

Relocation Guide

CONCORDIA SEMINARY, ST. LOUIS





Greetings to you!

This guide has been developed to answer basic questions about your transition to the St. Louis and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis communities. This is the first step in arming you with information to make the transition easier. If there is something that has not been addressed in this guide, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Making changes in your life can be an exciting, adventurous and sometimes difficult proposition. Many others have gone before you. I would like to provide you with a link to those students and the resources that have been built for them to use in past years. We in Residential Services are here to walk alongside you as you plan and prayerfully contemplate your move to the Seminary.

Sincerely yours and forever His,

Kim Chapman

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Important Notice – Please Read Before Proceeding

The intent of the following information is to assist Concordia Seminary students and their families in relocating to the St. Louis metropolitan area and the Seminary community, and is not to be construed as a recommendation of any particular business, service provider or property owner. Please be discerning when entering websites listed/linked in this document, as the Seminary does not endorse nor monitor the sites or their content. The information included in the housing table is not an endorsement of, nor recommendation for, the properties. Inclusion in this list does not indicate a representative of the Seminary has visited the property, nor does it indicate approval of the owner's or property management company's practices. Much of the information in this guide was obtained from current or former students and we work very hard to make sure the information is accurate. If a website link or phone number isn't working, please share that information with us so we can update it. For specific information or additional assistance in answering your questions, please contact Residential Services at 314-505-7324.

ABOUT ST. LOUIS

Consistently ranked among the nation's most affordable and best places to live and raise families, the St. Louis region offers many opportunities to watch or participate in a wide range of sports, recreational activities and cultural events. Not far from St. Louis' urban core are the beautiful rolling hills of the Ozark Mountain region and outdoor activities such as spelunking in some of Missouri's more than 6,000 caves, hiking and canoeing.

Economy

As of 2015, the St. Louis area is home to nine Fortune 500 companies: Express Scripts Holding, Emerson Electric, Centene, Monsanto, Reinsurance Group of America, Peabody Energy, Jones Financial Cos. (Edward Jones), Ameren Corp. and Graybar Electric.

St. Louis is a center of medicine and biotechnology. Nearby, Washington University School of Medicine is affiliated with Barnes-Jewish Hospital, the 12th-largest hospital in the world. The two institutions operate the Alvin J. Siteman Cancer Center. The School of Medicine also is affiliated with St. Louis Children's Hospital, one of the country's top pediatric hospitals. Both hospitals are owned by BJC HealthCare.



Climate

When it comes to weather, St. Louis has something for everyone! Cold winters chill St. Louis from December to February and are followed by cool springs in the months of March through May. Summers start to heat up in June and burn until August, which leads us into beautiful fall foliage from September to November. According to the National Weather Service, average snowfall for the month of January is 7.4 inches.

The Weather Channel

weather.com

Accuweather

www.accuweather.com

National Weather Service

www.weather.gov/

Weather Underground

www.wunderground.com

Culture

The city is defined by music and the performing arts, especially its association with blues, jazz and ragtime. St. Louis is home to the St. Louis Symphony, the second-oldest symphony orchestra in the United States, which has toured nationally and internationally to strong reviews.

The Gateway Arch marks downtown St. Louis' historic center that includes the federal courthouse, a newly renovated and expanded public library, major churches, businesses and retail. An increasing downtown residential population has taken to adapted office buildings and other historic structures. In nearby University City is the Delmar Loop, ranked by the American Planning Association as a "great American street" for its variety of shops and restaurants, and the Tivoli Theater, all within walking distance.

Taxes

If you look at a map of the St. Louis metropolitan area, you will see that the city limits are clearly delineated from the county, as the City of St. Louis is a distinct and separate governmental entity from St. Louis County. An important factor to note is that if you live or work in the city of St. Louis, you will pay a 1 percent city income tax, in addition to your state and federal income tax. If your employer does not withhold this tax for you, it still must be paid. The Seminary campus is in St. Louis County (in the municipality of Clayton), not the city of St. Louis.

Voting

Residents of the city of St. Louis may register at any public library in the city system. Any document that verifies residency is sufficient identification, i.e., utility bill, driver's license with current address or a library card with a current address.

ON-CAMPUS LIVING

On-Campus Housing: Single Students

Single students have the option of living in a residence hall or seeking off-campus housing. The Seminary provides residence hall rooms for single students. These facilities offer three types of accommodations: double occupancy room, private room or private double room.

Residence hall rooms are furnished with a desk, chair, bookshelf, chest of drawers, wardrobe or closet, and a bed with mattress. Laundry facilities are located conveniently in the residence halls.

On-Campus Housing: Married Students

The Seminary owns apartment units for married students. Units can be configured for two to four bedrooms. Each apartment has a stove and refrigerator but is otherwise unfurnished. Each unit has its own small storage area. All Founders Way apartment buildings have laundry hookups in the basement. All the apartments offer comfortable and convenient accommodations for a married couple. Pets are not permitted in Seminary-owned apartments. Demand is high each year for the available Seminary-owned apartments. Apartment availability and ability to take possession of a unit is dependent upon the existing tenants' move-out date. Rental rates are competitive with the local market.

Check out the Seminary website (www.csl.edu) for information about housing costs and descriptions, floor plans and brochures, which are available for download. You also can contact the Residential Services office at 314-505-7324 or residentialservices@csl.edu with any questions or concerns.



OFF-CAMPUS LIVING

For those who choose to live off campus, there are a number of nearby rental properties available. If you would like to receive information about listings that are exclusively for Concordia Seminary students, please contact the Residential Services office at 314-505-7324 or residentialservices@csl.edu for an “Area Housing Resource List” and “Area Employment List.” Additional opportunities are available from private property owners who do not wish to be included in the *Relocation Guide*.

