



St. Mark's
EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

Head of School

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St. Mark's Episcopal Day School is a parish school of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, situated on eight acres of pristine greenbelt property in central Austin; an SAES accredited, non-profit day school, nurturing children, ages 2-5, since 1963. The teachers, who range from 3 to 23 years' experience at the school, are the jewels of the school and know all students and many parents by name. Several have taught the play-based curriculum to generations of families.

Children learn in the classroom as well as on the outsized woodland playground originally designed by Dr. Joe Frost, a renowned leader in children's outdoor play. It is safely tucked between buildings and in the School's view, is the best preschool playground in Austin. St. Mark's Episcopal Day School is a cherished part of the Barton Hills and Zilker neighborhoods, though enrolled families drive in from all over the city to attend. Graduates of St. Mark's enroll in neighborhood and private schools around the city.

The St. Mark's family is a vibrant, welcoming, close-knit community with active parent volunteers who assist with fundraising, campus improvement, and general community building events. Parents have an annual workday to help maintain the beloved playground and school; parents gather monthly for coffee and breakfast tacos after drop-off; and wave at each other in the parking lot.



Mission

St. Mark's Episcopal Day School provides a safe, nurturing, and joyous community for children to experience and develop compassion, empathy, and creativity; to learn about and engage with the natural world; and to build a foundation for a life-long love of learning.

Philosophy

“Our goal is to be that positive first step in a child’s educational journey and to inspire a love for school and learning. We focus on the whole child: academic readiness and cognitive development, as well as emotional, social, and spiritual growth.

Our curriculum is child-focused and is presented in an enriched environment that encourages creativity and curiosity while fostering self-esteem. Teachers scaffold student learning and provide additional challenges and opportunities in all areas of development. Students expand their unique creativity and motor skills through music, creative movement, dance and art. The curriculum at St. Mark's is process-oriented and considers the developmental readiness of each individual child.”

"We feel so lucky to be a part of the St. Mark's community. Our daughter loves going to school every day and comes home singing new songs and saying new things daily. We believe that early education sets the foundation for loving learning and St. Mark's accomplishes that with their amazing teachers, and focus on nature, art and play."

- SMEDS Parent



Our Program

As part of the ministry of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, the School strives to live and to teach with an Episcopalian identity, which includes age appropriate Chapel and Godly-Play, inclusivity, and exemplary education. The curriculum is primarily play-based; and values appropriate developmental academic readiness while also nurturing and encouraging creativity, curiosity, and social-emotional development. Beyond the morning preschool program, children may participate in the extended care program which is designed to provide students with a wide range of enrichment classes that aim to foster creativity and personal growth, in addition to providing a restful period for relaxation and rejuvenation. The program currently includes enrichment opportunities such as science, yoga, and world exploration.

