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CEEB Code #447-299

School: Texas Christian Academy, founded in 2000, is a private, independent school for students K-12. Current enrollment is 275. Art, drama, music, publications, service organizations, TAPPS academic competition, academic quiz team, and athletics are extra-curricular activities offered to students.

The student-teacher ratio is 12:1 with the class size range from 6-22. Honors and AP classes are available as well as dual credit classes offered through McLennan Community College. Students are encouraged and supported to develop skills necessary for success in college.

Community: Waco is a city of less than 150,000 located in central Texas. It is home to Baylor University, McLennan Community College, and Texas State Technical College as well as Texas Christian Academy.

Mission Statement: The objective of the school is to instill in students positive attitudes toward learning, leadership, and creativity, as well as to insure full intellectual, moral, physical, and spiritual development. Texas Christian Academy recognizes the responsibility of enabling students to discover, develop, and refine their abilities in preparation for college and vocational training without distinction by race, nationality, or ethnic origin.

Accreditation: Association of Christian Schools International, ACSI, (recognized by the National Council for Private School Accreditation, NCPISA) and approved by the Texas Education Agency.

National Merit Competition: For the past five years Texas Christian Academy has had students recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program

Class Rank: As a college preparatory school, Texas Christian Academy uses a selective admissions process and offers students a rigorous curriculum. Therefore, specific numerical ranking of students does not accurately reflect a student's academic potential and is not listed on the transcripts with the exception of Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

Memberships: Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools, National Association of Secondary School Principals, National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, The College Board, Texas Association of College Admission Counseling, Association of Christian Schools International

Course Descriptions: Most courses are core academic curriculum requirements. Honor courses are academic courses taken above the core academic curriculum requirements.

Honors Courses: English 3&4, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Physics, Anatomy and Physiology, Spanish 3, and U.S. History, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry and Economics.

Numerical Grade Scale:
A=90-100 B=80-89
C=70-79 D=65-69
F=Below 65

Graduation Requirements: Texas Christian Academy offers two graduation plans.

Must complete a minimum of 4 Honors courses to receive Distinguished Diploma.

Foreign language classes must all be in the same language.

Distinguished Plan	Credits	Standard Plan	Credits
ENGLISH	4	ENGLISH	4
English 1,2,3,4 , 4-H Dual-Credit		English 1,2,3,4 , 4-H Dual-Credit	
MATH	4	MATH	4
Algebra I		Algebra I	
Geometry		Geometry	
Algebra II		Algebra II	
Pre Calculus – H		Pre Calculus – H	
Calculus – H		Calculus – H	
Math Models w/ Applications		Math Models w/Applications	
Accounting		Accounting	
SCIENCE	4	SCIENCE	3
Biology		Biology	
IPC		IPC	
Chemistry		Chemistry	
Physics		Physics	
Physics –H		Physics –H	
A&P – H		A&P – H	
Nutrition		Nutrition	
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	3	FOREIGN LANG.	2
Spanish 1,2,3-H		Spanish 1,2,3-H	
Latin 1,2,3-H		Latin 1,2,3-H	
SOCIAL SCIENCE	4	SOCIAL SCI.	4
Geography		Geography	
World History		World History	
U.S. History		U.S. History	
U.S. History –H Dual-Credit		U.S. History –H Dual-Credit	
Gov't/Economics		Gov't/Economics	
TECHNOLOGY	1	TECHNOLOGY	1
Computer		Computer	
Business Comm & Tech		Business Comm & Tech	
SPEECH	0.5	SPEECH	0.5
HEALTH	0.5	HEALTH	0.5
Bible	2	BIBLE	2
9,10,11,12** (1 yr = 0.5 Credits) ** requires 25 hrs community service		9,10,11,12** (1 yr = 0.5 Credits) ** requires 25 hrs community service	
P.E./ ATHLETICS	1.5	P.E./ ATHLETICS	1.5
P.E.		P.E.	
Fall Sport		Fall Sport	
Winter Sport		Winter Sport	
Spring Sport		Spring Sport	
Cheerleading		Cheerleading	
FINE ARTS	1	FINE ARTS	1
Art		Art	
Choir		Choir	
Drama		Drama	
Worship Band		Worship Band	
Orchestra		Orchestra	
ELECTIVES	1.5	ELECTIVES	3.5
Yearbook		Yearbook	
Art Media and Video Editing		Art Media and Video Editing	
Photography		Photography	
Business Law		Business Law	
Marketing		Marketing	
TOTAL CREDITS	27	TOTAL CREDITS	27

College Enrollment: During the past years, Texas Christian Academy alumni have been accepted into the following colleges and universities:

Abilene Christian University, Avila University, Baylor University, Colorado School of Mines, Concordia University, Dallas Baptist University, Fashion Institute of Technology, Gordon College, Hardin-Simmons University, Howard Payne University, LeTourneau University, McMurray University, Ohio State University, Pacific University, Samford University, Southern Methodist University, Southwestern Assemblies of God University, Sterling College, Tabor College, Tarleton State University, Texas A&M, Texas State University, Texas Tech University, University of Houston, University of Mary Hardin Baylor, University of North Texas, University of Texas at Austin, Vanguard University of Southern California.