Finding Your New Home

Searching for a place to live from a distance can be a daunting task, which is why it is best to do some research before visiting the city. Some of the search aids below might be helpful. Choose a number of properties that fit your parameters and visit them to determine the best fit. If you are counting on being assigned to an on-campus apartment, be aware that while we in Residential Services do our best to accommodate your request, the demand is sometimes more than the supply. For this reason, we provide information on off-campus housing options.

If you are not able to visit St. Louis before your move, find a back-up apartment. Make your back-up plan in advance to find the right place for you and your family. You will likely find something sooner, yet if you plan your time generously, you will have less stress and anxiety.

Neighborhoods

As you seek off-campus housing opportunities, you likely will want to visit the neighborhoods. It is difficult to give opinions on a neighborhood since it is usually not known what type of setting you are most used to: urban, suburban, rural or something in between. It is recommended that you look at neighborhood resources online to get a better feel for the area and equip yourself with facts that are important to you. There are several ways to accomplish this task, depending on where you are moving.

Illinois

Some seminarians choose to live on the Illinois side of the Mississippi River. Areas inside of the I-255/I-270 loop tend to be more industrial-based communities. Communities outside of that area have a more suburban and rural flair. If Illinois living is what your family chooses, please communicate this to the Field Education office as soon as possible.

St. Louis City

Go to the city of St. Louis website (www.stlouis-mo.gov) and select “City-Wide Neighborhood map” or “Maps for each individual neighborhood,” which is routed to the neighborhood index where you can select a neighborhood of interest. Here you will find useful information including the neighborhood profile, the 2010 Census Report and the neighborhood map. Note: For reference purposes, the city/municipality of Clayton in which the Seminary is located borders neighborhood #45 (Wydown/Skinker). Crime stats can be found for the various municipalities by navigating the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department (slmpd.org).

St. Louis County

Having a few maps may be helpful, as there are 91 municipalities in St. Louis County. Go to the county website (maps.stlouisco.com) and click on “Property Viewer” on the left side of the screen. The interactive map feature will show satellite images of any area in St. Louis County that is selected.

St. Charles County

The St. Charles community is just across the Missouri River to the west of St. Louis County. There are a number of cities, towns and villages in that community that also offer many attractive housing and other amenities. Learn more at www.sccmo.org.

Occupancy Limits

Limits on the number of occupants in a residence will vary from municipality to municipality. Before signing a lease, it is wise to consult with the landlord and/or call the local municipality and confirm occupancy limits. Most municipalities determine number of occupants based on the square footage of a bedroom.

Rental Websites

Check the following websites for help with house or apartment searching.

Apartment Guide – www.apartmentguide.com

A searchable index to national apartment complexes complete with coupons, floor plans, maps and photos.

Realtor Search – www.realtor.com

A website that searches for both houses and apartments also featuring articles, financing, inspections, closing, tips and locating realtors.

Apartment Search – www.apartment-search.com

An agency that will help you find an apartment free of charge. Register either online or by calling 800-286-3092.

Apartment Exchange – www.apartment-exchange.com | 314-647-0330

Many listings throughout the area. Note: There is a fee if rented.

Zumper Apartment Rental Search - www.zumper.com

HouseRentals.com - www.houserentals.com

Local Apartment Complexes

The properties listed are referrals from students and the former residential manager. Please visit the properties before renting.

*(*Complex has property within walking distance of campus.)*

Barron Realty

314-725-1899

1423 S. Big Bend Blvd., Suite 200

Richmond Heights, MO 63117

Various school districts

Bellecote Townhomes

314-427-8224

11078 Midland Blvd.

St. Louis, MO 63114

Pets allowed

Pattonville School District

Bellevue Apartments

314-962-1020

2000-2004 Bellevue

St. Louis, MO 63143

Pets not allowed

Maplewood Richmond Heights

School District

Cecil Management Group

618-624-4610

807 W. U.S. Hwy 50, Suite 4

O'Fallon, IL 62269

Pets allowed

Various school districts

CG Investments

314-423-9200
11008 Clear Skies, Apt. E
St. Louis, MO 63114
Pets allowed
Clayton School District

Convent Gardens

844-290-2337
4497 Pershing
St. Louis, MO 63108
Pets allowed
St. Louis City School District

Cornerstone Realty, Inc.*

314-725-0145
7751 Carondelet, Suite 800
St. Louis, MO 63105
Pets allowed
Various school districts

Deca Realty Co.

314-631-3306
9630 Gravois, Suite 101
St. Louis, MO 63123
Various school districts

Gentry's Landing

314-231-5444
400 N. 4th St., Suite 106
St. Louis, MO 63102
Pets Allowed
St. Louis City School District

Georgetown Apartments

314-962-9578
7880 Chatwell Drive
Shrewsbury, MO 63119
Pets allowed
Affton School District

Hafner Court Apartments

314-432-0505
8077 Hafner Court
University City, MO 63130
Pets allowed
University City School District

Half Moon Village Apartments

314-427-3645
11008 Clear Skies, Apt. E
St. Louis, MO 63114
Pets allowed
Pattonville School District

Hampton Gardens

314-832-1562
5927 Suson Place
St. Louis, MO 63139
Pets allowed
St. Louis City School District

Kensington Square

314-837-9423
2100 N. New Florissant Road
Florissant, MO 63033
Pets allowed
Ferguson-Florissant School District

Laclede Forest Apartments

314-645-4996
7828 Laclede Forest
St. Louis, MO 63143
Pets allowed
Maplewood Richmond Heights
School District

Marlborough Trails

314-849-0515
6960 Creekview Trail
St. Louis, MO 63123
Pets allowed
Affton School District

Midwest Properties

314-503-4124
3826 Arsenal St.
St. Louis, MO 63116
Pets allowed
Various school districts

