

# Trinity Christian Academy

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**SCHOOL CODE:** 440068  
**TEPSAC Number:** 184-120-001

**ADMINISTRATION:** Head of School: Michael Skaggs, M.S.Ed.  
Secondary Principal: Ken Nobles, M.A. C.E.  
Secondary Assistant Principal: Becky Staggs, M. Ed.  
Elementary Principal: Steven Newby, Ed. D.  
Business Administrator: Gary Squyres, B.B.A.  
Athletic Director: Joe Hamstra, M. Ed.  
Director of Curriculum & Testing: Kim Wheat, B.S.  
Academic Advisor: Robbie Watson, M. Ed.

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

**ACCREDITATION:** TCA is accredited K-12 by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)

**COMMUNITY:** Willow Park is located approximately 10 miles west of Fort Worth, Texas.

**ENROLLMENT:** Approximately 525 students (numbers fluctuate throughout the year)

- Elementary School (PK-5) – 240
- Secondary School (6-12) – 285
- Class of 2020 – 34

**CALENDAR:** 36 weeks; 2 semesters; four nine-week grading periods; eight-period rotating block schedule

**DISTINCTIVE FEATURES:** Community Ministry Program: Students in grades 9-12 are required to accumulate at least 10 hours of documented, Christ-centered service each school 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 45,000 hours of volunteer service around the world.

TCA students serve and minister locally, nationally and internationally. Groups have served in cities across the United States such as San Francisco, and Seattle; and alongside Christian ministries in Jamaica, Costa Rica, China and South Africa.

**SAT AVERAGES:**

	<u>TCA</u>	<u>Texas</u>	<u>US</u>
ACT (Class of 2018)	23.9	20.6	20.8
SAT (Class of 2018)	1171	1032	1068

**ACADEMIC HONORS:**

- 5 National Merit Scholar Semi-Finalists; 12 National Merit Commended Scholars; 1 National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar
- At least one-half of TCA seventh-graders regularly qualify for recognition in the Duke University Talent Identification Program.

**COLLEGE  
ADMISSIONS:**

TCA graduates have been granted admission to many colleges and universities including: Texas A&M University, University of Texas, University of Oklahoma, University of Alabama, Southwestern University, Baylor University, Texas Christian University, University of Arkansas, University of Texas at Tyler, Austin College, St. Edward's University, Augustana College, LeTourneau University, Belhaven College, University of Houston, University of North Texas, University of Tulsa, Dallas Baptist University, Grand Canyon University, Howard Payne University, Oklahoma Baptist University, Trinity University, Arkansas Tech University, University of Texas at Arlington, Southern Methodist University, Stephen F. Austin University, Oklahoma State University, Angelo State University, Hardin Simmons University, Midwestern State University, Pratt Institute, Fort Lewis College, Harding 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 the above requirements as well as: 3 Foreign Language credits (same language) 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.

**HIGH SCHOOL  
GRADING SYSTEM**

<i>Letter Grade</i>	<i>Numerical Average*</i>	<i>Regular Grade Point</i>	<i>Honors Pre-AP/DE</i>	<i>AP</i>
A+	98-100	4.0	4.5	5.0
A	93-97	3.8	4.3	4.8
A-	90-92	3.6	4.1	4.6
B+	87-89	3.4	3.9	4.4
B	83-86	3.2	3.7	4.2
B-	80-82	3.0	3.5	4.0
C+	78-79	2.7	3.2	3.7
C	76-77	2.3	2.8	3.3
C-	75	2.0	2.5	3.0
D+	73-74	1.7	2.2	2.7
D	71-72	1.3	1.8	2.3
D-	70	1.0	1.5	2.0
F	69-0	0	0	0

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 Environmental Science and any other course indicated as an AP course.

Dual Enrollment courses at TCA are offered through John Brown University ([www.jbu.edu](http://www.jbu.edu)) and Dallas Baptist University ([www.dbu.edu](http://www.dbu.edu)).

\*When calculating weighted numerical averages, 5 points added to semester averages in Honors, Pre-AP, and Dual Enrollment classes and 10 points to semester averages in AP classes. Grades do not appear as weighted on report cards or transcripts.

**CLASS RANK:**

In light of Trinity Christian Academy's selective admissions practice, competitive academic programs, and small class sizes, TCA only publicly releases academic rankings of students in the top 10% of their graduating class. Rankings are based upon a student's Cumulative Numeric Average (CNA).

**CUMULATIVE NUMERIC  
AVERAGE (CNA)**

Determined by averaging the following:

- All 9th, 10th, and 11th grade fall and spring semester averages
- 12th grade fall semester averages
- 12th grade spring semester averages (determined by the third quarter grades).

**GRADE POINT  
AVERAGE (GPA)**

GPA is determined by dividing the sum of all grade points earned by the total number of GPA units. Students earn 1 GPA unit for each semester completed.

**CNA/GPA NOTES:**

1. 8th grade classes completed for high school credit are included in GPA and CNA calculations.
2. Repeated courses accumulate additional GPA units. Both grades appear on the transcript, and both grades are included in GPA and CNA calculations.
3. Service Learning and Academic Learning Center grades are *not* included in GPA and CNA calculations.
4. Grades for classes taken prior to enrolling in TCA are included in GPA and CNA calculations only if TCA offers an equivalent course.
5. Transferred Honors and AP grades are weighted by TCA's scale only if TCA offers an equivalent weighted course.
6. The following codes may appear on student transcripts: **AP** = Advanced Placement course; **H** = honors courses; **Pre-AP** = Pre-AP course; **R** = repeated course; **T** = transfer credit; **DE** = dual enrollment course; **P** = passing grade on a pass/fail standard with an assigned grade of B or 85 for computing GPA and CNA; **F** = a failing grade on a pass/fail standard with an assigned grade of 69. **W** = a class dropped without credit awarded (no assigned grade);