

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Trinity Christian Academy of Lawton, Inc. accepts students for grades K-3 – 8th Grade after preliminary testing (when applicable), a pastor's recommendation, and on the basis of a personal interview of the parents by the Principal.

Upon completion and return of the student application, accompanied by a photocopy of the student's latest report card, and their pastor's recommendation, the Principal will interview the parents and test the student as needed. The parents will be informed of the admission decision by the Principal.

It is important that at least one parent is a Christian.

Students who have had prior suspensions and/or expulsions will not be admitted unless approved by the Board.

Trinity Christian Academy of Lawton, Inc. accepts students of any color, race or national origin without prejudice. Said students are entitled to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students of the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, athletics, extra curricular activities and other academy administered programs.

Special Needs Considerations

Students with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or Special Needs Medical Diagnosis may be considered for enrollment at TCA. The principal will review the IEP or diagnosis with the parents and make recommendation to the board with regard to admission. If enrollment of child is accepted by the board an accommodation plan will be presented to the parents. Parents must agree to the plan and sign prior to school implementation.

TCA: DISTINCTIVES AND OBJECTIVES

In our efforts to fulfill our mission, TCA seeks to create understanding among all in the school community. This understanding hopefully comes as a result of a clear presentation of who we are as an institution and body.

We believe the specific objectives of Trinity Christian Academy are realized when the *home and school are working in concert and mutual support*. While we believe God has given the primary responsibility for discipline and instruction of children to parents, TCA endeavors to assist the parents in the *teaching and training of truth and character development*. **Trinity Christian Academy approaches education within the framework of our faith in Jesus Christ as outlined in our doctrinal statement. TCA is committed to combining a Biblical worldview with a college preparatory curriculum, benefiting the whole student; spirit, mind and body.** TCA students are afforded the opportunity to develop critical thinking skills from a Christian worldview, guiding them into making their relationship with Jesus Christ meaningful in every aspect of their lives.*

The objectives of Trinity Christian Academy ultimately can be seen in the following summary:

- To establish God's Truth as *the* guide for life.
- To maintain a college preparatory curriculum and high academic standard.
- To encourage an environment where fellow believers are co-laborers to the glory of God, benefiting students, families, faculty, and staff.
- To recognize that the TCA student's value system originates in the home and is further developed by the home, church, and school working together, which form a structure of great strength and stability.

**The italicized phrases are an abridgement of TCA's Doctrinal Statement, Mission Statement, Philosophy of Christian Education, and Parent Covenant.*

TCA PARENT CONVENANT

The Principal and the Board encourage TCA parents to join together, pledging to uphold this covenant in order to glorify God through families, teachers, and students that embody His grace.

As parents we understand, agree, and will commit to the following:

1. To guide our children through a Biblical worldview, recognizing TCA as a supportive partner (Deut. 6:5-7; Col. 2:8; Matt. 22:37).
2. To pray earnestly for TCA, its families, faculty, staff, and administration (James 5:16).
3. To serve the school in whatever capacity my time, and talents, and gifts will allow, as a result of my growing personal faith in Jesus Christ (Mark 10:43-45).
4. To live our calling to a higher standard of conduct as evidenced in our thoughts, our words, and our behavior both in school and to the outside community, because as a Christian community TCA bears witness to the character of the Lord Jesus Christ (Eph. 4:1). As Christ followers, we do not engage in a lifestyle of adultery, homosexual activity, alcohol abuse, the illegal use/sale of drugs, or any other illegal act.
5. To preserve unity in the body, by seeking to resolve any conflict within the TCA community by addressing the matter appropriately with the person or persons directly involved (Matt. 18:15-17).
6. To look for the good in our children's behavior and to praise them and their parents for demonstrating Christ-like character (I Cor. 13:4-7).
7. To communicate lovingly to other parents when we have valid concerns about their child's behavior, so that each of us as parents may guide our child to grow in Christ-like character (Col. 3:12-17).
8. To attend school-related meetings designed to foster a community of TCA parents who are more equipped to work with the school and one another, to educate our children, and to be more unified in our ability to encourage one another in this high calling (Heb. 10:25).
9. The school reserves the right to dismiss a student for any reason it deems necessary. The authority for such dismissals rests primarily with the Principal.
10. The school agrees to work closely with the parents or guardians in helping the students to learn and solve their school-related problems.
11. We will serve the school in whatever capacity that our time, talents, and gifts will allow. Understanding that the TCA operating budget is projected solely on the basis of tuition, fees, and gifts. We pledge ourselves to give whenever possible to meet financial needs, to perform services when qualified, and to uphold the school in prayer.
12. We understand and agree that TCA teachers and administration are give full discretion in accordance with TCA Board Policy and Oklahoma State law in the discipline of our children.

School Uniform Dress Code

Uniforms are to be worn Monday through Thursday*. Jeans and a TCA T-shirt are worn on Fridays* and field trips.

TCA students may wear navy, khaki, gray, or black bottoms or jumpers with any SOLID COLOR polo shirt WITHOUT LOGOS. Girls may also wear any color polo dress. All dresses and jumpers must have shorts, leggings or tights worn underneath them (for P.E. and recess). All students may wear any SOLID COLOR sweater or jacket WITHOUT LOGOS in the classroom. Belts may be any color. Shoes must be closed toe and closed heel, and sneakers must be worn for P.E. days.

A jeans day allows the following dress code to be observed:

Students may wear **BLUE OR BLACK DENIM** jeans, jean shorts or jean skorts. Jeans may not have holes, patches, or torn areas and must have a finished hem.

*If the last day of school of any given week falls on a day other than Friday, the students wear jeans and a TCA t-shirt.