

Tampa Christian Community School HIGH SCHOOL

Mission of TCCS: For like-minded Christian families and teachers to partner together to create a unique educational environment in which children can achieve academic excellence with a special emphasis on learning moral standards and values according to Biblical principles. The students will grow strong in their faith and be a lighthouse to our community.

Mission of TCCS's High School: For high school students to experience a blended model of classroom and at-home learning, which most closely resembles the schedule that students will experience in their post-high school career. The ultimate goal of our program is to train leaders for God's glory and encourage the student to seek their purpose for God's kingdom. It is important that the students know what they believe and have the tools to learn and become life long learners.

Spiritually Sound – College Bound

Vision of TCCS's High School: Students are able to take core classes on campus, and design their high school track to align with their interests and future goals. TCCS comes alongside the students and parents to develop a course list that will be the most beneficial to the student's college and career path. The students and parents take the ultimate ownership of their high school education.

The foundation of the high school program prepares students to be able to design their high school experience and education. TCCS encourages students to be responsible and become motivated to seek their steps through high school and into their college career, as he/she will need to take ownership of his/her learning.

TCCS's academic load focuses on the core academic classes, especially math, literature and writing, while allowing students to individualize their electives. Our unique schedule allows students to accomplish more in less time, and allows parents to continue to be involved in their high school student's life as they are their coach and cheerleader. As part of our schoolwide vision, it is important to teach our student to balance faith, family and school, which is training for adulthood. Furthermore, students' "homework" is in the form of studying for tests when needed, finishing math assignments when needed, and their additional electives/courses. Lastly, we focus on growing life long learners and feel that students should experience a variety of assessments, varying from the alternative assessments (presentation, projects/portfolios to reflect their learning over time, real-life application tools) to the traditional testing format (multiple choice, true/false, essay).

High School Q&A

What classes will be offered on campus?

TCCS's goal is to offer quality classes for the students' core courses. As the student enters his/her junior and senior year, their high school programs then become very individualized.

What is the parents' role at home?

As students become independent learners, the parents' role changes to coach and cheerleader, challenging and encouraging the student. Parents need to make sure the student has the proper materials, workplace, supplies and research resources available. As the student's accountability partner, parents need to be familiar with what is expected of the student by checking each syllabus or notebook and making sure the student meets each due date for assignments.

Is there a parent requirement to strengthen like-mindedness and moral expectations?

Yes, all parents of middle and high school students are required to participate in a five week class, Age of Opportunity.

May a student begin at any point in their high school years?

No, students will need to be enrolled at TCCS by their tenth grade year in order to continue to partner through their junior and senior years as they earn a high school diploma through TCCS.

Will student have a transcript on file at TCCS?

Yes, TCCS keeps all official records for each student. An official transcript will be given with their diploma and additional copies may be requested.

Will my student be eligible for scholarships?

Yes, the program requirements are in line with those of the Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) and Bright Futures, so that students who achieve the required GPA, SAT scores, volunteer service hours and other requirements will be eligible to apply. For more information, please visit www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org.

Does TCCS offer Honors and/or AP classes?

Yes, honor classes are available for students, yet we caution that many colleges look mostly at the course load and at well-rounded students more heavily than the weighted GPA. AP classes may be taken through the Florida Virtual School.

Is dual enrollment available?

Yes, dual enrollment is an option for 11th and 12th graders. TCCS will have Articulation Agreements on file with local colleges for campus or on-line courses. Parents will take the necessary steps for their student to enroll and provide TCCS with verification of class completions.

What are the graduation requirements?

Bible	2
English	4
Math (Algebra 1 and above)	4
Science (two with labs)	3
History (1 World, 1 Amer, ½ Govt, ½ Economics)	3
Foreign Language	2
Required Electives (1 Practical Arts, 1 Performing Arts or ½ each & 1 P.E. w/health)	2
Additional Electives	4
Total Credits	24

How do students earn off campus elective credits?

TCCS has an affiliation agreement with the Florida Virtual School, which may be used to meet the high school requirements for elective credits. There are additional acceptable ways to earn credits that can be discussed with the school's administration. Electives such as P.E. and Performing Arts can be obtained through various off campus activities such as sports, dance or music lessons when approved through TCCS. However, students not involved in these extra curricular activities have the option of using Florida Virtual School classes to fulfill these requirements (yes, they have online physical education classes 😊). Elective credits may be earned at any time during high school as well as over the summer and are not confined to the years listed. TCCS students in 8th grade are allowed to sign up for high school level courses and receive high school credit for them.

What classes does Florida Virtual School offer?

Classes are continually being added, but the following are an overview:

- * Art/Visual Arts
- * Business Technology (Computing for College and Careers, Web Design I and II)
- * Computer Science (Computer Programming, AP Computer Science)
- * Health/Physical Education (Fitness Lifestyle Design, Life Management Skills, Personal Fitness)
- * Safety and Driver Education
- * Foreign Language (Chinese, Latin 1 – 3, Spanish 1 – 3)

What is the grading scale?

A+ 98-100	B+ 87-89	C+ 77-79	D+ 67-69	F Below 60
A 94-97	B 84-86	C 74-76	D 64-66	
A- 90-93	B- 80-83	C- 70-73	D- 60-63	

What is the standardized testing for high school?

All high school students at TCCS must be tested every school year. In 9th and 10th grade, students will take the SAT-10 on campus.

In 10th-12th grade, students may take the PSAT, SAT and/or the ACT.

*PSAT – This test was originally designed to be a practice or preliminary test to the SAT, but it has become the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship program when taken as a junior.

* SAT – This test measures academic achievement in three areas: reading, writing & math. For more information, go to www.collegeboard.com.

* ACT – This test measures academic achievement in four areas: english, math, reading and science. Students receive separate scores for each subject as well as a composite score. For more information, go to www.actstudent.org.

Is community service required?

In preparation for college, the workplace, and real life beyond their education, we recognize the importance of being a well-rounded person who serves others and is involved in being a lighthouse to their surrounding community. Therefore, TCCS requires a minimum of 40 service hours for graduation. Please note the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship requirements on their website.

What if parents feel that their student is not college bound?

The administration will meet with parent(s) and student to discuss an acceptable alternative that will help to prepare them for life beyond high school.

Do parents serve Parent Partner days?

Yes, parent involvement is a very important role in our community. When students are enrolled in 9th and 10th grade, parents will serve as the middle/high school parent partner.

Does TCCS plan extra activities for high school students, including sports?

TCCS students often plan social activities outside of school time as their friendships often extend past the classroom setting. We depend upon parent support for students to have a memorable high school experience. Students may participate in sports through their local public school.

Does TCCS have any “CLUBS”?

A “Leadership Club” will be launching in Fall 2013, with the purpose of teaching the importance of their role in our school community as well as to build leadership skills.

Please refer to the last page to view TCCS’s course plan, which is tentative due to enrollment and classroom space availability.