



TRINITY SCHOOL OF DURHAM AND CHAPEL HILL

SCHOOL PROFILE 2020-2021

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Mission

The mission of Trinity School is to educate students in transitional kindergarten to grade 12 within the framework of Christian faith and conviction—teaching the classical tools of learning; providing a rich yet unhurried curriculum; and communicating truth, goodness, and beauty.

History

Trinity School was founded in 1995 by parents seeking a Christian school with an excellent college-preparatory program that integrates faith and learning. Located in the heart of Trinity's 22-acre TK–12 campus in Durham, North Carolina, Trinity's Upper School was established in the fall of 2006, with 16 students in the first graduating class of 2010. Today, 355 Trinity graduates are making a difference in their communities, workplaces, families, and church congregations.

AP Exams

While Trinity does not offer AP courses, students with B+ or higher honors grades in related classes regularly do well on AP exams. In the past three years, students took 86 AP exams, and 80% of their scores were 3 or higher, while 51% scored a 4 or 5.

Accreditation

Christian Schools International (CSI)
Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS)

Upper School

513 students attend Trinity grades TK–12: 236 in Lower School (TK–6), 99 in Middle School (7–8), and 178 in Upper School (9–12), including 41 students in the Class of 2021. Our average class size is 14 students, with a student-faculty ratio of 8:1.

Deep, Inquiry-Based Study

Trinity's Upper School engages students in a rich, liberal arts curriculum that values depth and understanding, Socratic discussion, inquiry and self-discovery, self-reflection, eloquent expression, critical and creative thinking, and the classical tools of learning. This study, grounded in Christian faith and practice, helps cultivate transformative personal and intellectual growth.

Humanities

In the interdisciplinary Great Books tradition, all students in grades 9–11 explore ancient and modern ideas, literature, history, art, and faith in yearlong Humanities courses. Humanities classes meet for twice the time allotted to other disciplines and satisfy graduation requirements for both English and history. Students in Honors Humanities engage yearlong with an approved "big question" and, through substantial research and guidance, produce sophisticated essays, reflections in other art forms, and a public defense of their conclusions.

Senior Capstone

This program features a semester-long independent project guided by a faculty advisor in a discipline of the student's choosing. Seniors' topics have ranged from constructing a robotic arm for a UNC marine lab, to recording a CD of original music, to studying the impact of humanitarian contributions on Third World development, and serving as an assistant in a Duke University research lab.

Graduation Requirements

Trinity requires a minimum of 20 credits for a diploma, including the following: English (4), history (3), mathematics (3), lab science (3), foreign language (3 or through the third level), visual or performing arts (1), Theology Studies I and II (1), Health and Wellness (.5), Rhetoric (.5), Senior Capstone (.5), and a computer competency test (.5).

Program of Studies

SUBJECT	COLLEGE PREPARATORY AND HONORS COURSES
Humanities	Humanities 9: Ancient Civilizations,* Humanities 10: Western Studies,* Humanities 11: American Studies,* Planet Narnia and the World of C. S. Lewis,* African-American Literature,* Shakespeare,* Modern Literature,* Epidemics as History Makers,* Model UN Global Studies, America in the 1960s,* The American Civil War,* Economics, US Government and Politics*
Math	Algebra I and II,* Geometry,* Precalculus,* Statistics,* Calculus (Honors), Calculus AB (Honors), Calculus BC (Honors), Independent Study in Mathematics
Science	Physics,* Chemistry,* Biology,* Ecology, Environmental Studies, Organic Biochemistry,* Anatomy and Physiology,* Advanced Physics I (Honors), Chemistry of Energy (Honors)
Languages	Latin II and III,* Latin IV and V (Honors), Spanish I, II, and III,* Spanish IV and V (Honors), American Sign Language I, II, and III
Visual and Performing Arts	Studio Art I, II, and III,* 2-D Design, Art Portfolio I and II,* Ceramics I and II, Photography I and II, Independent Study in Art, Performance Theater, Musical Theater, Jazz Ensemble, Vocal Ensemble, Chamber Strings, Music Theory and Composition
Engineering and Computer Science	Engineering Design I and II, Independent Engineering Design Projects, Robotics, Introduction to Computer Programming, Computer Science (Honors)
Service Learning	Servant Leadership: Serving Durham's Needy; Biblical Justice: The Work of God's People, Literacy and the Augustine Project; Peer Mentorship Program
Semester Requirements and General Electives	Health and Wellness, Theology I and II, Rhetoric, Senior Capstone, Yearbook, Interdisciplinary Studies, Lifetime Physical Fitness, Strength and Conditioning

*Course is offered at both college-prep and honors levels.

Classes of 2019–2021 (123 Students)

Because our graduating classes are small, our range of grades narrow, and our college-preparatory program rigorous, Trinity School does not rank students. Academic Honors include Trinity Scholar (semester grades of B or higher, with an average of A- and a GPA of 3.67 or higher) and Academic Honor Roll (all semester grades of B or higher). Grades are based on a 100-point scale. Unweighted GPAs are based on a 4.33 scale, and honors grades are weighted an additional 25 percent.

GPA Range	Weighted	Unweighted	SAT Middle 50%	ACT Middle 50%
4.5–5.0	23%	0%	Evidence Based	English 24–34
4.0–4.49	22%	25%	Reading and Writing	Math 24–29
3.5–3.9	26%	35%	Math	Reading 25–34
3.0–3.49	23%	30%	Total	Science 24–31
2.5–2.99	9%	9%		Composite 24–32

Trinity School Learning Plan, 2020–2021

Trinity School moved to distance learning in March 2020. Students were issued standard letter grades for the remainder of the 2019–2020 school year. We began the 2020–2021 school year in a hybrid model, with most students attending class in-person three times weekly and remotely twice weekly, and some remaining home to learn entirely remotely. The Upper School continued to offer its full selection of core and elective classes. Our transcripts will appear identical to pre-COVID transcripts, and our counselor recommendation and this secondary school report will reflect anything remarkable from the 2020 Spring semester.