Oxford Hill Apartments

314-567-4440
10304 Oxford Hill Drive
St. Louis, MO 63146
Pets allowed
Various school districts

Park Forest Apartments

866-272-7184
7529 Fleta St.
St. Louis, MO 63123
Pets allowed
Affton School District

Park Clayton Apartments*

314-647-9244
6605 Clayton Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63139
Pets allowed
St. Louis City School District

Red Brick Management*

314-361-7067
93 North Euclid Ave., Suite 300
St. Louis, MO 63108
Pets allowed
Various school districts

Sandalwood Creek Apartments

636-946-6128
10 San Miguel Drive
St. Charles, MO 63303
City of St. Charles School District

Stanford Place

314-961-3099
9305 Manchester
St. Louis, MO 63119
Pets allowed
Webster Groves-Brentwood
School District

Sunbrook Apartments

636-947-1187
3600 Harry S. Truman
St. Charles, MO 63301
Pets allowed
City of St. Charles School District

Sun Valley Lake Apts

636-946-7668
1300 Sun Lake Drive
St. Charles, MO 63301
City of St. Charles School District

Vicino on the Lake Apartment

314-434-4500
1003 Mariner's Point Court
Creve Coeur, MO 63141
Pets allowed
Parkway North School District

The Villages at General Grant

314-842-2323
7482 Hardscrapple
St. Louis, MO 63123
Pets allowed
Affton School District

West End Realty

314-994-7440
9666 Olive Blvd, Suite 116
St. Louis, MO 63132
Pets not allowed
Various school districts

Real Estate Agent Referral List:

(Based on input from students)

Karen Erlanger

314-993-8000

Coldwell Banker Gundaker

Specialty – Sales

Gary Spies

314-750-0366

Re/Max

Specialty – Sales

Kim Hove

314-322-1058

Coldwell Banker

Specialty – Sales

Victor Cohen

314-863-1982

Victor Cohen Realty

Specialty – Rentals

Sue Torbeck

314-845-0042

Coldwell Banker

Specialty – Sales

Rick Bach

314-898-8102

Gateway GMAC

Specialty – Sales/rentals

Philip Barron

314-725-1899

Philip H. Barron Realty

Specialty – Sales/rentals



MOVING/STORAGE

Moving Companies

When choosing a moving company, it is wise to receive written estimates from at least three companies. Be sure to clarify the conditions of the estimate in case the final cost is greater. Another important detail worth checking out is whether the moving company is properly insured and registered with the U.S. Department of Transportation. Call 202-358-7000 or visit www.fmcsa.dot.gov/protect-your-move.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) offers the GPA Group Purchasing Agreement. Several corporate moving companies have agreements in place with the LCMS, which may translate into savings for you. Information pertaining to GPA including moving companies can be found at www.lcms.org/gpa.

Unloading the Truck

Kingdom Movers is a volunteer program of Seminary students helping students. To learn more about Kingdom Movers, go to www.csl.edu, select “Become a Student,” then select “campus life” from the menu and then select “Kingdom Movers.” Please read all of the information thoroughly. The preferred form of contact for Kingdom Movers is through email, and it is best to contact Kingdom Movers at least three weeks in advance of your moving date.

You may wish to call a local moving company to inquire about hiring a crew to unload your truck. Typically, the company will charge you for a certain period of time; for example, a three-hour job could be a flat rate or you may be charged by the hour. Most of the time, traveling to and from the move site is considered part of the job, so make sure you clarify before making a verbal contract. To find local moving companies, go to your favorite search engine and look up “movers or moving companies for the St. Louis area.”

Storage

After moving to St. Louis, some Seminary students need temporary storage space. You need to have a good idea of what and how many belongings you plan to store. Don't just rent a space with the idea that you will fill it up with stuff as time goes on. The rent on the storage spaces varies widely depending on location, size, whether it's climate-controlled, whether it's a space you can drive up to or not, etc. Check whether your homeowner's insurance (or renter's insurance) covers goods stored off-site.

Moving Companies

*(*Companies are involved with the LCMS Group Purchasing Agreement.)*

ABF U-Pack

800-355-1696

www.upack.com

Mayflower Transit

800-241-1321

www.mayflower.com

Allied International*

800-823-0755

www.allied.com

Penske Truck Leasing

888-996-5415

www.pensketruckleasing.com

Bekins*

800-456-8092

www.bekins.com/moving

Stevens Van Lines*

800-248-8313

www.stevensworldwide.com

Budget Truck Rentals

800-527-0700

www.budget.com

U-Haul

800-468-4285

www.uhaul.com

Graebel Van Lines

800-568-0031

www.graebel.com

United Van Lines*

866-252-2466

www.unitedvanlines.com

Local Storage Facilities

Uncle Bob's Self Storage

6557 Manchester Ave.

314-646-7867

www.unclebobs.com

1.3 miles from campus

U-Haul

7270 Olive Blvd.

314-862-4433

www.uhaul.com

2.46 miles from campus

Public Storage

5801 Wilson Ave.

314-645-8516

www.publicstorage.com

1.87 miles from campus

EMPLOYMENT

Preparing Your Résumé

If you haven't been job hunting for a while, read through this section to learn more about updating your résumé so it is email and scanner-friendly. If you have been working full-time in the home and want to enter the job market outside the home, your first thoughts should be toward the type of work you would choose and your preparation of a résumé. Assess your interests, gifts and talents, and how best to apply them. Focus on a set of duties that will not only provide income for your family, but also will provide you with a sense of enjoyment and fulfillment.

