



- MISSION** The mission of Trinity School is to educate students in transitional kindergarten to grade twelve 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 was founded in 1995 by parents seeking a Christian school with an excellent college preparatory program that integrates faith and learning. Trinity’s Upper School was established in 2007, with 16 students graduating in the Class of 2010. Today, 194 students are enrolled in the Upper School, including 51 seniors in the Class of 2020.
- COMMUNITY** Trinity’s families come from across the greater Durham and Chapel Hill area and include the following: research scientists, engineers, and doctors; university deans and professors; pastors and church elders; directors of nonprofits, community volunteers and mission trip organizers; artists and writers; venture capitalists, entrepreneurs, and CEOs; and stay-at-home parents.
- UPPER SCHOOL** 532 students attend Trinity grades TK–12: 241 in LS (TK–6), 97 in MS (7–8), and 194 in US (9–12). More than 70 Christian churches are represented among the student body, as well as other religious and secular backgrounds.
- 36 faculty
 - 81% hold advanced degrees, including 3 PhDs
 - 8:1 student-teacher ratio
 - Average class size of 14 students
 - 30% students of color
 - 38% of students receive tuition assistance
- ACADEMIC PROGRAM** **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.
- College-prep and honors courses.** All 100 Upper School courses are taught at least a college-prep level, and 37 of these are offered at an advanced, honors level. **We do not offer AP courses**, which tend to sacrifice depth for breadth and compromise Trinity’s core values. Nonetheless, students who excel in related honors classes test well on AP exams (see specifics on page 3).
- Humanities.** In the interdisciplinary Great Books tradition, all students in grades 9–11 explore ancient and modern ideas, literature, history, art, and faith. 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 public defenses of their conclusions.**
- Math and physics-first science.** Trinity features a physics-first science curriculum and offers honors and college-prep laboratory courses in Physics (9th), Chemistry (10th), Biology (11th), and science electives (11th and 12th). Mathematics study emphasizes inquiry, complex understanding, and mastery of core competencies, and includes honors and college-prep courses in algebra through statistics and calculus (AB and BC).
- Student course load.** Students typically take five core academic classes (humanities or English and history, math, science, and foreign language) and one or two electives. Students may take no more than seven classes each semester. No more than five of these can be honors courses. **Fall semester seniors may take no more than six classes, four of them at the honors level.** Theology and Senior Capstone requirements limit a senior’s core course load.

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DISTINCTIVES

Scripture, worship, and character. We aspire to cultivate grounded, humble students of strong Christian convictions and moral character. The Upper School day begins with a brief, often student-led devotion, and we have a formal time of prayer and worship each week. Students also study Christian faith and scriptures in two required one-semester courses and in our humanities program, and we offer semester and yearlong Service Learning electives. We encourage one another to explore and live out our faith as it is challenged and deepened by ideas in and beyond our classrooms.

Service Learning. Through partnerships with local nonprofits, universities, and public schools, this program offers courses and service opportunities that help students examine complex issues such as hunger, homelessness, environmental conservation, and illiteracy. By serving others, students discover the fruits of humble, Christ-like service, deepen their faith, and learn servant-leadership skills. Courses include significant service components.

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-CH marine lab to recording a CD of original music, and studying the impact of humanitarian contributions on Third World development.

Robotics. In a team-based program that includes a course and outside work, students serve as mentors, coaches, and project supervisors; study computer programming; design artificial intelligence behaviors; and build robots to compete in FIRST Tech Challenge competitions. Trinity's teams consistently place high and win awards at competitions, including the Think Award at the 2011 World Championship in St. Louis.

Winterim. This program involves all Upper Schoolers in more than a week of extended block study of topics outside the standard curriculum—a time to try something new or go into further depth in a special area of interest such as ballroom dancing, volunteer service in Durham, a cappella singing, or the history of the American civil rights movement.

ACADEMIC POLICIES

Academic Honors:

- **Trinity Scholar.** All semester grades of B or higher, with an average of A⁻ (unweighted 3.67) or higher.
 - **Academic Honor Roll.** All semester grades of B or higher.
- As part of our Christian philosophy, Trinity awards other academic honors to seniors only.

Schedule and school year. Classes convene late August to late May in two 17-week semesters. Weekly average teaching minutes are as follows: Humanities classes (which satisfy both English and history requirements), 420 minutes; science lab classes, 225 minutes; all other classes, 210 minutes.