Fast Facts

Enrollment

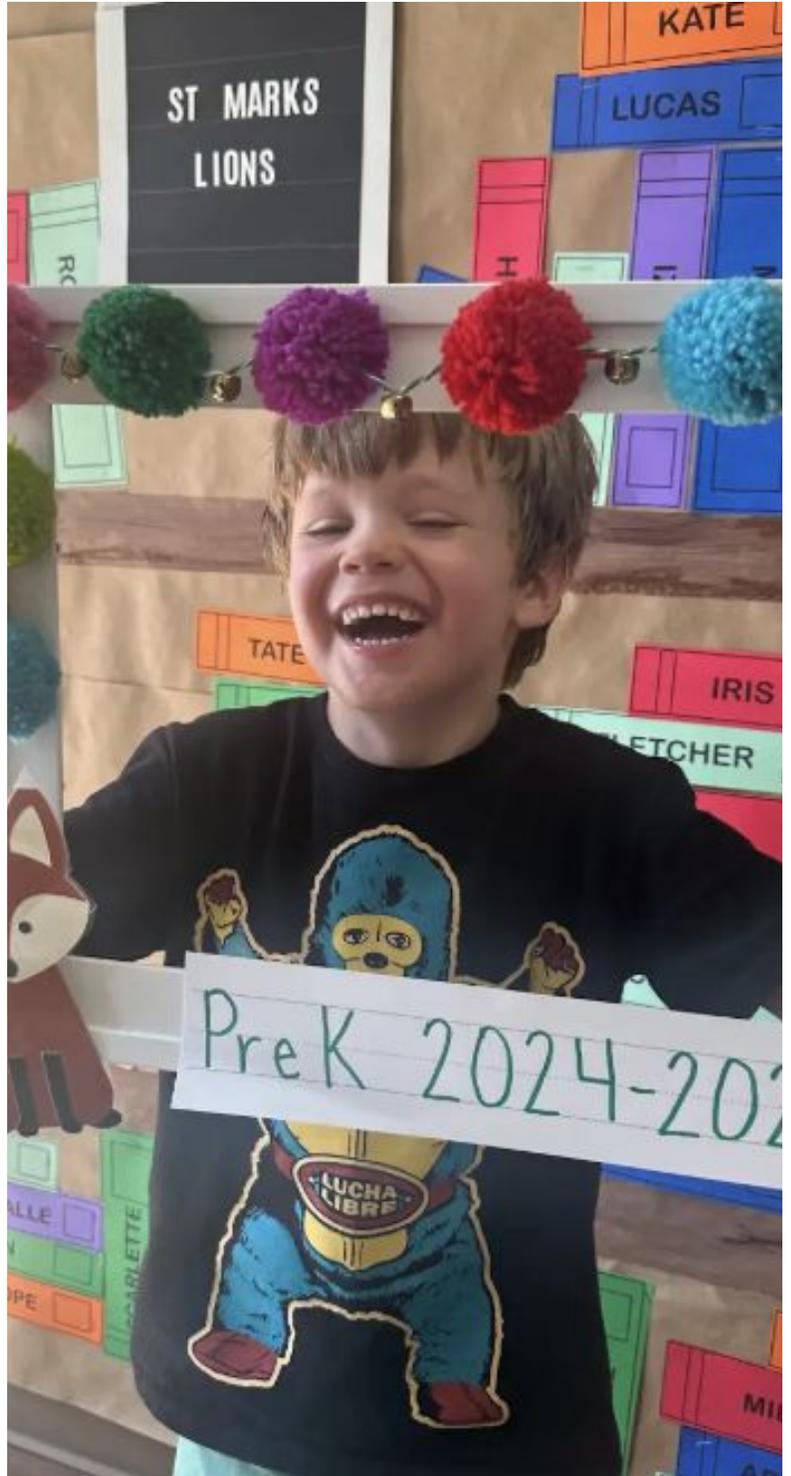
- Enrollment capacity: 105 students
- Serves children ages 2-5 years old
- 2 year olds: 2, 3, and 5 day options
- 3 year olds and Pre-K: 5 day
- Seven Classrooms

Faculty & Staff

- 2 teachers per classroom (one lead, one assistant), with an additional 4 floaters to support teaching staff daily
- Office staff of 4, including Head of School

School Info

- Regular school hours: 8:30am-12:30pm, August through May
- Early Care offered from 7:45am-8:30am, Monday- Friday
- Extended care hours: 12:45 pm-3:45 pm, Monday-Friday
- Six Weeks of summer camps offered: June & July
- Mascot: Griffin



The Opportunity

St. Mark's seeks an ambitious and talented new Head of School to lead the preschool into a new era. St. Mark's Church has embarked on an ambitious building campaign that includes a plan for brand new school buildings. The incoming Head of School will be responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the school, including supervising teachers from 7 classrooms, an admin staff, and an annual budget of approximately \$1.2M; this individual will also take a leadership role in the design of the new school buildings and classrooms. Given the location in Austin and the particularly beautiful piece of greenbelt property, St. Mark's is aiming to build something extraordinary. This is a unique opportunity for the right person to help create the most beautiful preschool campus in Austin while maintaining and expanding our already excellent reputation for play-based education for young children.



Professional Qualities of the next Head of School

- Bachelor's and/or Master's Degree in early childhood development
- A minimum of three years of experience in the preschool classroom setting
- Five years or more of management and leadership experience
- Spiritual compatibility with the Day School. The applicant must be a person of faith with Episcopal affiliation preferred but not required
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- A community orientation and experience working with multiple stakeholders

How to Apply

The new Head of School will begin July 1, 2025. Prospective candidates should submit the following materials in a single PDF document to the Search Consultant listed below. Candidate materials will be reviewed as received

- Letter expressing interest in St. Mark's Episcopal Day School, specifically addressing the position and "Why St. Mark's."
- Resume documenting education and work experience with dates
- Statement of educational philosophy
- Statement of personal faith (1 page)
- List of four references, which includes the person's association with the candidate along with phone and email contacts

Search Consultant



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