Writing a résumé may seem like a daunting task, yet it can be much easier than you might think. Your résumé is your "calling card" that briefly states work skills, accomplishments and work history in one of three formats: the chronological form (listing the most recent job first and working backward), the functional résumé (listing work experiences according to your gifts and talents) and the combination résumé (listing a combination of items found in both of the other types of résumés). How you present yourself to a prospective employer on paper can be the difference between being called for an interview versus having some disappointment in your job search. Embrace this task early and obtain a great deal of feedback before sending out résumés.

Many local two-year colleges, community centers, universities and state agencies have excellent resources to help people assess their job skills and develop résumés, often through a class or an appointment with a career counselor. One of the best job search sites is available at www.rileyguide.com. This site has marvelous information on the résumé writing process and includes information on how to make resumes email-friendly!

On-Campus Student Employment

The Seminary offers a student work-study program. Students who are currently enrolled in a program of study at the Seminary and have completed their first day of classes towards their degree may participate in the student work program. Students may work up to a maximum of 18 hours per week while they are actively taking a residential class at the Seminary. Further, students may work a maximum of 40 hours per week during scheduled quarterly academic breaks or during the summer months if they are not taking a class but are still actively enrolled in a program of study. Students may work up to four jobs at any one time, as long as their work does not exceed a total of 18 hours per week.

There are a variety of student employment opportunities. To be eligible for student employment, a student must:

- Have applied for financial aid
- Be currently enrolled in classes on at least a half-time basis
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress requirements as determined by the dean of ministerial formation
- Have completed first day of classes towards the degree in which he or she is currently enrolled

Once a student graduates from a given program, or has completed all courses towards his or her degree, he or she is no longer eligible to participate in the student work program. There are exceptions to this. If the student has deferred vicarage, whereby it is possible to complete all coursework, the student may work during the summer prior to leaving for vicarage. The other general rule is that it is possible to participate in spring graduation ceremonies pending completion of summer classes. In this case, a student may continue to participate in the student work program. However, the student is highly encouraged to devote as much time to final class work and completion of the program as possible. Once the student has completed the requisite class work for the degree, he or she is no longer eligible to participate in the student work program.

Students are responsible for managing their work schedules so they do not exceed the maximum hours they are authorized to work. Students who consistently exceed 18 hours per week for all positions may be terminated from one of their positions. For student on-campus employment opportunities, call 314-505-7332 or visit SemNet for more information.

There are a number of search engines that can provide information about local job openings. As an additional resource, the Residential Services office maintains a list of off-campus employment opportunities via a password protected document: www.csl.edu/lifetransitions/housinglist4.pdf. Admitted students may write to residentialservices@csl.edu and request the password.



Employment Search Websites

St. Louis Post Dispatch Classifieds

www.stltoday.com/jobs

Monster.com

www.monster.com

All Star Jobs – St. Louis

allstlouisjobs.com

CareerBuilder

careerbuilder.com

Indeed

www.indeed.com

National Labor Exchange

us.jobs

Careeronestop

www.careeronestop.org

Parachurch Organizations

Concordia Historical Institute

www.lutheranhistory.org

Lutheran Hour Ministries/

Lutheran Laymen's League

www.lhm.org

Concordia Publishing House

www.cph.org

Lutheran Senior Services

www.lssliving.org

KFUO Radio

www.kfuoaam.org

LCMS International Center*

www.lcms.org

**Self-guided tours are permitted during business hours.*

HEALTH CARE

Immunizations

Students are required to have certain immunizations before registration:

Mandatory Student Immunizations

Meningitis (*required documentation of test or a waiver*)

TB test

Type of Test

Shot (life-long immunization)

Skin test

Seminary Group Policy

The Seminary requires each full-time student to verify existing health care coverage in a group health plan, and encourages each student to secure adequate health insurance coverage for his or her dependents. A student classified as a nonresident alien is required to have adequate health coverage for himself or herself and his or her dependent(s). Ordinarily, this coverage is provided by enrollment in the Seminary's health plan. The Seminary utilizes Concordia Plan Services to administer its health insurance through Anthem BlueCross BlueShield of Minnesota.

Please contact Courtney Hendrickson at 314-505-7332 or hendricksonc@csl.edu for more information about campus health insurance.

Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Program

WIC is a nutrition, education, health promotion and supplemental food program to assist women, infants and children who have nutritional needs. The program provides supplemental nutritious foods, nutrition education and counseling along with screening and referrals to other health, welfare and social services.

Eligibility guidelines and site information can be obtained online at health.mo.gov or by calling 800-835-5465. Contact the St. Louis office at 314-361-5728.

Hospitals and Health Care Providers

Barnes-Jewish Hospital

www.barnesjewish.org

314-747-3000

Des Peres Hospital

www.despereshospital.com

314-966-9100

Saint Louis University Hospital

www.ssmhealth.com

314-577-8000

St. Alexius

www.stalexiushospital.com

314-865-7000

SSM Health

www.ssmhealth.com

314-776-3627

Mercy

www.mercy.net

314-251-6000

St. Louis Children's Hospital

www.stlouischildrens.org

314-454-6000

SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital

www.ssmhealth.com/stmarys

314-768-8000

Washington University Physicians

wuphysicians.wustl.edu

314-362-5000



CHILD CARE/SCHOOLS

Child Care Options

Some families requiring child care may choose to take advantage of the many programs offered throughout the greater St. Louis area. A list and location assistance may be obtained from the Child Day Care Association at united4children.org or 314-531-1412.

Lutheran Schools

Looking for a school for your child is a process that can take a few months so it is best to start the search early. If at all possible, try to tour the schools when they are still in session because that will provide a more accurate picture of the learning environment. Also remember that the enrollment process may take several weeks to complete and schools often require transcript and immunization records.

