

ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND HONORS PROTOCOL

THE CURRICULUM

TCS is committed to offering courses that will prepare students for their post-secondary pursuits. The curriculum is designed to help prepare serious students to compete academically in public and private universities while developing the various gifts of the student. Further, TCS is dedicated to a Christian program of spiritual maturity, preparing students to be leaders in their communities.

POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING

Trinity Christian School parents and students are encouraged to begin early and plan carefully regarding their interests in making college decisions. Colleges and universities have the right to determine their own admissions requirements, procedures and protocols, and they vary greatly from school to school. In order to make a more informed and appropriate decision, parents and students should begin early to allow opportunity to investigate the entrance requirements of the college or university of their choice. An informational session on how parents can best help prepare their children for college is offered to all 9th through 12th grade students in the Fall of the year.

HONORS COURSES

Honors courses have specific entry criteria and are designed for highly motivated students. A differentiated honors curriculum includes a wider range and greater depth of study in the subject matter, compared to that of the traditional track course. Emphasis will be placed on higher level and critical thinking skills, creative and productive thinking, and independent guided research. Students must meet the entry criteria and be granted permission prior to being admitted to honors courses. If a student is interested and qualified, final entry into any honors program will include teacher recommendation and parent approval. Information on admission to Honors courses is available in the Guidance Office. Contracts for honors courses will be distributed to students by the Honors course teachers and will provide the student with the course expectations. A form signed by the student and parents must be returned to the teacher.

Trinity Christian School currently offers the following Honors Courses:

Mathematics

Algebra 1 (8th grade)
Geometry (9th grade)
Algebra 2 (10th grade)

English

English 9
English 10
English 11
English 12

Science

Physical Science
Biology
Chemistry

Social Studies

History 10
History 11

DUAL CREDIT

Dual Credit courses are college level courses taken through the TC Virtual Academy and other approved online virtual providers. Students who successfully complete these courses receive both high school and college credit. TCS students entering the 11th or 12th grade may register for dual credit courses through the Guidance office. Students may not take Dual Credit Courses to replace courses that TCS requires for graduation.

AP

Advanced Placement Courses give students the opportunity to try college-level work in high school, and gain the valuable skills and study habits required for college. These courses prepare students for the Advanced Placement Exams offered each May at TCS. Students that receive “qualifying” grades on the AP exams have the possibility of receiving credit or advanced placement from many colleges and universities. It is the student’s responsibility to check specific college’s policy. Students enrolled in Advanced Placement Courses are required to pay for, successfully complete, and take the AP Exam in order to receive weighted GPA credit.

AP courses at TCS are taught by teachers having a College Board-approved syllabus. To be admitted to an AP course, students must meet the requirements and be granted permission. If a student is interested in taking an AP course, he/she must submit a completed application with student and parent signatures, must request recommendations from the appropriate teacher(s), and must meet the criteria for that course as shown on the application. Contracts for AP courses will be distributed to students by the AP course teachers and will provide the student with the course expectations. A form signed by the student and parents must be returned to the teacher.

Trinity Christian School currently offers the following AP courses in-house:

Mathematics	English	Science	Social Studies
Calculus AB	Literature and Composition	Chemistry	European Hist.
Calculus BC	Language and Composition		

The following additional AP courses are also available through the TC Virtual Academy:

Art History
Biology
Computer Science
History
Macroeconomics
Microeconomics
US Government
World History