



# TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

*A 2019 National Blue Ribbon School*

## 2023–2024 Upper School Profile

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### MISSION STATEMENT

Trinity Christian School exists to educate students to the glory of God by pursuing excellence for mind and heart.

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### ACCREDITATIONS

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI), an accreditation division of Cognia

Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools

Virginia Council for Private Education (VCPE)

### MEMBERSHIPS

Evangelical Council on Financial Accountability (ECFA)

National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)

Potomac and Chesapeake Association for College Admission Counseling (PCACAC)

### TRINITY AT A GLANCE

- Independent, interdenominational Christian school
- 757 students K–12
- 415 Upper School students
- 89 seniors
- 84 faculty members; 63% with advanced degrees
- College-preparatory curriculum
- Intellectually engaging
- 17 AP courses
- 16 Honors courses
- Senior Capstone Thesis
- Educational Internships
- Weekly chapel program
- Service hour requirement
- Math and Writing Labs
- Member, Virginia Christian Athletic Conference and Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association
- 36 teams in 16 sports

### TRINITY'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

**2019–2020** In March 2020, on-campus learning at Trinity shifted to synchronous remote education for the remainder of the school year to help contain the spread of the pandemic.

- Planned projects, research, and presentations continued with minimal modifications.
- Regular assessments ensured essential learning objectives were met.
- Grades were awarded consistent with the school's high standards.

**2020–2021** In August 2020, Trinity resumed on-campus learning along with an option for synchronous remote learning option which continued throughout the school year.

- Curricular goals were fully met.
- Assessments and grading remained consistent with the school's high standards.
- Performing Arts and Athletics continued with modifications.
- Students were well-prepared to move on to the next grade level or to tertiary education.

**2021–Present** Trinity is fully on-campus and has suspended remote learning options.

### ACT / SAT SUMMARY

Classes of 2019–2023

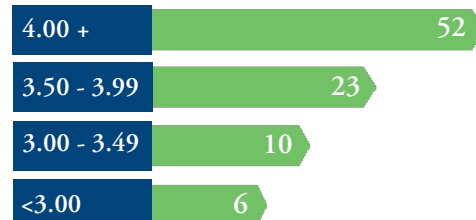
ACT Mean	28
ACT Middle 50%	26–31
SAT Mean	ERW: 658 Math: 633
SAT Middle 50%	(ERW & M) 1180–1410

### NMSQT / PSAT RESULTS

Since the first graduating class in 2001, Trinity has had 22 National Merit Finalists and 98 National Merit Commended Scholars.

### CLASS OF 2024 GPA DISTRIBUTION

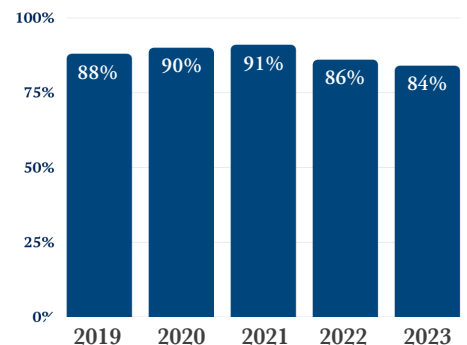
(End of 11th grade–91 students)



### AP TESTING:

#### FIVE-YEAR SCHOOL SUMMARY

Percentage of students scoring 3 or higher on AP Exams.



### CLASS OF 2024 AP COURSES COMPLETED OR IN PROGRESS

(89 students)



# THE CURRICULUM

Trinity Christian School offers a rigorous college-preparatory curriculum. Since approximately 98% of Trinity graduates attend four-year colleges upon graduation, emphasis is placed not only on teaching content, but also on developing lifelong learners who are adept at reading, writing, and critical reasoning.

## Senior Capstone Thesis:

The Trinity curriculum culminates in a 15–20 page comprehensive worldview thesis. In the spring, seniors orally defend their theses before a formal panel of faculty and administrators.

## CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Christian Studies	4 credits	Foreign Languages	3 credits in one or
English	4 credits		2 credits each in two
Social Studies	4 credits	Fine Arts	1 credit
Lab Sciences	4 credits (Biology, Chemistry required)	Physical Education	1 credit
Mathematics	4 credits (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2 required)	Electives	3 credits

### Educational Internships:

Juniors and seniors who have an interest in teaching or have demonstrated excellence in a particular subject are partnered with teachers in Lower or Upper School, assisting in the classroom and ultimately preparing and presenting limited lessons.