In the greater St. Louis metro area (St. Louis, St. Charles and southwestern Illinois) there are many Lutheran schools. To see a map, visit www.lesastl.org (Note: There are a few Evangelical Lutheran Church in America schools on this map.) For more information about the Lutheran Elementary School Association and the Building Blocks Scholarship Fund for Lutheran schoolchildren in the metropolitan St. Louis area, call 314-268-1520. A great resource for finding Lutheran schools in the St. Louis metropolitan area is the LCMS Missouri District website: mo.lcms.org. Select “Resource Library” from the main page, select “Education” and “School Directory.” To find the schools closest to the Seminary, keep in mind that this campus is located within the city of Clayton and the zip code is 63105.

Some Lutheran schools offer special tuition rates for the children of seminarians. Tuition rates change annually and are often tied to a number of variables; therefore, you should inquire directly at the school you are interested in for your child.

To explore other private school options in the St. Louis region, visit the independent schools of St. Louis at www.independentschools.org.

Public Schools

A map of St. Louis County school districts is included at the back of the *Relocation Guide*. The City of St. Louis has a separate school district. To research public schools in the area, you can view test scores and get other information from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education at dese.mo.gov.

Clayton School District

The Seminary is located within the Clayton School District, one of the highest ranked districts in the state. Clayton maintains a student-to-teaching staff ratio of about 11:1 at the elementary level and about 10:1 at the secondary level, which includes teachers, counselors and librarians. The middle school and elementary school are within walking distance of campus. Before-and-after school programs are available. Information can be obtained at clayton.k12.mo.us. Information about St. Louis County school districts can be found at www.stlouisco.com/yourgovernment/othergovernmentagencies/countyschooldistricts.

Home Schooling

Some families choose to home-school their children. Missouri and Illinois are acknowledged to be overall friendly states toward home schooling. Specific state requirements are available at the Home School Legal Defense Association website at www.hslda.org. Further information and regulations on homeschooling may be obtained from:

Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
P.O. Box 480
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480
573-751-4212
dese.mo.gov

Missouri Association of Teaching Christian Homes (MATCH)
match@match-inc.org
match-inc.org

Parents As Teachers™

The Family Center located at 301 N. Gay in Clayton is the family support and early childhood education component of the Clayton School District. One group, Parents as Teachers, offers exceptional assistance to parents with children age 5 and under. It is a state-sponsored program open to all residents of the school district. For more information, call 314-854-6900 and ask for a parenting educator. If you are not a Clayton resident and would like to find a Parents As Teachers program near you, visit www.parentsasteachers.org.



Clayton School District

www.claytonschools.net

Ralph M. Captain Elementary School

6345 Northwood, 63105
314-854-6100

**Captain Elementary serves the geographic area where the Seminary is located.*

Wydown Middle School

6500 Wydown, 63105
314-854-6400

Clayton High School

#1 Mark Twain Circle, 63105
314-854-6600

Other Nearby School Districts

Brentwood

314-962-4507
www.brentwoodmoschools.org

University City

314-290-4000
www.ucityschools.org

Maplewood Richmond Heights

314-644-4400
www.mrhschools.org

Universities and Other Educational Institutions

Saint Louis University

www.slu.edu

Lindenwood University

www.lindenwood.edu

Concordia University–Wisconsin St. Louis Center

www.cuw.edu/stlouis

University of Missouri – St. Louis

www.umsl.edu

Washington University

www.wustl.edu

Maryville University

www.maryville.edu

Webster University

www.webster.edu

St. Louis Community Colleges

www.stlcc.edu

Fontbonne University

www.fontbonne.edu

Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville

www.siu.edu

Missouri Baptist University

www.mobap.edu

GETTING AROUND

Traffic

Traffic patterns in St. Louis can be confusing. Consider that you can go west, north and east on I-270 and never make a turn! St. Louis may seem like a large city, yet it becomes easy to navigate after living here for a while. As with most major cities, traffic flowing into the city in the morning and away from the city in the evening creates heavier traffic patterns. Exceptions are when weather causes back-ups, local sporting events (mostly downtown) or traffic accidents. Most local radio stations will carry a traffic report during peak traffic times to highlight the traffic along the major highways in and around the St. Louis area. A good road map and a sense of adventure and exploration will be helpful. Take the time to get to know the highways and main arteries of the area — who knows when you'll happen upon a great restaurant, park or historic site! Each community has its own distinguishing features with many ethnic and cultural events to offer. To get an idea of traffic and road construction in the area, the following are two websites that can help: traffic.com/stlouis/index.html or www.gatewayguide.com.

Automobile Registration

Missouri law states, “You have 30 days from the date of becoming a Missouri resident to title your vehicle.” This often raises the question of what defines a resident in Missouri.

The state classifies residents as:

- Individuals who are domiciled in Missouri
- Individuals who have maintained a permanent living quarters in the state and spent more than 183 days of the taxable year in Missouri

Some residence hall students who are not working in the state decide to maintain a residence in their home state and declare a student status to avoid changing automobile titles and registrations. Check with your home state for details regarding student status. For more details about titles and registration, go to the Missouri Department of Revenue website at dor.mo.gov/. There is an online checklist that details the proper documents and inspections to be completed before a visit to the licensing office. Please note that a safety and emissions inspection is required for vehicles in the St. Louis area (including the Metro East area in Illinois). For the nearest testing center, call 800-361-4827 or visit dnr.mo.gov/gatewayvip.

Obtaining a Missouri State Driver's License

To obtain a Missouri driver's license, it is best to know ahead of time where to go, the proper forms of identification that are required and what tests are necessary.

Full Service Driver's Licensing Office

3238 Laclede Station Road
St. Louis, MO 63143
314-645-1044

Driver's Testing Facility:

3256 Laclede Station Road
St. Louis, MO 63143
314-877-0199

Individuals who hold a valid license from another state will only be required to take the eye exam and road sign test. Either a birth certificate or a passport is required as a form of identification at the license office, along with something proving your current residency, such as a utility bill showing your current address. Married women also will need a copy of their marriage license since their names will be different from what is listed on their birth certificates.

