

# TRINITY VALLEY SCHOOL

## 2014-2015 ACADEMIC PROFILE

### ADMINISTRATION

Head of School: Dr. Gary Krahn  
Head of Upper School: Mr. Chris Gunnin  
Asst. Head of Upper School: Mrs. Julie Nemser  
Head of Middle School: Dr. Mike Kris  
Head of Lower School: Ms. Sandy McNutt

### COLLEGE COUNSELING

Director: Randy Mills  
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### THE SCHOOL

Founded in 1959, Trinity Valley School is an independent, coeducational day school which enrolls 964 students in grades K-12. Our students hail from the city of Fort Worth as well as surrounding communities within a 40-mile radius. Trinity Valley School has four main objectives for its students: fine scholarship with its fulfillment at college; the development of wide constructive interests; intelligent citizenship; and spiritual and moral development which promotes lasting values.

### ACCREDITATION

Trinity Valley School is accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Southwest (ISAS), which is approved by the Texas Education Agency. It holds membership in the National Association of Independent Schools, the Educational Records Bureau, National Association for College Admission Counseling, Texas Association for College Admissions Counseling, Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools, the College Board, and the School & Student Service for Financial Aid.

### ENROLLMENT

Senior Class, 80 students  
Upper School, 353 students  
Middle School, 308 students  
Lower School, 297 students

### ADMISSIONS

Admission to Trinity Valley School is selective and Upper School applicants are evaluated on their academic record, ISEE score, teacher

recommendations, and a personal interview. Trinity Valley School values diversity and the student population includes 27 percent students of color. We seek to admit the most qualified applicants, regardless of the family's ability to pay. For the 2014-15 academic year, 163 students (17 percent) are receiving need-based aid of approximately \$2.3 million.

### FACULTY

Seventy of the school's 127 academic faculty hold master's degrees; 15, doctorates.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

An integral part of the culture at TVS, the Community Service Program strives to instill in each student an awareness of the multiple needs of the community, a sense of moral obligation to help those less fortunate and the desire to make one's community a better place to live. Students are required to complete 60 hours of volunteer service prior to graduation.

### GLOBAL AWARENESS AND CITIZENSHIP

Our Global Initiatives Program equips students with a sense of responsibility and an eagerness to become conscientious global citizens. Students travel abroad, host international guests, take courses on various regions of the world, and participate in academically oriented course-to-course blogs and video exchanges with people from different countries.

### SENIOR PROJECTS

The Senior Projects program is a voluntary elective designed to encourage students to assume greater ownership of their education during their final semester at TVS and to imagine ways that they can take initiative for their own learning. As well, Senior Projects provide an opportunity for students to develop ways they can apply their passions and skills to the service of the broader community. This course allows students to pursue academic or service-oriented interests, on or off campus, in place of one traditional elective offering.

### ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Trinity Valley School community is rich in educational opportunities, clubs, and other enrichment activities. Students may choose to participate in one of 14 varsity sports, award-winning drama productions, and more than 30 clubs including our newly founded and competitive debate program. For a complete listing of all opportunities available to our students, please visit the school's Web site.

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## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Beginning in Fall 2014, students in the Upper School are required to carry five courses with the option to elect a sixth course. A complete listing of courses and descriptions can be found on our Web site at [www.trinityvalleyschool.org](http://www.trinityvalleyschool.org).

English.....	4 credits
Math .....	4 credits
Natural Science .....	3 credits
<i>Biology, Chemistry, Design &amp; Engineering Physics</i>	
World Language.....	3 credits
Social Science .....	5 courses
<i>Eastern/Western Civilization, Modern European History, US History, Economics, Government</i>	
Fine Arts.....	1 credit
Athletics/Physical Education.....	2 credits

## HONORS COURSES

Biology, Chemistry, Design & Engineering Physics, Geometry, Algebra II, Precalculus, Choir

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT & ADVANCED COURSES

English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, Computer Science A, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Modern European History, US History, Economics, Government, Psychology, French, Latin, Spanish, Advanced Topics I – Applied Probability, Advanced Topics II – Intro to Linear Algebra, Accelerated Precalculus/Calculus

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCORES

All students enrolled in an AP course are required to take the AP exam. In 2014, 110 students achieved some level of AP Scholar designation; 218 students took a combined total of 557 exams; 82 percent scored a “3” or higher.

## ONLINE LEARNING PARTNERSHIPS (VHS)

Trinity Valley School has entered into partnerships with a number of accredited online course providers such as Virtual High School, Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth Online, and Laurel Spring’s School as a means of providing our students with rigorous online learning experiences. The skills of creating online networks, using 21st-century technologies, and forging positive relationships with other learners across traditional geographic boundaries are important parts of the developmental program at Trinity Valley School. These partnerships promote and strengthen our students’ national and global connections while providing them opportunities to explore a wide range of subjects that are specific to their interests.

