



TRINITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Admission Procedures / Requirements

Trinity Christian Academy admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally afforded or made available to students at the school. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, and other school-administered programs.

Trinity Christian Academy is a uniquely religious, educational institution that seeks to provide a quality education in a distinctly Christian environment. One of the goals of Trinity Christian Academy is to work with parents and guardians to train Christian young men and women to be salt and light in their communities. Trinity Christian Academy believes that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and sets forth absolute truth by which Christians are to live. TCA expects and requires that both students and parents will support the school and its distinct mission and in its Biblical beliefs, which are reflected in the Trinity Christian Academy Statement of Faith, Mission and Vision Statements and Core Beliefs.

Students are accepted into the school on the basis of their character, scholastic record, test results, interview and available space without regard to race, creed, color, and national and ethnic origin. Parents must have a genuine desire to have their children in a Christian school and be willing for them to abide by the school policies and program. Therefore, only the children who we feel will adjust adequately to the program and whose parents agree to cooperate fully with the teachers and administration will be admitted and retained as students in the school.

Academic and behavior records will be obtained from previous schools. If information was misrepresented, the applicant will be ineligible for admission and money will not be refunded.

I. Admission Requirements for the Student:

A. Academic Factors considered to determine acceptance:

- a. TCA must have enough information on the student to decide on acceptance.
- b. TCA must be able to meet the needs of the student.
- c. There must be availability within the grade level for which the student would be entering.
- d. Students are required to demonstrate they are on grade level academically or not more than 1.5 grade levels below the current grade
- e. Prior to enrollment, the school will review a student's transcript, including the most recent report card, standardized test scores, and any disciplinary or special needs information from the last school attended or the school where the student is presently enrolled.

If a child has successfully completed the previous school year and his schoolwork and behavior compare favorably to the comparable grade at TCA, the child will be placed in the grade for which he is applying. If, however, there is evidence to show that the child may not be adequately prepared for the next sequential grade level, he may repeat the previous grade at TCA.

- f. Grade point average of 2.5 or above (grades 6-12)
- g. Achievement test scores in average to above average range
- h. Student should not have been suspended, dismissed, or expelled from his/her previous school(s).

B. Student Grade Placement:

- a. Placement of students in grades 6-12 rests with the Lead Teacher for Upper School and the Director of Academics. Placement of a student is determined by previous academic work, standardized test scores, and teacher recommendation.
- b. Placement of a student in grades PK-5 will be determined by the Lead Teacher for Elementary and the Director of Academics. Parents will be notified of their child's classroom assignments prior to the TCA Open House, which takes place prior to the start of the school year.
 - i. A child entering Kindergarten must have reached the age of five years before September 1st of the present academic year and must be able to demonstrate age level success on the screening tests and appropriate maturity level.
 - ii. A Preschool student must be the required age by September 1st of the school year and must be able to demonstrate age level success on the screening tests and appropriate maturity level.

II. Admission Procedures:

- A. Parents and/or students must apply using our online application. A non-refundable fee must be submitted with each application.

To begin the Online Application process, create an account. Then log in to your account and create a New Student Application for your child. You will then have the flexibility to log in and out of your account and access your open application.

After submitting the application, you will be able to track online your admissions status at the school by logging in to your account.

After submitting the application, the parent must submit supporting documents by e-mail, mail, or by dropping them off in the Admissions Office. Items needed are listed below:

- A copy of the child's birth certificate
- A copy of the child's social security card
- A copy of the parent or guardian's driver's license
- A copy of the child's medical insurance card (front & back)
- Release of Liability form (please complete when you come to my office)
- Release of Records form (please complete when you come to my office)
- Copies of report cards for this school year & the last 2 years
- Copies of standardized test scores from the last 2 years
- Copy of the child's IEP & Psychological Evaluation (if your child has one)
- A Reference Form must be submitted from the child's school and a pastor if the child attends a church. These forms can be printed from the online application site. Please give the "School Reference Form" to either your child's teacher or administrator, who must submit the form directly to Admissions. They should not return it to the family and have the family bring in this form.

- B. Upon the completion of the application, if necessary, testing is scheduled. The entrance exam tests your child's vocabulary, reading comprehension, math problem solving, and math procedures. After the testing is completed, an interview with the family may be required. The family may be asked to bring their student to the interview as well.
- C. After the interview, and after reviewing all other required materials (as stated on the application process form), the decision will be made whether to recommend to the Head of School the family be admitted into TCA.
- D. The Admissions Director will notify the parents in writing regarding acceptance.
- E. After acceptance, all financial arrangements (tuition and fees) must be finalized, and the child's medical forms submitted. Medical Forms required include the Florida Department of Health Immunization form (DH680), Florida Department of Health Physical form (DH3040) and the Authorization to Dispense Medication form.

