maintains a Tuition & Financial Aid section, indicating that assistance is available, though the school does not state amounts, eligibility thresholds or award rates in these excerpts. Distinctive elements in the school's appeal are less about an unusual admissions procedure than about fit: applicants are choosing a strongly residential Episcopal school with a notable sailing tradition, open-ocean navigation on Geronimo, and a broad college-preparatory course load.

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