## GRADING SCALE

A+ = 97-100%	A = 93-96%	A- = 90-92%
B+ = 87-89%	B = 83-86%	B- = 80-82%
C+ = 77-79%	C = 73-76%	C- = 70-72%
D+ = 67-69%	D = 63-66%	D- = 60-62%
F = Below 60		

Note: For AP, accelerated and advanced courses, an additional .5 is added each semester (i.e. A+, A and A- = 4.5).

## CLASS RANKING

Based on the selective nature of our admissions requirements, size of each class, and overall academic caliber of students attending our school, Trinity Valley School does not rank.

## GPA DISTRIBUTION CLASS OF 2015

(As of June 2014 - Based on students enrolled for six or more semesters)

Highest GPA.....	4.17
Average GPA.....	3.53
Lowest GPA .....	2.25

## NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

In the Class of 2014, 25 percent of students achieved the following National Merit recognition: National Merit Finalists, 9; National Merit Commended, 10; National Achievement Recognition, 1; National Hispanic Recognition, 3; National Merit Scholarship Winners, 2.

## SCORE DISTRIBUTIONS

SAT CLASS OF 2015 testing through June 2014			
	CRITICAL READING	MATH	WRITING
70 Testers			
Mid 50%	550-680	550-670	550-650
Mean	613	610	604

SUBJECT TEST CLASS OF 2015 testing through June 2014			
	CHEMISTRY	US HISTORY	MATH LEVEL 2
Mid 50%	710-760	620-750	580-770
Testers	7	12	10

ACT CLASS OF 2015 testing through June 2014					
66 Testers	ENGLISH	MATH	READING	SCIENCE	COMPOSITE
Mid 50%	25-32	24-29	26-32	24-31	25-30
Mean	28	26.4	28.7	27.1	27.5

# 2010-2014 COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS

*Schools in bold represent matriculations for Class of 2014*

## UNITED STATES

**Albion College**  
**American University**  
**Auburn University**  
Austin College  
Austin Community College  
**Barnard College**  
**Baylor University**  
Belmont University  
Biola University  
Blinn College  
**Boston University**  
Brigham Young University  
Bryn Mawr College  
California Baptist University  
**California Institute of Technology**  
Carleton College  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Case Western Reserve University  
**Centenary College of Louisiana**  
Champlain College  
Chapman University  
College of William and Mary  
Collin County Community College  
Columbia University  
Concordia University at Austin  
**Creighton University**  
**Dartmouth College**  
Davidson College  
**Denison University**  
**Duke University**  
Elon University  
Emory University  
Fairfield University  
Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising  
Florida State University  
Fordham University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Gettysburg College  
Gordon College  
Hendrix College  
**Louisiana State University**  
**Loyola Marymount University**  
Manhattan College  
Manhattan School of Music  
Midwestern State University  
**New York University**  
**Northwestern University**  
**Oberlin College**  
Oklahoma Baptist University  
**Oklahoma State University**  
**Oregon State University**  
Pepperdine University  
Philadelphia University  
**Purdue University**  
Rhodes College  
**Rice University**

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey at New Brunswick  
Saint Louis University  
**Samford University**  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
**Sewanee: The University of the South**  
**Southern Methodist University**  
Southwestern University  
St. Edward's University  
**St. Mary's University of San Antonio**  
Stanford University  
**Tarleton State University**  
**Texas A&M University**  
**Texas Christian University**  
**Texas State University**  
**Texas Tech University**  
The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science & Art  
The George Washington University  
The Juilliard School  
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
The University of Texas, Arlington  
**The University of Texas, Austin**  
**The University of Texas, Dallas**  
The University of Texas, San Antonio  
The University of Texas, Tyler  
**Trinity University**  
**Tulane University**  
United States Military Academy  
**United States Naval Academy**  
University at Buffalo, The State University of New York  
**The University of Alabama**  
University of Arkansas  
**University of California, Berkeley**  
**University of California, Los Angeles**  
**University of California, San Diego**  
University of Chicago  
University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
University of Denver  
University of Evansville  
University of Florida  
**University of Houston**  
**University of Miami**  
University of Michigan  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
**University of Mississippi**  
University of Missouri  
University of Missouri-Kansas City  
**University of Nebraska at Lincoln**  
University of North Texas  
**University of Notre Dame**  
**University of Oklahoma**  
University of Pennsylvania

**University of Richmond**  
**University of South Carolina**  
**University of Southern California**  
University of Tulsa  
University of Vermont  
University of Virginia  
University of Wisconsin, Madison  
Vassar College  
Villanova University  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Wake Forest University  
Washington University in St. Louis  
West Texas A&M University  
Westmont College  
Wright State University  
Xavier University  
**Yale University**

## INTERNATIONAL

**Munich Business School**  
University of British Columbia  
**University of St. Andrews**



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