SOUTH KENT SCHOOL | Academic Profile
CEEB Code: #070695

School

- An independent, college preparatory boarding school for boys in grades 9-12 and postgraduates
- Rigorous academics balanced by exceptional future literacy and arts programming, top-tier athletics, varied extracurriculars, and community service
- A diverse, tight-knit community guided by the School's Mission and Trinity of Values
- Nestled in the picturesque hills of northwestern Connecticut, the School is 45 miles west of Hartford and 90 miles northeast of New York City

Key Facts

Faculty
Teaching faculty: **17**
Advanced degrees: **16**
Student/teacher ratio: **9:1**
Average class size: **15**

Students
Grade 9 (Third Form): **15**
Grade 10 (Fourth Form): **35**
Grade 11 (Fifth Form): **55**
Grade 12 (Sixth Form): **55**
Postgraduates: **15**
Total Average Enrollment: **175**

23 Countries Represented: Austria, Canada, Chile, China, Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liberia, Netherlands, Russia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, and United States

Trinity of Values

Simplicity of Life • Self-Reliance • Directness of Purpose

Mission

South Kent School prepares young men to succeed in college and thrive as thoughtful and engaged citizens in a rapidly changing and intensely competitive world.

Core Competencies

Critical Thinking
Students analyze complex information, evaluate different perspectives and evidence, and synthesize their findings to make informed decisions. They develop problem-solving skills, enabling them to identify and address challenges creatively and logically.

Emotional Resilience
Students manage and regulate their emotions effectively, demonstrating adaptability in the face of adversity. They develop coping strategies to navigate stress and setbacks while maintaining a positive outlook, fostering mental well-being.

Collaboration
Students work effectively with diverse groups of peers, respecting and valuing differing opinions and backgrounds. They possess strong communication and active listening skills and contribute their expertise to achieve common goals, fostering teamwork and cooperation.

Stewardship
Students learn to understand the importance of responsible and ethical behavior in their communities and the environment. They take actions to conserve resources, promote sustainability, and engage in activities that contribute to the betterment of society, demonstrating a sense of social and environmental responsibility.

Curriculum

South Kent School's academic program is defined by an innovative curriculum that is competency-based, interdisciplinary, and project-focused. We believe in education that goes beyond traditional boundaries, focusing on developing competencies that empower students for a rapidly changing world. Our interdisciplinary approach encourages students to make connections across subjects, fostering a holistic understanding of real-world challenges. Through project-based learning, students gain practical experience and problem-solving skills, applying their knowledge so that they are well-positioned for the world that awaits them. This dynamic curriculum equips our students with the tools they need to excel in a diverse and ever-evolving landscape.

Accreditation

- Accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges
- Member of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), National Association of Episcopal Schools, Connecticut Association of Independent Schools (CAIS), and National Association for College Admission Counseling

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Special Programs

Syracuse University Project Advance (SUPA)

Syracuse Project Advance courses offer high school students an invaluable opportunity to engage in college-level coursework while still in high school. These courses, offered in collaboration with Syracuse University, provide students with challenging academic experiences, college credit, and exposure to the rigor of higher education. By participating in SUPA, high school students can accelerate their college progress, reduce the cost of higher education, and gain a competitive edge in the college admissions process, all while honing their academic skills.

Student Success Center

The Student Success Center is a support program for students who require extra help with their college-bound curriculum.

- Focuses on the individual's learning style and assists with skill development
- Compliments classroom study with specific help in regular courses

Honors Distinction Program

The Honors Distinction Program offers high-achieving students the opportunity to earn honors designation in their core courses through the completion of an independent study project. Students will be provided mentorship, resources and constructive feedback from the classroom teacher and assigned advisor. This program encourages students to delve deeper into subjects of interest, fostering critical thinking, research skills, and a passion for learning.

Marking System & Grading Scale

Letter grades accompanied by a plus or minus used for all courses (excluding A+ and D-)
*Class rank is not computed.

A	93-100	C+	77-79
A-	90-92	C	73-76
B+	87-89	C-	70-72
B	83-86	D+	67-69
B-	80-82	D	60-66
		F	0-59

Course Offerings for 2024-2025

Humanities
- Humanities: World History and Literature
- Humanities: American History and Literature
- Tuning In: Music as a Mirror of Cultural Change
- Ink and Ethics: Journalistic Integrity Explored
- Social Marginalization in the United States
- Psychology of Resilience
- Seeking Justice in the United States
- Exploring Artificial Intelligence
- Fighting Fascism

World Languages
- Spanish I, II, III, IV
- French I, II, III, IV

Course Offerings for 2024-2025 (continued)

Science
- Earth and Systems Science
- Biology
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Environmental Science

Math
- Algebra I
- Geometry
- Algebra II
- Statistics
- Precalculus
- Calculus

Advanced Courses
- SUPA Introduction to Entrepreneurship
- SUPA Calculus
- SUPA Calculus II
- SUPA Economic Ideas and Issues
- SUPA Forensic Science
- SUPA Introduction to African American Studies
- SUPA Introduction to the Analysis of Public Policy
- SUPA Studio I, Practices of Academic Writing
- SUPA The Economics of Personal Finance
- SUPA Writing Culture, Introduction to Creative Nonfiction

Minors
- 3D Art
- American Influence
- Aquatic Ecosystems
- Astronomy
- Contemporary Literature
- Decision-Making in American History
- Election: Analysis, Reporting, and Prediction
- Engineering II
- Food Science
- Introduction to Computer Programming: Android
- Introduction to Computer Programming: HTML
- Introduction to Engineering
- Introduction to Entrepreneurship
- Introduction to Finance
- Introduction to Robotics
- Introduction to Sports Management
- Literature of War I and II
- Marketing
- Modeling Financial Forecasts
- Music: Piano, Percussion, Vocal Instruction, and Guitar
- Public Speaking
- Race in American Sports
- Statistics of Moneyball: Sports Data and Analytics
- Technical Drawing I and II
- The Greatest Explorations of History

College Matriculations

American University
Amherst College
Babson College
Bard College
Baruch College
Bates College
Bentley University
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryant University
Clarkson University
Colby College
Colgate University
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
Cornell University
Denison University
Drew University
Duke University
Emory University
Fordham University
Franklin and Marshall College
Georgetown University
George Washington University
Harvard University
Haverford College
Hamilton College

Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University
Iona College
Ithaca College
Johns Hopkins University
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Loyola Marymount University
Manhattanville College
Marist College
Merrimack College
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Morehouse College
Monmouth University
New York University
Olin College of Engineering
Pennsylvania State University
Princeton University
Providence College
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Radford University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers University
Sacred Heart University
Seton Hall University
Skidmore College
St. John's University

St. Lawrence University
Suffolk University
Syracuse University
Trinity College
Tufts University
UCLA
Union College
United States. Military Academy at West Point
United States Air Force Academy
University of California San Diego
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Florida
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of New Hampshire
University of Notre Dame
University of Vermont
University of Washington
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Washington and Lee University
Washington University at St. Louis
Williams College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University