FOUNDING PRINCIPLES of TRINITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

VISION for TRINITY CHRISITAN ACADEMY and PRESCHOOL

God is calling churches across America to build Christian schools. We believe in Christian education as a foundational ministry of the church. The next generation can be different if Christians train their children to follow God.

The vision of Trinity Christian Academy is to provide “Strong Education for World Change.” Trinity is 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.

In an environment of strong academics and loving discipline, students will have the best opportunity to prepare for life, whether as a minister, nurse, technician, educator, homemaker or business person.

Rev. Tom Peters, Pastor & Founder

HISTORY AND PURPOSE OF TCA

Trinity Christian Preschool, located at 7259 South Military Trail, Lake Worth, Florida, began its first school year in the fall of 1987. The Academy began in the fall of 1991 with grades K5-6. The Pastor’s heart was to provide a Christian school that promoted “Strong Education for World Change” and Christian training for families in the Palm Beach County area.

Trinity Christian Academy has nearly 500 students in grades Preschool –12. The school serves children and families in the community of Lake Worth, as well as the communities of Lantana, Boynton Beach, Delray Beach, West Palm Beach and Wellington.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Trinity Christian Academy is to minister to students while providing them an excellent education for World Change. This will be accomplished through education that is based on the principles of God’s Word. In this way, we can train, prepare and equip the young people to make a difference in their world.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The following truths are held in common agreement by the faculty, staff, and administration of Trinity Christian Academy:

- We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
- We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.
- We believe that man was created by a direct act of God in His image and not from previously existing life.
- We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father.
- We believe that salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, and that the experience of regeneration is necessary for all mankind.
- We believe that God the Holy Spirit is a personal Being who indwells, empowers, guides, and bestows spiritual gifts on believers.
- We believe in the spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ, and in the prominence of the visible, local New Testament Church.
- We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God.
- We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in scripture.
- We believe in the Second Coming and literal, visible, bodily return of Jesus Christ to this earth.
- We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting punishment of the lost.

PHILOSOPHY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The main objective of Trinity Christian Academy is to help each student reach his or her God-given potential as a resourceful and productive Christian citizen. In an environment of strong academics and loving discipline, students have the best opportunity to prepare for life.

Trinity Christian Academy bases its educational philosophy on a Christian world view, the content of which comes from God's word to his image, the Bible. Education can be most effectively accomplished in an environment, which recognizes the truth of his word. The fear of the Lord is the foundation of all wisdom and knowledge.

Scripture clearly teaches that parents are responsible for their children's education and discipline. The school is not a substitute for the home but is an extension of the home and one means through which parents fulfill the responsibility the Lord has given them.

We realize the solemn responsibility under God to carry out this vision. We are accountable to God, a higher authority than any humanly constructed government.

At Trinity Christian Academy we are dedicated to training young people in areas of knowledge that will allow them to understand clearly, think deeply, judge wisely, and have the courage to faithfully take their place as participants in the advancement of God's Kingdom.

The faculty is the heart of the school, forming the core that will inspire, nurture, and instruct children and youth to meet the challenging years ahead. They are dedicated individuals desiring to instill a love for learning as well as the ability and desire to continue learning.

The Biblical story, its principles and teachings are the threads around which all curriculum, policies and activities are wound. Personal growth in the body of Christ requires that the student develop a disciplined and dedicated love of Christ that will enable them to adopt a Christ-like character to their life, work, decisions, and interactions with others.

CORE VALUES

- Biblical truth - in principle and application, full devotion to Christ, is our central mission.
- Relationships - Nurturing and accountability in relationships - People matter to God. What matters to God, matters to us. Therefore, people matter to us as well.
- Excellence and professionalism in all we do - this honors God and inspires people.
- Diversity – Human diversity, in and of itself, is a God-created good that reflects the unity (oneness) and diversity (three-ness) of the Triune God. We are committed to helping every student embody the diverse nature of who God has created them to be as well as the unity such uniqueness was meant to experience in the plan and purposes of its creator.
- Dependability – We truly believe in the redemptive criticality of a solid Christian education. We are established, rooted, and plan to be around for a long time.