Disciplinary reporting to postsecondary institutions. When asked, Trinity will report any instance of disciplinary suspension or dismissal in grades 10–12 and any instance of disciplinary dismissal in grade 9. Trinity also reports any instance of a major disciplinary infraction in grade 9 when a repeated infraction of the same nature occurs in grades 9–12 and results in suspension or dismissal. If a suspension or dismissal occurs after a college application has been filed, Trinity immediately reports the instance if the information was requested on the original application. When asked, Trinity also discloses to postsecondary institutions all known criminal convictions as allowed by law.

When reporting discipline issues to outside institutions, the College Counseling Office works closely with students to advise them of their options.

VISnet virtual online courses. Trinity provides fully accredited online study in partnership with the North Carolina Association of Independent Schools and the Virtual Independent School Network (VISnet).

GRADING SCALE

	Letter Grade	Point Value	Honors (+25%)		Letter Grade	Point Value			
Excellent	A+	97-100	4.33	5.41	Satisfactory	C+	77-79	2.33	2.91
	A	93-96	4.00	5.00		C	73-76	2.00	2.50
	A-	90-92	3.67	4.59		C-	70-72	1.67	2.09
Very Good	B+	87-89	3.33	4.16	Passing	D+	67-69	1.33	1.67
	B	83-86	3.00	3.75		D	63-66	1.00	1.25
	B-	80-82	2.67	3.34		D-	60-62	0.67	0.84
						Failing	F	≤ 59	0.00

MEMBERSHIPS

North Carolina Association of Independent Schools (NCAIS), Christian Schools International (CSI), Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), Southern Association for College Admission Counseling (SACAC), Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS)

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DISTINCTIONS OF TRINITY GRADUATES 2010–2019

In Trinity's first ten graduating classes (305 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 five Division I athletic scholarships; 12 Governor's School placements; National Merit commended, semifinalist, and finalist scholarships; and more than \$12.5 million in merit awards. **Ninety-eight percent of our graduates have matriculated to a four-year college or university.**

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, the classes of 2018–2020 took 46 AP exams; 91% of their scores were 3 or higher, and 76% scored 4 or 5.

CLASSES OF 2018-2020 [123 STUDENTS]

SAT Middle 50% <i>(taken March 2017 and later)</i>	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	575–680
	Math	540–650
	Total	1125–1320

ACT Middle 50%	English	23–34
	Math	23–29
	Reading	24–34
	Science Reasoning	23–31
	Composite	23–30

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Because our graduating classes are small, our range of grades narrow, and our college-preparatory program rigorous, Trinity School does not rank students.

GPA Range	Weighted %	Unweighted %
4.5–5.0	11%	0%
4.0–4.49	25%	17%
3.5–3.9	25%	32%
3.0–3.49	24%	34%
2.5–2.99	15%	17%

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

HUMANITIES

Humanities 9: Ancient Civilizations*
 Humanities 10: Western Studies*
 Humanities 11: American Studies*
Semester Electives
 Shakespeare's Tragedies*
 America in the 1960s*
 Economics*
 Model UN Global Studies
 The Literature of C. S. Lewis*
 The American Civil War*
 Human Geography
 Southern History
 African-American Literature
 The Stage on the Page
 US Government and Politics

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

SERVICE LEARNING

Literacy and the Augustine Project
 Servant Leadership

MATHEMATICS

Algebra I and II*
 Geometry*
 Precalculus*
 Statistics*
 Calculus (Honors)
 Calculus AB (Honors)
 Calculus BC (Honors)
 Independent Study in Mathematics

SCIENCE

Physics*
 Chemistry*
 Biology*
Semester Electives
 Advanced Physics (Honors)
 Ecology
 Anatomy and Physiology*
 Chemistry of Energy (Honors)
 Organic Biochemistry*
 Environmental Studies

REQUIRED SEMESTER COURSES

Health and Wellness
 Theology Studies I and II
 Rhetoric
 Senior Capstone

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Studio Art I, II*, and III*
 Art Portfolio I* and II*
 2-D Design
 Ceramics I
 Photography I
 Junior Year Independent Study
 Performance Theater
 Jazz Ensemble
 Vocal Ensemble
 String Chamber Groups
 Music Theory and Composition:
 Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced

ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Engineering Design I and II
 Introduction to Computer Programming
 Computer Science (Honors)
 Robotics

GENERAL ELECTIVES

Strength and Conditioning
 Yearbook
 Interdisciplinary Studies
 Lifetime Physical Fitness