### House System:

In the fall of 2022, Trinity implemented a House System in the Upper School. Student leadership positions include Head Boys, Head Girls, Prefects, House Mentors, and Form Reps.

### Community Service:

Students in Grades 9–12 are required to complete a minimum of 40 hours of community service each year. Over the past five years, 350 Trinity students have received the President’s Volunteer Service Award in recognition of 100 or more hours of community service per year.

## COURSE OFFERINGS

### CHRISTIAN STUDIES

*Biblical Theology 1*  
*Historical Apologetics*  
*Biblical Theology 2*  
*Hermeneutics*  
*Christian Doctrine*  
*Christian Ethics in Contemporary Culture*  
 Worldview Analysis

### ENGLISH

Research, Writing & Rhetoric  
 Honors Research, Writing & Rhetoric  
 World Literature  
 Honors World Literature  
 American Literature  
 AP English Language & Composition  
 British Literature  
 AP English Literature & Composition

### FINE ARTS: VISUAL ARTS

Art Foundations  
 Drawing & Painting  
 AP Drawing  
 Photography & Graphic Design  
 AP 2D Art & Design  
 Sculpture & Design  
 AP 3D Art & Design

### FINE ARTS: PERFORMING ARTS

Concert Choir  
*Honors Choral Ensemble*  
 Percussion Ensemble  
 Wind Ensemble  
*Honors Jazz Band*  
 Philharmonic Orchestra  
*Honors Chamber Players*  
 AP Music Theory  
*Acting for the Stage*  
*Producing for the Stage*

### FOREIGN LANGUAGE

French 1  
 French 2  
 French 3  
 Honors French 4  
 Latin 1  
 Latin 2  
 Latin 3  
 Honors Latin 4  
*Spanish 1-A*  
*Spanish 1-B*  
 Spanish 1  
 Spanish 2  
 Spanish 3  
 Honors Spanish 3  
 Honors Spanish 4

### GENERAL ELECTIVES

*Creative Writing*  
*C.S. Lewis*  
*Debate*  
*Introduction to Constitutional Law*  
*Introduction to Microeconomics*  
*Personal Finance and Business*  
*Philosophy*  
*Psychology*  
 Yearbook  
 Advanced Yearbook Journalism  
 Intro to Programming  
 AP Computer Science Principles  
 AP Computer Science A  
 Educational Internship  
 Executive Function Study Hall  
 ESOL  
 NILD

### LAB SCIENCES

Biology  
 Honors Biology  
 Chemistry  
 Honors Chemistry  
 AP Chemistry  
 Physics  
 AP Physics 1: Algebra-based  
 AP Physics 2: Algebra-based  
 Anatomy and Physiology  
 Introduction to Engineering  
 Marine Biology  
 AP Environmental Science

### MATHEMATICS

Algebra 1-A  
 Algebra 1  
 Honors Algebra 1  
 Geometry  
 Honors Geometry  
 Algebra 2  
*Trigonometry*  
 Honors Algebra 2 / Trigonometry  
 Precalculus  
 Honors Precalculus  
 Calculus  
 AP Calculus AB  
 Statistics  
 AP Statistics

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

*Online Health*  
*Fitness*  
*Weight Training*

### SOCIAL STUDIES

World History 1  
 Honors World History 1  
 World History 2  
 AP European History  
 United States History  
 AP United States History  
 Political Theory and Government  
 AP US Government and Politics

- Placement in AP and Honors classes is by teacher recommendation and principal approval.
- AP students are required to take the AP exam.
- *Courses in italics are awarded ½ credit.*

## GRADING SCALE

Trinity Christian School does not rank students. Honors courses are awarded an additional .5 quality point, and AP courses are awarded an additional 1.0 quality point. Transfer credits are not included in GPA.

A	93–100	4.0	C	73–76	2.0
A-	90–92	3.7	C-	70–72	1.7
B+	87–89	3.3	D+	67–69	1.3
B	83–86	3.0	D	64–66	1.0
B-	80–82	2.7	F	0–63	0
C+	77–79	2.3			