

# SANTIAGO CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## Admissions Frequently Asked Questions

### General Questions

**Q: Is SCS accredited by United States associations?**

Yes. SCS is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA) and also by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI).

**Q: Are all SCS teachers North Americans?**

For the 2021-2022 school year, 77% of the teaching faculty are native English-speaking North Americans.

**Q: Is SCS a bilingual school?**

No. SCS is recognized as an English monolingual school. All core subjects are taught in English, with the exception of Spanish and Dominican Social Studies, which are both taught in Spanish. French is also included for grades 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> (Secondary). However, SCS graduates attain both English and Spanish proficiency at a level which enables them to attend English-language or Spanish-language universities.

**Q: Are SCS students required to wear uniforms?**

Yes. Students at SCS wear a standard uniform. However, students have the option to wear the shoes, sneakers, and belts of their color preference with their uniform.

**Q: Do you offer English classes at SCS for SCS parents?**

No, SCS does not offer English lessons for parents.

**Q: Where do parents buy the school uniform?**

You may buy the SCS polos, PE pants and PE T-shirts at the SCS cashier area. The khaki pants should be bought at the store of your preference as SCS does not sell pants. The sale of school uniforms will be transitioning online in the upcoming year.

**Q: Which are the school hours for each level?**

PK3 and PK4 attend daily from 8:00AM-12:30PM and Kindergarten through grade 12 attend daily from 8:00AM-3:00PM.

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**Q: Do SCS students eat lunch at school? Are lunch and snacks included in the tuition?**

Students from Kindergarten to grade 12 eat lunch at school. Students may bring their lunch and snacks from home or they are available for purchase from the SCS cafeteria. Lunch and snacks are not included in the tuition. Food may not be delivered to students during the school day.

**Q: Are parents allowed to eat lunch with their children at the cafeteria?**

We do not have the ability to allow parents to dine with their children in the cafeteria due to space.

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**Q: Are the SCS students able to transfer in the middle of the school year?**

Mid-year transfers depend upon the availability of space in the grade level of interest and the current academic and behavioral status of the student. Also, prospective students must take admissions tests and fulfill the standards for admissions.

**Q: Can I register my child at SCS if he or she does not speak English?**

To ensure a smooth transition, it is recommended that students have exposure to English prior to testing for admission. However, the level of English required for admission will depend on the grade level of interest. Students applying for secondary levels are required to have spoken and academic English proficiency.

### Academic Questions

**Q: Which grade levels are offered at SCS?**

SCS offers classes from Pre-Kindergarten to grade 12. Students entering the Pre-Kindergarten program must be 3 years old on September 1 during the year entering SCS.

**Q: Do you offer extracurricular activities?**

SCS offers multiple opportunities for students to become involved after school. SCS has multiple athletics teams in soccer, basketball, and volleyball. There are after school clubs for students in elementary through high school. The spiritual life department also sponsors a program called Thursday Night Live (TNL) which allows students in grades 6-12 to gather every other week, ask questions about the Bible, play games, and enjoy snacks. SCS also offers music lessons after school for a fee.

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### **Q: Are SCS students required to bring a laptop?**

Students in grades 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> are required to bring their own laptops. We recommend laptops with the following specifications:

- Operating System: Windows 10 / Mac OS 10.14(Mojave) or newer
- Keyboard: Physical attached keyboard
- RAM: 4GB (8GB Recommended)
- WIFI Adapter: Dual Band (2.4 and 5Ghz AC)
- Battery: Battery Life 6 Hours
- Hard Drive: 128GB SSD
- Browser: Latest Version of Google Chrome

### **Q: How many times per week do SCS students take PE classes?**

Elementary – weekly plus daily recesses

7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> - 2 days a week

11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> – If they choose it as an elective or if they need it for graduation.

### **Q: Which sports are offered and are they included in the tuition price?**

SCS offers soccer, volleyball, and basketball. Soccer is available for students in grades 1 through 12, volleyball is available for girls in grades 4 through 12, and basketball is available for boys in grades 5 through 12. Practices are after school two times per week, and games are scheduled throughout the year by the SCS Athletic Director.