For more information on obtaining your Missouri driver's license, go to the Missouri Department of Revenue website at dor.mo.gov and search for the "Driver Licensing Checklist." New drivers who would like to obtain a Missouri driver's test book can contact the state office at 573-526-3669 or download it from the website. Proof of insurance is required for vehicle licensing in Missouri.

Bus/Metro Transportation

Amtrak

430 S. 15th St.
St. Louis, MO 63103
314-331-3309
www.amtrak.com

Greyhound Bus Lines

430 S. 15th St.
St. Louis, MO 63103
314-231-4485
www.greyhound.com

Metro Transit (Bus & Metrolink)

St. Louis, MO
314-231-2345
www.metrostlouis.org

(View transit routes using maps.google.com. Select transit as route option.)

WHERE TO SHOP

On-Campus Food Bank

The Concordia Seminary Food Bank, located on the lower level of the Benidt Center, contains grocery items donated by individuals, churches and other organizations. All items are available at no cost. Students may shop one time per month during the following shopping times when classes are in session:

- The second and fourth Saturday of each month, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Tuesdays following the Saturday shopping days, from 2:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Students are encouraged to volunteer time to help staff the Food Bank. For more information, email foodbank@csl.edu or call 314-505-7029.

On-Campus Re-Sell It Shop

The Concordia Seminary Re-Sell It Shop, located on the lower level of the Benidt Center, offers new and used clothing, also household items, small appliances and children's toys and games at minimal cost. Students and their families are welcome to shop as often as they would like during the following shopping times when classes are in session:

- The second and fourth Saturday of each month, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Tuesdays following the Saturday shopping days, from 2:30 – 5:30 p.m.
- Every Thursday, from 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Volunteers are encouraged to help out at the Re-Sell It Shop. For more information, email resell@csl.edu or call 314-505-7209.

Local Grocery Stores

Schnucks

6600 Clayton Road
314-644-0510
nourish.schnucks.com
.51 miles from campus

Dierbergs

8450 Eager Road
314-962-9009
www.dierbergs.com
2.31 miles from campus

Shop 'n Save

7355 Manchester Road
314-644-2908
www.shopnsave.com
2.32 miles from campus

Aldi

7725 Manchester Road
855-955-2534
www.aldi.com
2.55 miles from campus

Local Retail Stores and Shopping Centers

Ikea

1 Ikea Way
888-888-4532
www.ikea.com

Kmart

6650 Manchester Rd.
314-645-5902
www.kmart.com
1.67 miles from campus

Sam's Club

2100 Maplewood Commons Drive
314-644-7791
www.samsclub.com
1.79 miles from campus

Target

25 Brentwood Promenade Court
314-918-9500
www.target.com
2.5 miles from campus

Wal-Mart

1900 Maplewood Commons Drive
314-781-2165
www.walmart.com
1.78 miles from campus

St. Louis Galleria

1155 St. Louis Galleria
314-863-5500
www.saintlouisgalleria.com
2.3 miles from campus

The Promenade at Brentwood

1 Brentwood Promenade Court
877-225-5337
ddr.com/properties/20191
2.5 miles from campus

Richmond Center

6600 Clayton Road
314-644-0510
.51 miles from campus



WHAT TO DO

Gateway Arch

Take a 630-foot ride to the top of this world famous stainless steel monument for the finest view in the Gateway City. Then stop by the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial to get a glimpse of where Lewis and Clark set out on their historic expedition! Visitors also can hop aboard a 19th century paddle-wheel boat replica for a narrated cruise down the mighty Mississippi.

St. Louis Zoo

Get up close and personal with the furry, the flying and the fishy creatures of the Saint Louis Zoo. One of the city's many free attractions, the Saint Louis Zoo has been recognized as one of the nation's leading zoological parks. Take a ride on the Emerson Zooline Railroad and get a guided tour of some of the most exciting animal exhibits in the park, or venture on your own through attractions like Big Cat Country, Penguin & Puffin Coast, or the Interactive Stingray Pool. Kids will enjoy the children's petting zoo.

Grant's Farm

Grant's Farm is another great place to see animals from around the world. The 281-acre farm in South St. Louis County is home to hundreds of animals, including the famous Budweiser Clydesdales. A tram ride takes you to the middle of the park. From there, it's easy to explore. Admission to Grant's Farm is free for everyone, but parking is \$12 per car. Grant's Farm is open on weekends in the spring and fall, and every day (except Monday) in the summer.

Local Eats

Don't miss the opportunity to try some of the city's tastiest treats. For some nearby taste sensations, munch on a slice of delectable St. Louis-style thin crust pizza smothered in Provel cheese or snack on scrumptious deep-fried toasted ravioli at one of the many dining establishments on The Hill, a quaint St. Louis neighborhood famous for Italian cuisine. And to top it all off, satisfy your sweet tooth at Ted Drewes with its signature frozen custard.

Forest Park

Once home to the 1904 World's Fair, Forest Park is the largest urban park in the United States. It attracts 12 million visitors a year with world-class attractions and scenic walking and biking trails. Other points of interest include the Jewel Box (a beautiful greenhouse filled with magnificent floral displays), the golf courses and the World's Fair Pavilion, a perfect site for a party!

Live Theater

There's no place finer than the Fabulous Fox for dazzling live theater where you can catch the Broadway bug with a play, concert or dance troupe. Hear your favorite classical music performed by the renowned St. Louis Symphony at Powell Hall or see an award-winning musical at Stages St. Louis. Immerse yourself in operatic drama at the Opera Theatre of St. Louis or experience classic and modern playwrights at the Repertory Theater or the newly renovated Peabody Opera House. Bask in the moonlight during an outdoor show at Forest Park's The Muny, the nation's largest outdoor amphitheater dedicated solely to musical theater.

