

TRINITY VALLEY SCHOOL

2020-2021 ACADEMIC PROFILE

ADMINISTRATION

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THE SCHOOL

Founded in 1959, Trinity Valley School is an independent, coeducational day school which enrolls 1017 students in grades PK-12. Our students hail from the City of Fort Worth as well as surrounding communities within a 40-mile radius. Trinity Valley School has four main objectives for its students: fine scholarship with its fulfillment at college; the development of wide constructive interests; intelligent citizenship; and spiritual and moral development which promotes lasting values.

ACCREDITATION

Trinity Valley School is accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Southwest (ISAS), which is approved by the Texas Education Agency. It holds membership in the National Association of Independent Schools, the Educational Records Bureau, National Association for College Admission Counseling, Texas Association for College Admissions Counseling, Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools, the College Board, and the School & Student Service for Financial Aid.

ENROLLMENT

Senior Class, 87 students
Upper School, 357 students
Middle School, 328 students
Lower School, 332 students

ADMISSIONS

Admission to Trinity Valley School is selective, and Upper School applicants are evaluated on their academic record, ISEE score, teacher recommendations, and a personal interview. Trinity Valley School values diversity, and the student population includes 25 percent students of color. We seek to admit the most qualified applicants, regardless of the family's ability to pay. For the 2020-21 academic year, 225 students (22 percent) are receiving need-based aid of approximately \$3.20 million.

FACULTY

Fifty-two percent of the School's 115 academic faculty hold master's degrees; 10 percent hold doctorates.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

In the Class of 2020, 17 percent of the students achieved the following National Merit recognition: National Merit Finalists, 3; National Merit Commended, 11; National Hispanic Recognition, 3.

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Trinity Valley School community offers a wealth of educational opportunities, clubs, and other enrichment activities. Students may choose to participate in one of 20 varsity sports, award-winning drama productions, and more than 40 clubs, including a competitive debate program. For a complete listing of all opportunities available to our students, please visit TVS.org.



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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All TVS graduates will meet or exceed the program requirements for the foundation high school program in Texas. Since fall 2014, students in the Upper School have been required to carry no fewer than five courses each semester with the option to take six or seven courses. A complete listing of courses and descriptions can be found at TVS.org.

English	4 credits
Math	4 credits
Natural Science	3 credits
Biology, Chemistry, Physics	
World Language.....	3 credits
Social Science.....	5 courses
Ancient/Medieval History, Modern World History, US History, Economics, Government	
Fine Arts	1 credit
Activities/Physical Education	8 credits

HONORS COURSES

Algebra II	Choir	Physics	Ways of Knowing
Biology	Geometry	Pre-Calculus	World Conflicts I
British History	Modern Asia	Religion in Culture	World Conflicts II
Chemistry	Modern World History	Social Justice	World History

ACCELERATED, ADVANCED, AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

Accelerated Precalculus/Calculus	AP Chinese Language & Culture	AP Physics C (E&M)
Accelerated AP Calculus BC	AP Computer Science A	AP Physics C (Mechanics)
Advanced Economics	AP English Language & Composition	AP Psychology
Advanced Topics in Math	AP English Literature & Composition	AP Spanish Language & Culture
AP Biology	AP European History	AP Spanish Literature
AP Calculus AB	AP French Language & Culture	AP Statistics
AP Calculus BC	AP Government	AP US History
AP Chemistry	AP Latin	

Note: With the exception of mathematics courses which may be taken earlier, students are not permitted to take Accelerated, Advanced, or AP courses before their junior year.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCORES

All students enrolled in an AP course are required to take the AP exam. In 2020, 195 students took a combined total of 484 exams; 107 students achieved some level of AP scholar designation; 80 percent of the exams earned a score of “3” or higher, 54 percent of the exams earned a score of “4” or higher.

GRADING SCALE

A+ = 97-100%	A = 93-96%	A- = 90-92%	<i>Note: For AP, accelerated, and advanced courses, an additional .5 is added each semester into the GPA calculation (i.e., A+, A, and A- = 4.5).</i>
B+ = 87-89%	B = 83-86%	B- = 80-82%	
C+ = 77-79%	C = 73-76%	C- = 70-72%	
D+ = 67-69%	D = 63-66%	D- = 60-62%	
F = Below 60	P = Pass	WP = Withdrawal Passing	

GPA DISTRIBUTION CLASS OF 2021

(As of August 2020, based on students enrolled at TVS for four or more semesters)

HIGHEST GPA	AVERAGE GPA	LOWEST GPA
4.25	3.55	2.12

CLASS RANKING

Based on the selective nature of our admission requirements, the size of each class, and overall academic caliber of students attending our school, Trinity Valley School does not rank its students.