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES 2010–2019

Agnes Scott College	Eastern University*	Monserrat College of Art	University of Kansas
Alamance Community College*	Eckerd College	Montreat College	University of Kentucky
Albion College	Elon University*	New York University*	University of Louisville*
American University	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University*	North Carolina A&T State University*	University of Lynchburg*
Anderson University*	Emory University*	North Carolina State University*	University of Mary Washington
Appalachian State University*	Emory and Henry College	North Carolina Wesleyan College	University of Michigan*
Arizona State University	Endicott College*	Northeastern University*	University of Mississippi*
Auburn University*	Fashion Institute of Technology*	Northwestern University	University of Missouri at Columbia
Averett University	Fayetteville State University	Occidental College*	University of North Carolina at Asheville*
Azusa Pacific University	Florida Atlantic University	Ohio Wesleyan University	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
Barton College	Florida State University	Otterbein University	University of North Carolina at Charlotte*
Baylor University	Franklin & Marshall College	Oxford College of Emory University	University of North Carolina at Greensboro*
Belmont Abbey College*	Franklin W. Olin College*	Palm Beach Atlantic University	University of North Carolina at Pembroke*
Belmont University*	Furman University*	Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts	University of North Carolina at Wilmington*
Berklee College of Music*	Gardner-Webb University*	Pennsylvania State at University Park*	University of North Carolina School of the Arts*
Berry College*	George Mason University	Pfeiffer University	University of Notre Dame*
Birmingham–Southern College	George Washington University*	Presbyterian College*	University of Oklahoma
Boston University*	Georgia Institute of Technology	Purdue University	University of Oklahoma University of Pennsylvania
Brevard College	Georgia Southern University	Queens University of Charlotte*	University of Rochester
Bridgewater College*	Georgia State University	Radford University	University of San Diego
Brown University	Gordon College*	Randolph College*	University of South Carolina*
Bucknell University*	Grove City College	Randolph-Macon University	University of Tampa
Butler University	Guilford College*	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Tennessee at Knoxville*
Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute*	Hampden-Sydney College	Rhodes College*	University of Toronto
Calvin University	Hampton University	Rice University*	University of Virginia*
Campbell University	Hawaii Pacific University*	Roanoke College*	Utah State University
Carnegie Mellon University*	Heidelberg University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology*	Vanderbilt University*
Case Western Reserve University	High Point University*	Saint Louis University	Villanova University
Catawba College	Hillsdale College	St. Olaf College	Virginia Commonwealth University
Catholic University	Hofstra University	Samford University*	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University*
Central Michigan University	Hollins University*	San Diego State University	Virginia Wesleyan University
Centre College	Howard University	Santa Clara University	Wake Forest University*
Charleston Southern University	Indiana University at Bloomington*	Savannah College of Art and Design*	Warren Wilson College
Christopher Newport University	James Madison University*	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Washington and Lee University*
Clarkson University	John Cabot University	Sewanee: The University of the South*	Washington University in St. Louis*
Clemson University*	Johnson C. Smith University	Seton Hall University	Watkins College of Art, Design, & Film
Coastal Carolina University*	Kenyon College*	Shenandoah University	Western Carolina University*
Colgate University	Lafayette College*	Southern Methodist University	Westmont College
College of Charleston*	Lake Forest College	Spelman College*	Wheaton College (Illinois)*
College of William & Mary	Lee University	Stanford University*	Whitworth University*
College of Wooster	Lenoir-Rhyne University	Suffolk University	Widener University
Colorado School of Mines	Liberty University*	Taylor University	William Peace University*
Cornell University*	Lipscomb University	The New School	Williams College
Covenant College	Louisburg College*	Transylvania University*	Wingate University*
Curry College	Louisiana State University*	Trinity University	Winthrop University
Dartmouth College*	Loyola Marymount University*	Tuskegee University	Wittenberg University
Davidson College*	Loyola University Maryland*	United States Naval Academy*	Wofford College*
Denison University	Manhattanville College	University of Alabama*	Worcester Polytechnic Institute*
DePaul University*	Maryland Institute College of Art	University of Arizona	Xavier University
Dickinson College	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Chicago	
Dillard University	McDaniel College	University of Colorado at Boulder	
Drexel University	Mercer University	University of Colorado at Colorado Springs	
Duke University*	Meredith College	University of Colorado at Denver	
Durham Technical Community College*	Messiah College	University of Delaware	
East Carolina University*	Methodist University	University of Denver	
East Tennessee State University	Miami University (Ohio)	University of Florida*	
Eastern Connecticut State University*	Michigan State University	University of Georgia	
	Middlebury College*	University of Hartford	
	Minneapolis College of Art & Design		

*One or more graduates of the first ten senior classes 2010–2019 elected to attend.