Sports Games

During the spring and summer seasons, you can cheer on the city's 11-time world champions, the St. Louis Cardinals, at Busch Stadium. If you're visiting in the fall or winter, you can catch the St. Louis Blues heating up the ice at the Scottrade Center.

Missouri Botanical Garden

The Missouri Botanical Garden is a world-class botanical garden founded in 1859. Also known as "Shaw's Garden," it is located just south of I-44. There is ample free parking at the garden itself, as well as in parking lots about a block to the west. Usually you can park at the garden or along the street without difficulty, but during special events (such as the Japanese Festival on Labor Day weekend), parking can be difficult to find. Currently, children under 12 can enter the garden for free, while anyone over 13 will pay \$8 (unless a member).

Saint Louis Science Center

The St. Louis Science Center is truly a hands-on experience for the whole family. You can test your knowledge of fossils and dinosaurs, clock the speed of cars on I-64 with a radar gun or experience what it's like to travel to outer space in the planetarium. The Science Center is open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Admission to the Science Center is free but you must buy tickets to special exhibits and the OMNIMAX® Theater.

Missouri History Museum

Whether it's the 1904 World's Fair, Lewis and Clark, or Charles Lindbergh's flight across the Atlantic, the Missouri History Museum has it covered. The museum provides a look back at key events that shaped St. Louis through the centuries, with plenty of artifacts and exhibits to capture your interest.

Cahokia Mounds

For a fascinating step back in time, visit Cahokia Mounds. This ancient archeological site was once home to the most advanced civilization north of Mexico. Visitors can climb to the top of the mounds, take a guided tour or check out the exhibits in the Interpretive Center. Admission is free, but there is a suggested donation of \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Cahokia Mounds is open daily from May to October, and Wednesday through Sunday from November to April. It is located at 30 Ramey Street in Collinsville, Ill.

Many More...

To find more things to do in St. Louis, check out the following websites.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

www.stltoday.com

(Click on the "Entertainment" option.)

St. Louis County Parks & Recreation

www.stlouisco.com

[/parksandrecreation](http://parksandrecreation)

St. Louis Convention & Visitors Commission

explorestlouis.com

Missouri State Tourism

www.visitmo.com

St. Louis Dining, Attractions, Services, Etc.

www.townplannerstl.com



MAPS

Mapquest – www.mapquest.com

This website provides detailed driving directions and interactive maps.

Google Maps – www.google.com/maps

Find local businesses, view maps and get driving directions.

St. Louis County – www.stlouisco.com

Some of the free maps found on the St. Louis County website may be a valuable resource when searching for schools and housing. The interactive map offers satellite images.

St. Louis City – www.slmpd.org

The official website of the city of St. Louis Police Department provides information about the types of crimes committed in a particular neighborhood within the St. Louis city limit.

Explore St. Louis – explorestlouis.com

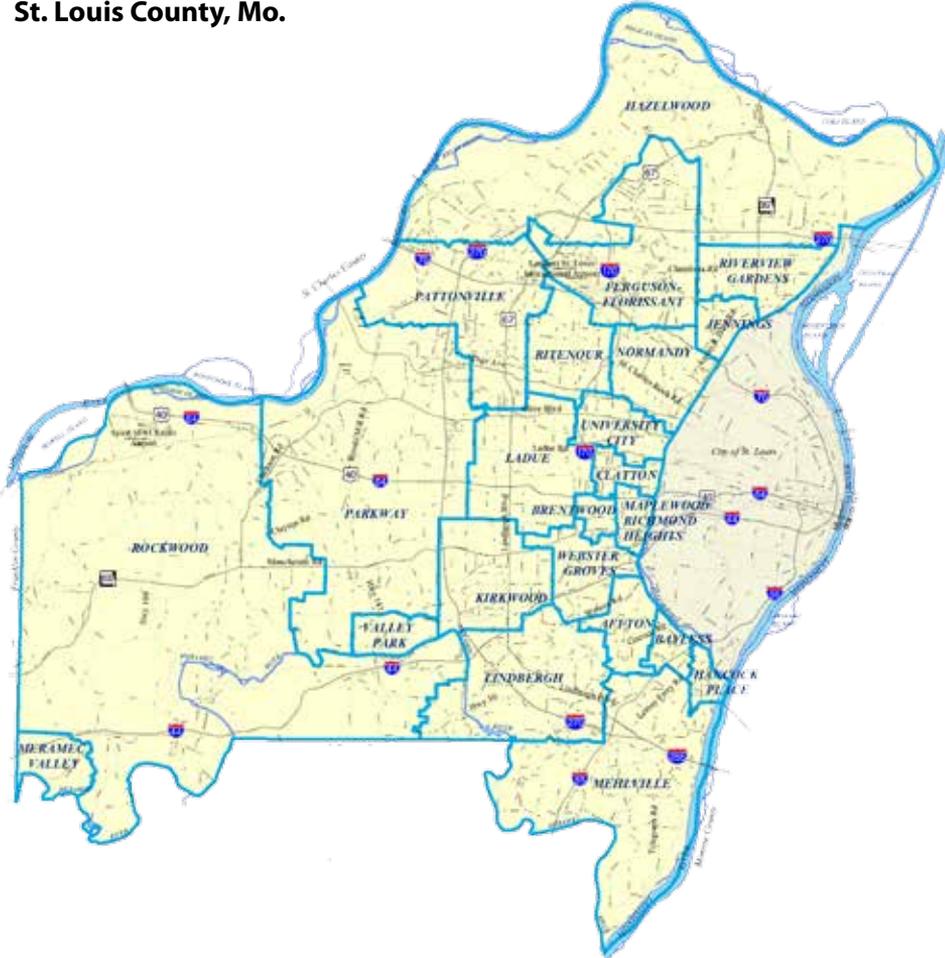
The St. Louis Convention & Visitors Commission offers a map of the St. Louis area as well as detailed maps of Forest Park and downtown St. Louis.