COVID-19 IMPACT

When TVS shifted to virtual learning in March 2020, our school adopted a “Do No Harm” policy. Student grades were captured when we made the transition, and from that point forward, student grades could only be improved. With very few exceptions, TVS adhered to its rigor and grading policy for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year and will do so for 2020-2021. As of August, only 50% of the Class of 2021 had taken an SAT or ACT test. Since March, test centers throughout North Texas canceled most test administrations which significantly impacted our students’ ability to sit for these tests. TVS returned to in-person classes this year with approximately 15% of Upper School students choosing a virtual option to begin the 2020-2021 academic year. Due to distancing requirements, and reduced classroom capacity, some students were unable to enroll in their preferred classes. Finally, many of our students’ co-curricular activities, including athletics and summer programs, have been canceled since March 2020.

SCORE DISTRIBUTIONS

TEST RANGE COMPARISONS (as of August 2020)							
Test	Test Ranges for the Classes of 2018-2020				Test Ranges for the Class of 2021		
	Middle 50%	Mean	Students Tested		Middle 50%	Mean	Students Tested
ACT English	25-34	29.5			24-34	28.2	
ACT Math	24-30	27			24-29	26.2	
ACT Reading	26-35	30.2			24-34	28.2	
ACT Science	24-32	28.3			24-29	26.9	
ACT Composite	25-32	28.4	244		24-30	27.2	37
SAT Subject Test - Chemistry	730-790	750	35				
SAT Subject Test - English Literature	580-700	661	16				
SAT Subject Test - Math Level II	630-780	712	49		710-710	710	1
SAT Subject Test - U.S. History	630-750	679	29				
SAT Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	600-710	656			540-680	607	
SAT Mathematics	560-710	640			580-660	626	
SAT Total	1180-1410	1296	223		1120-1330	1234	14

ONLINE LEARNING PARTNERSHIPS

Trinity Valley School has entered into partnerships with a number of accredited online course providers including Online School for Girls, Virtual High School (VHS), International Connection Academy, Laurel Springs School Online, and Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth Online as a means of providing our students with valuable online learning experiences. These partnerships enable our students to forge relationships with learners worldwide and explore subjects that are specific to their academic interests. TVS encourages students with academic interests beyond our traditional course offerings to pursue these rigorous and rich online courses. To obtain a copy of a course syllabus, please contact College Counseling.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

An integral part of the culture at TVS, the Community Service Program strives to instill in each student an awareness of the multiple needs throughout Fort Worth and surrounding areas, a sense of moral obligation to help those less fortunate, and the desire to make one's community a better place to live. Students are required to complete 60 hours of volunteer service prior to graduation.

TROJAN OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

Trojan Outdoor Experience engages students in outdoor adventures, environmental education, and wilderness expedition programming. Its outdoor educational activities seek to promote student respect for themselves and the natural world. Organized off-campus activities provide opportunities for students to work individually and in groups to overcome adversity through skilled decision making.

SENIOR PROJECTS

The Senior Projects program is a voluntary elective designed to encourage students to imagine ways that they can take initiative for their own learning and assume greater ownership of their education during their final semester at TVS. Senior Projects provide an opportunity for students to develop ways to apply their passions and skills to the service of the broader community. This course allows students to pursue academic or service-oriented interests, on or off campus, in place of one traditional elective offering.

SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

Signature Programs are opportunities for students to dive deeper into one of four specific areas of study: Computer Science and Digital Fabrication, Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Global/Multicultural Studies, and Outdoor Leadership. Participating students take courses offered at TVS, then engage in an off-campus internship with an outside organization their junior year before completing an independent capstone project with a faculty sponsor their senior year.

GLOBAL AWARENESS AND CITIZENSHIP

The Global Education Program prepares students to become globally connected, conscientious leaders through virtual and in-person exchanges (temporarily suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic). By celebrating our diversity, participating in Trojans Abroad and T.O.E. Beyond Programs, and exchanging knowledge and understanding with people around the world through live and recorded videos and blogs, we prepare our students to thrive in an increasingly interconnected world with the global competencies of self-awareness, empathy, cross-cultural communication, and cross-cultural understanding.

CLASSES OF 2018-2020 ADMISSION OFFERS

*Schools in bold represent matriculations for the Classes of 2018-2020
Schools with an asterisk * have multiple TVS alumni currently enrolled*

