



Upper School Information

6th-8th Middle School / 9th-12th High School

I. Accreditation, Philosophy, and Objectives

Accreditation

Trinity Christian Academy is fully accredited by the Florida League of Christian Schools (FLOCS) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS / AdvancEd). TCA is also a member of the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), the Association of Christian Teachers and Schools (ACTS), Christian Schools of Palm Beach County (CSPBC) and the Florida High School Athletics Association (FHSAA). All teachers are qualified professionals dedicated to achieving academic excellence through a Christ-centered education for God's glory.

Mission Statement

Trinity Christian Academy provides a strong education for world change. We are committed to education that is based on the principles of God's Word. In this way, we can train, prepare, and equip young people to make a difference in their world.

Educational Philosophy

We believe the Holy Scripture is the only infallible rule of faith and practice. Thus, the entire educational process is guided by a biblical view. The school's central goal is to bring every student to the point of maturity where they glorify God in the totality of their life. All human and spiritual resources of this institution will be directed toward this end. The Scriptures give the revelation of God and His plan for mankind:

- The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. (Proverbs 9:10)
- The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. (Proverbs 1:7)

We believe that our children should be well prepared to become successful contributors to their world. To do this, they must understand the world in which they live. Their worldview should reflect the fact that God's Kingdom (in which Christ is King) is over all. A Christian philosophy of education involves all areas of study. True Christian education is not simply a curriculum which contains a Bible class. It is a manner of teaching in which the Word of God shapes and governs every subject. Children need to learn to think biblically.

- Science - God's universal laws and the study of creation. He is the author and sustainer of life and absolutes. We want our students to know that they are studying God's Laws for the universe.
- Math - God's constancy in an unstable world.
- History - God's plan for the world and the redemption of His people. We want our students to see the unfolding of God's plan for the ages and the redemption and salvation of His people.
- Government - Civil government, as ordained by God for certain specific purposes. We want our students to know that true government is ordained by God and requires our loyalty and support.
- Language - To communicate God's truth to others.
- Literature - Apply Christian standards to the written word. For students to test other writers by Christian standards, to appreciate what is good, true, and beautiful, and discern what is false or dishonoring to God.

- Economics - God's order, as revealed in the Old and New Testament.
- Arts - Recognizing God's gifts of music, visual arts, drama, act, and dance, and taking Christian dominion in these areas as a form of worship to Him.
- Health and Exercise - Finding God's plan for nutrition and health, protecting our minds and bodies.
- Character - We want our students to learn the principles of honesty, decency, cooperation, fair play, and integrity because God has declared that these are our standards by which we are to live our lives.
- Bible and Chapel - We want our students to know the truth of God. We want them to know the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We want them to develop a Godly perspective and a biblical world-view. Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." - Matthew 22:37
- Small Group Discipleship – students will meet in small groups on a regular basis. Groups will be led by staff members of Trinity. The purpose of the group is to build stronger spiritual relationships and accountability with the students.

Educational Objectives

- Provide a Christian education for children of our community without regard to race or ethnic background.
- Provide an instructional program that places the Bible at the center and asks the students and teachers to evaluate all they see in the world through the Word of God, because God's Word is truth.
- Teach the Bible in its entirety in a graded and organized manner.
- Provide a college-preparatory education of the highest quality, with an emphasis on excellence in academic, athletic, performing, and visual arts training.
- Facilitate each student's spiritual, mental, physical, social, cultural, and emotional development and refinement.
- To help each student develop a biblical world and life view.
- To instill in the heart of the student a strong love for Christ, family, and country.
- To endeavor to lead the unsaved student to a personal commitment to Jesus Christ and then guide them to a responsible Christian lifestyle.

II. Academics

Standard Academic Expectations

We desire to see each student demonstrate a high-level of performance in every class. To support the efforts of our students, a system of standards has been developed to encourage maximum success.

Curriculum

The Christ-centered curriculum of Trinity Christian Academy is a medium through which a student is oriented to a life in Christ and to the culture of this world. The curriculum provided at each grade level meets or exceeds state accreditation standards. Bible, foreign language, language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, performing and visual arts and physical education are provided at appropriate levels.

Course Requirements:

Students in High School are required to take Bible (each year they attend TCA), 4 years of Mathematics and English, 3 years of Science and Social Studies, 1 year of Health / Physical Education and 1 year of Fine Arts. Students must also earn two years of a Foreign Language. They must also take an Elective class every quarter.

Middle School students must take Bible, English, Math, Science and History each year they attend TCA. Students will also have courses in Technology, Foreign Language, Fine Arts and Health / Physical Education as well. They must also take an Elective class each quarter.

Graduation / Diploma:

Students who have met all of the state and school requirements regarding academics, will be ready for graduation. There are two diplomas a graduating senior can earn; a Standard Diploma and an Honors Diploma. Students seeking to earn an Honors Diploma must meet certain prerequisite requirements to ensure each student has met the appropriate standards to achieve maximum success in all classes taken.

High School Community Service Program

The purpose of the Community Service Program at TCA is;

1. To teach students the joy of selflessly serving others in the name of Jesus Christ.
2. To show the love of Christ to those in need through practical needs.
3. To obey God's command to spread His love and Good News through word and deed.

III. Discipline

One of the distinctive qualities of Christian education at Trinity Christian Academy is that it is a partnership with parents and students. When students are aware that their parents are supportive of the school's standards of discipline, it significantly affects the quality and consistency of their conduct.

Standards for Excellence

All students and parents are encouraged to make every effort to meet and whenever possible exceed these Standards of Excellence. Students are expected to maintain high Christian principles both on and off campus.

- Strive for a Christ-centered attitude and behavior. Colossians 3:2-17
- Honor and obey my parents. -Exodus 20:12, Ephesians 6:1-3
- Strive for excellence as a student. Philippians 1:10, Proverbs 18:9, Galatians 5:22-23, Ephesians 2:10
- Cooperate respectfully and obey willingly those in authority. Hebrews 13:7
- Abstain from immoral or illegal behavior, inappropriate or illegal use of electronic devices or use of alcohol and tobacco, illegal drugs, profanity, sexual immorality, and witchcraft. I Thessalonians:3-7, Ephesians 5:3-5
- Refrain from television, movies, music, and other media that emphasize ungodliness, impurity, immorality, the drug culture, or rebellion against authority. Philippians 4:8, Ephesians 5:15-17
- Avoid even the appearance of evil both on and off campus which would bring dishonor to Jesus Christ, my parents, and to Trinity Christian Academy. I Thessalonians 5:22, I Timothy 6:11, II Timothy 2:22
- Follow the dress code that has been established at TCA and to wear modest apparel. I Timothy 2:9, Deuteronomy 22:5, Proverbs 7:10-12
- Refrain from dissension, gossip, arguing, and complaining. Philippians 2:14-15, Proverbs 26:2
- Submit to the discipline of Trinity Christian Academy. Hebrews 13:17, Romans 13:1-5