Distinctives of Trinity Graduates

In Trinity's first 11 graduating classes (355 alumni total), 12 seniors have been distinguished with full scholarships (tuition, room, and board): three Morehead-Cain Scholarships at the University of North Carolina; a Teaching Fellows Scholarship; a Faculty Scholarship at Whitworth University; a David Bittle Scholarship at Roanoke College; a Trustee Scholarship at Loyola Marymount; a U.S. Naval Academy appointment; and an ROTC Scholarship at Davidson College. Other accolades include six Division I athletic scholarships; 14 Governor's School placements; National Merit commended, semifinalist, and finalist scholarships; and more than \$13 million in merit awards. Ninety-eight percent of our graduates have matriculated to a four-year college or university.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES 2010–2020

Agnes Scott College
Alamance Community College*
Albion College
American University
Anderson University*
Appalachian State University*
Arizona State University
Auburn University*
Averett University
Azusa Pacific University
Barton College
Baylor University*
Belmont Abbey College*
Belmont University*
Berklee College of Music*
Berry College*
Birmingham–Southern College
Boston University*
Brevard College
Bridgewater College*
Brown University
Bucknell University*
Butler University
Caldwell Community College
and Technical Institute*
Calvin University
Campbell University
Carnegie Mellon University*
Case Western Reserve University
Catawba College
Catholic University
Central Michigan University
Centre College
Charleston Southern University
Christopher Newport University
Clarkson University
Clemson University*
Coastal Carolina University*
Colgate University
College of Charleston*
College of William & Mary
College of Wooster
Colorado School of Mines
Cornell University*
Covenant College
Curry College
Dartmouth College*
Davidson College*
Denison University
DePaul University*
Dickinson College
Dillard University
Drexel University
Duke University*
Durham Technical Community College*
East Carolina University*
East Tennessee State University
Eastern Connecticut State
University*
Eastern University*
Eckerd College

Elon University*
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University*
Emory University*
Emory and Henry College
Endicott College*
Fashion Institute of Technology*
Fayetteville State University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Institute of Technology*
Florida State University
Franklin & Marshall College
Franklin W. Olin College*
Furman University*
Gardner-Webb University*
George Mason University*
George Washington University*
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia Southern University
Georgia State University
Gordon College*
Grove City College
Guilford College*
Hampden-Sydney College
Hampton University
Hawaii Pacific University*
Heidelberg University
High Point University*
Hillsdale College
Hofstra University
Hollins University*
Howard University
Indiana University at Bloomington*
James Madison University*
John Cabot University
Johnson C. Smith University
Kenyon College*
Lafayette College*
Lake Forest College
Lee University
Lenoir-Rhyne University
Liberty University*
Lipscomb University
Louisburg College*
Louisiana State University*
Loyola Marymount University*
Loyola University Maryland*
Manhattanville College
Maryland Institute College of Art
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
McDaniel College
Mercer University
Meredith College
Messiah College
Methodist University
Miami University (Ohio)
Middle Tennessee State University*
Michigan State University
Middlebury College*
Minneapolis College of Art & Design
Monserrat College of Art
Montreat College

New York University*
North Carolina A&T State University*
North Carolina State University*
North Carolina Wesleyan College
Northeastern University*
Northwestern University
Occidental College*
Ohio Wesleyan University
Otterbein University
Oxford College of Emory University
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
Pennsylvania State at University Park*
Pfeiffer University
Presbyterian College*
Purdue University
Queens University of Charlotte*
Radford University
Randolph College*
Randolph-Macon University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhodes College*
Rice University*
Roanoke College*
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology*
Saint Louis University
St. Olaf College
Samford University*
San Diego State University
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art and Design*
School of the Art Institute of Chicago*
Sewanee: The University of the South*
Seton Hall University
Shenandoah University*
Southern Methodist University
Spelman College*
Stanford University*
Suffolk University
Taylor University
Texas Christian University*
The New School
Transylvania University*
Trinity University
Tuskegee University
United States Naval Academy*
University of Alabama*
University of Arizona
University of Chicago
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Colorado
University of Colorado
at Colorado Springs
University of Colorado at Denver
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Florida*
University of Georgia
University of Hartford
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville*

University of Lynchburg*
University of Maine at Presque Isle*
University of Mary Washington
University of Miami*
University of Michigan*
University of Mississippi*
University of Missouri at Columbia
University of North Carolina
at Asheville*
University of North Carolina
at Chapel Hill*
University of North Carolina
at Charlotte*
University of North Carolina
at Greensboro*
University of North Carolina
at Pembroke*
University of North Carolina
at Wilmington*
University of North Carolina
School of the Arts*
University of Notre Dame*
University of Oklahoma
University of Pennsylvania
University of Richmond*
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of South Carolina*
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee at Knoxville*
University of Toronto
University of Virginia*
Utah State University
Vanderbilt University*
Villanova University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Military Institute*
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and
State University*
Virginia Wesleyan University
Wake Forest University*
Warren Wilson College
Washington and Lee University*
Washington University in St. Louis*
Watkins College of Art, Design, & Film
Western Carolina University*
Westmont College*
Wheaton College (Illinois)*
Whitworth University*
Widener University
William Peace University*
Williams College
Wingate University*
Winthrop University
Wittenberg University
Wofford College*
Worcester Polytechnic Institute*
Xavier University

**One or more graduates of the classes of 2010–2020 elected to attend.*