U.S.-BASED COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Abilene Christian University
AMDA College and Conservatory of the
Performing Arts
American University
Angelo State University
Anna Maria College
Arizona State University-Tempe
Arkansas State University
Arkansas Tech University
Auburn University*
Austin College
Austin Community College*
Azusa Pacific University
Babson College
Baldwin Wallace University
Barnard College
Baylor University*
Belmont University
Blinn College
Boston College
Boston University
Bradley University
Brandeis University
Bryant University
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
California Baptist University
California College of the Arts
California Northstate University
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
California State University-Los Angeles
California State University-Monterey Bay
Calvin University
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University*
Case Western Reserve University
Chapman University
Clemson University*
Cleveland Institute of Music
Coastal Carolina University
Colgate University
College of Charleston
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University*
Columbia College Chicago
Columbus State University
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Creighton University
Dallas Baptist University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Dean College
DePaul University
DigiPen Institute of Technology
Dillard University
Drake University
Drexel University
Duke University
Duquesne University
Earlham College
Eastern Illinois University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-
Daytona Beach
Emerson College
Emory University
Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising-
Los Angeles
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida Southern College
Florida State University
Fordham University
Fort Lewis College

Furman University
George Mason University
George Washington University*
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gordon College
Goucher College
Hamilton College
Harding University
Harvard University
Hawaii Pacific University
High Point University*
Hillsdale College
Hollins University
Houston Baptist University
Hult International Business School-Boston
Hult International Business School-
San Francisco
Indiana University-Bloomington
Iowa State University
Kansas State University
Kenyon College
Lamar University
Lehigh University
LeTourneau University
Lewis & Clark College
Louisiana State University*
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University New Orleans
Manhattanville College
Marquette University
Maryville University of Saint Louis
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
McDaniel College
Mercer University
Miami University-Oxford
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Minerva Schools at KGI
Mississippi State University
Montclair State University
Morningside College
New York University*
North Carolina A&T State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Nova Southeastern University
Oklahoma City University
Oklahoma State University*
Old Dominion University
Oregon State University
Otterbein University
Oxford College of Emory University
Pace University-New York
Pennsylvania State University*
Pepperdine University
Pomona College
Providence College
Purdue University*
Quinnipiac University
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhodes College
Rice University
Ringling College of Art and Design
Rochester Institute of Technology
Roger Williams University
Roosevelt University
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Saint Edward's University
Saint Louis University
Saint Mary's College

Salve Regina University
Samford University
San Diego State University
San Francisco Conservatory of Music
Savannah College of Art and Design*
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Scripps College
Seattle University
Seton Hall University
Sewanee: The University of the South*
Simmons University
Smith College
Southeastern Oklahoma State University
Southern Methodist University*
Southwestern Oklahoma State University
Southwestern University
Spelman College
St Olaf College
Stanford University
Stephen F Austin State University
Stony Brook University, State University of
New York
Syracuse University
Tarleton State University
Tarrant County Junior College
Temple University
Texas A&M International University
Texas A&M University*
Texas A&M University, Commerce
Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi
Texas A&M University, San Antonio
Texas Christian University*
Texas Southern University
Texas State University
Texas Tech University*
Texas Wesleyan University
Texas Woman's University
The College of Wooster
The Ohio State University
The University of Alabama
The University of Arizona
The University of Tampa
The University of Tennessee-Knoxville
The University of Texas at Arlington*
The University of Texas at Austin*
The University of Texas at Dallas*
The University of West Florida
Trinity College
Trinity University*
Tufts University
Tulane University of Louisiana*
University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)
University of Arkansas*
University of California-Berkeley
University of California-Davis
University of California-Los Angeles*
University of California-San Diego
University of California-Santa Barbara
University of California-Santa Cruz
University of Central Arkansas
University of Central Florida
University of Chicago*
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado Boulder*
University of Colorado Denver
University of Connecticut
University of Denver
University of Georgia*
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Houston*
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville

University of Maine
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
University of Maryland-College Park
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
University of Miami*
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
University of Mississippi*
University of Missouri-Columbia
University of Montana
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
University of New Hampshire
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Arts**
University of North Carolina Wilmington
University of North Texas
University of Notre Dame*
University of Oklahoma*
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of San Diego*
University of San Francisco
University of South Carolina-Columbia
University of South Florida
University of Southern California*
University of the Incarnate Word
University of the Pacific
University of Tulsa
University of Utah
University of Virginia
University of Washington, Seattle
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Vanderbilt University*
Vassar College
Villanova University*
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest University*
Washington and Lee University
Washington State University
Washington University in St Louis
Webster University
Wesleyan University
Whittier College
William and Mary
William Penn University
Wofford College
Xavier University of Louisiana
Yale University*

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Carleton University (Canada)
Concordia University-Montreal (Canada)
IE University-Madrid (Spain)
John Cabot University (Italy)
NYU Shanghai (China)
Ontario Tech University (Canada)
Saint Louis University-Madrid (Spain)
The American University of Rome (Italy)
**The University of Edinburgh (United
Kingdom)**
The University of the Arts (United Kingdom)
University of British Columbia (Canada)
University of Cambridge (United Kingdom)
University of Ottawa (Canada)
University of Toronto (Canada)
University of Waterloo (Canada)
Yale-NUS College (Singapore)
York University (Canada)