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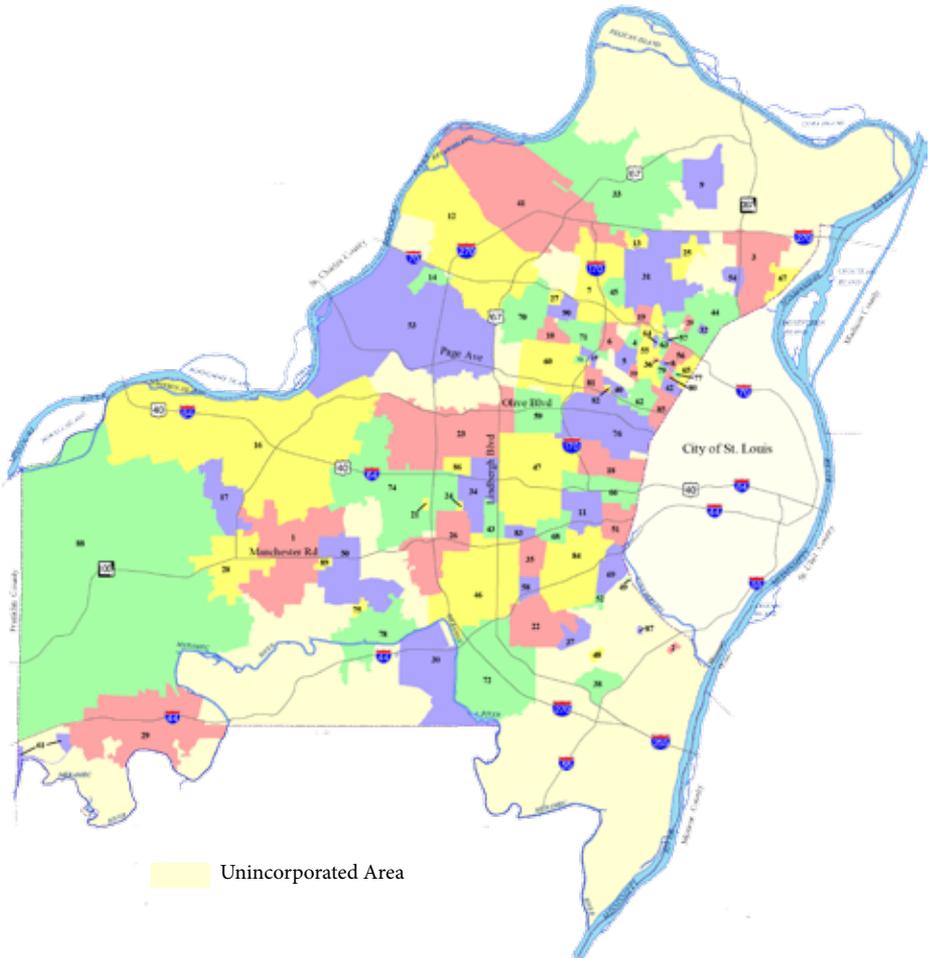


**School Districts
St. Louis County, Mo.**



Municipalities

St. Louis County, Mo.



Unincorporated Area

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| 1. Ballwin | 24. Crystal Lake Park | 47. Ladue | 70. St. Ann |
| 2. Bella Villa | 25. Dellwood | 48. Lakeshire | 71. St. John |
| 3. Bellefontaine Neighbors | 26. Des Peres | 49. Mackenzie | 72. Sunset Hills |
| 4. Bellevere | 27. Edmundson | 50. Manchester | 73. Sycamore Hills |
| 5. Bel-nor | 28. Ellisville | 51. Maplewood | 74. Town & Country |
| 6. Bel-ridge | 29. Eureka | 52. Marlborough | 75. Twin Oaks |
| 7. Berkeley | 30. Fenton | 53. Maryland Heights | 76. University City |
| 8. Beverly Hills | 31. Ferguson | 54. Moline Acres | 77. Uplands Park |
| 9. Black Jack | 32. Florissant | 55. Normand | 78. Valley Park |
| 10. Breckenridge Hills | 33. Florissant | 56. Northwoods | 79. Velda City |
| 11. Brentwood | 34. Frontenac | 57. Norwood Court | 80. Velda Village Hills |
| 12. Bridgeton | 35. Glendale | 58. Oakland | 81. Vinita Park |
| 13. Calverton Park | 36. Glen Echo Park | 59. Olivette | 82. Vinita Terrace |
| 14. Champ | 37. Grantwood Village | 60. Overland | 83. Warson Woods |
| 15. Charlack | 38. Green Park | 61. Pacific | 84. Webster Groves |
| 16. Chesterfield | 39. Greendale | 62. Pagedale | 85. Wellson |
| 17. Clarkson Valley | 40. Hanley Hills | 63. Pasadena Hills | 86. Westwood |
| 18. Clayton | 41. Hazelwood | 64. Pasadena Park | 87. Wilbur Park |
| 19. Cool Valley | 42. Hilldale | 65. Pine Lawn | 88. Wildwood |
| 20. Country Club Hills | 43. Huntleigh | 66. Richmond Heights | 89. Winchester |
| 21. Country Life Acres | 44. Jennings | 67. Riverview | 90. Woodson Terrace |
| 22. Crestwood | 45. Kinloch | 68. Rock Hill | |
| 23. Creve Coeur | 46. Kirkwood | 69. Shrewsbury | |

For more information
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