

TRINITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY, 2013/14

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MISSION

Trinity Christian Academy is dedicated to developing excellence in education, character, and servant leadership through a Christ-centered, biblical perspective.

VISION

Trinity Christian Academy exists to help each student fulfill God's purpose for his/her life and reach maximum potential in a joint effort between school, student, and family.

SCHOOL INFO

PK-12, independent, coeducational, college-preparatory day school founded in 1993; evangelical, interdenominational; selective admissions

K-12 ACCREDITATION

Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)

ENROLLMENT

Approximately 500 students (numbers fluctuate throughout the year)

- Elementary School (PK-5) – 225
- Secondary School (6-12) – 275
- Class of 2014 – 36

CALENDAR

36 weeks; 2 semesters; six six-week grading periods; seven-period class days for grades 6-12

SAT AVERAGES

	<u>Math</u>	<u>Critical Reading</u>	<u>Writing</u>	<u>Composite</u>
TCA 5 Year Average *	516	548	534	1598
TX Averages (2013)	499	477	461	1437
US Averages (2013)	514	496	488	1498

**Average scores of TCA classes of 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.*

ACADEMIC HONORS

- 2 National Merit Scholar Semi-Finalists
- 6 National Merit Commended Scholars
- 1 National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar
- Over half of TCA seventh-graders are regularly recognized in Duke University's Talent Identification Program.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS and ADMISSIONS

Since the first graduating class in 2001, TCA graduates have been offered over \$2.75 million in scholarships and have been granted admission to many colleges and universities including: The United States Military Academy at West Point, Texas A&M University, University of Texas, University of Oklahoma, Baylor University, University of Alabama, Oklahoma State University, Southwestern University, Texas Christian University, University of Arkansas, Georgia Tech, Austin College, St. Edwards' University, Belhaven College, University of Houston, University of North Texas, Dallas Baptist University, Colorado Christian University, Howard Payne University, Oklahoma Baptist University, Trinity University, McMurry University, Louisiana Tech University, University of Texas at Arlington, Southern Methodist University, Stephen F. Austin University, Hardin Simmons University, Midwestern State University, Miami University (Ohio), Lubbock Christian University, Tarleton State University, Texas Woman's University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and more.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The Academic Achievement Degree is awarded to students who complete the following number of credits: Bible – 4; English – 4; Mathematics – 4; Science – 4; Social Studies – 4; Fine Arts – 1; Physical Education – 1; Foreign Language – 2 credits (same language); Speech – .5; Technology – 1; Electives – 2.

The Advanced Achievement Degree requires that students earn 3 Foreign Language credits and 1 elective credit. These students must take and pass at least one Advanced Placement or dual enrollment course and document a minimum of 80 hours of community ministry during their high school career.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT, DUAL ENROLLMENT and HONORS COURSES (HIGH SCHOOL)

Honors courses may include Spanish III, Human Anatomy and Physiology and any other course indicated as a Pre-AP or honors course.

Advanced Placement courses may include AP Calculus AB, AP English Language & Composition, AP English Literature & Composition, AP Physics, and any other course indicated as an AP course.

Dual Enrollment courses at TCA are offered online through Liberty University. Dual Enrollment courses have included Principles of Economics, American Government, and Survey of American History I.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION EMPHASES

Christian Curriculum and Biblical Integration: In most classes, Trinity Christian Academy uses curricula from Christian publishers. In all academic disciplines, instruction is presented from a biblical perspective in order to foster a Christian worldview in the hearts and minds of students.

Class Mission Projects: Each grade selects a ministry project that allows students of all ages to partner with area ministries to meet a variety of needs in Jesus' name.

Community Ministry Program: Students in grades 9-12 are required to individually accumulate at least 10 hours of documented, Christ-centered service per year. 15 hours are required of NHS, NJHS, and Student Council members. 80 total hours are required of students desiring the Advanced Achievement Degree upon graduation. Since the program's inception, TCA high school students have documented over 26,000 hours of volunteer service around the world.

Senior Mission Trips: Seniors conclude their time at TCA with a mission trip. Groups have served in cities across the United States and alongside Christian ministries in Jamaica, Belize, Costa Rica, the Bahamas, and Puerto Rico.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Boys' Athletic Opportunities: Football (JH/HS), Cross Country (JH/HS), Soccer (Coed Elem), Basketball (Elem/JH/HS), Track & Field (Elem/JH/HS), Baseball (JH/HS) and Tennis (HS).

Girls' Athletic Opportunities: Volleyball (JH/HS), Cross Country (JH/HS), Soccer (Coed Elem), Basketball (Elem/JH/HS), Track & Field (Elem/JH/HS), Softball (JH/HS) Tennis (HS), and Cheerleading.

Creative Arts Opportunities: Choir (all grades), Art (all grades), Yearbook (HS) and Praise Team (HS).

Academic Competitions: Young Authors, Debate, Speech, Spelling, Math Olympics

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES and CURRICULAR DISTINCTIVES

Enrichment Classes are offered for students in grades PK-8 in Computer, Spanish, Art, Music, Library and Physical Education classes.

TCA freshmen receive American Red Cross CPR Certification as a component of TCA's Personal Fitness class.

College Preparation is a year-long course for all high school juniors. This unique course provides test preparation (PSAT/SAT/ACT), college exploration, spiritual gift and personality inventories, college visits, and a variety of experiences designed to prepare students for college admission success in the senior year.

CLASS TRIPS

Field Trips: All grades attend a variety trips throughout the year to allow for additional enrichment opportunities.

4th Grade – Texas Heritage Trip to Austin and San Antonio

8th Grade – American Heritage Trip New York and Washington DC

12th Grade – International Mission Trip

7th-12th Grades – Unity Retreat (an overnight retreat designed to foster school unity and spiritual growth)