

# SCHOOL PROFILE

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## TUPELO CHRISTIAN PREPARATORY SCHOOL

- The School:** Tupelo Christian Preparatory School (TCPS) is the largest Independent Private Christian School located in Northeast Mississippi with an enrollment of approximately 535 students in grades K4 through 12. The school, founded in 1988, is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) as well as fully accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). The school provides a strong academic program within the context of the biblical worldview.
- Mission Statement:** The mission of TCPS is to lead students, in partnership with Christian families, to know Christ and make Him known through rigorous academics, challenging athletics, stimulating arts, and servanthood activities.
- The Community:** The school is located in Belden, Mississippi just northwest of Tupelo. Students commute from Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe, Pontotoc, and Union Counties. Our student body is comprised of families from over 60 local churches.
- The Faculty:** The faculty is composed of over 40 degreed, certified (most dual-certified with State and ACSI certifications) committed Christians. Collectively, the faculty holds 19 graduate degrees including 2 EdS degrees and 3 Doctorates. The faculty averages 17 years of teaching experience.
- The Students:** Students are admitted on the basis of interviews, admission tests, previous school records, recommendations from teachers and pastors, and parental and student commitments. Students have the opportunity to explore and develop their talents in a variety of areas such as music, art, and athletics. On average 99% of our graduates go on to college.
- Elementary School:** The elementary school consists of K4-6<sup>th</sup> grades. The curriculum emphasizes Bible, language arts (reading, spelling, grammar), and math. In K4-3<sup>rd</sup> grades we use the SMILA (Simultaneous Multi-sensory Institute of Language Arts) method for teaching phonics and reading. Other subjects include science, social studies, art, music, computer, and physical education. Curriculum used in the Elementary School is from Christian publishers.
- Secondary School:** The Junior High (7<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grades) and High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) curriculum includes Bible, English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Physical Education. Various electives include Spanish, French, Art, Choir, Theater, Computer, ACT Prep Class, as well as several journalistic classes. The majority of textbook publishers used in the Secondary School are secular publishers to help our students learn how to develop critical thinking skills as well as biblical integration. Students may compete in a wide variety of athletic team sports.
- Grading Scale:** A 90-100 B 80-89 C 70-79 D 60-69
- Bible Curriculum:** Purposeful Design (ACSI) Bible curriculum is used in K-6<sup>th</sup> grades while 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades follow a scope and sequence that culminates with a course in Christian Apologetics and Worldviews.
- College Credit:** Instruction on a college level is available for high school students in Calculus, English Composition, Health, Music Appreciation, Speech, and US History. In total, students can currently earn 21 hours of college credit.
- Grade Point Average:** All grades earned in high school level courses are included in a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA). Dual-Credit courses and Advanced Placement courses are worth an additional +1 GPA quality point.

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**Graduation Requirements:** Two diploma plans are available (both require a minimum of 28 credits to graduate): College Preparatory Diploma, and Distinguished Achievement Diploma. In addition, a TCPS Scholar Endorsement can be earned with either diploma. The following credits are required for either diploma:

Bible	4 credits	Health/Physical Education	1 credit
Computer Science	1 credit	Math	4 credits
English	4 credits	Science	4 credits
Fine Arts	1 credit	Social Studies	4 credits
Foreign Language	(see below)	Speech	½ credit

Foreign Language Requirement: The College Preparatory Diploma requires two consecutive years of the same foreign language; while the Distinguished Achievement Diploma requires either three consecutive years of the same foreign language, or two consecutive years of one language and one year of another language.

**Standardized Testing:** K-8<sup>th</sup> grade students take the TerraNova 3 Achievement Test each Spring. All High School students take the ACT Aspire Test (pre ACT) in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades, and the PSAT (pre SAT) in 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Extra Curricular Activities:** Boys' Athletics: Baseball, basketball, bowling, cross-country, football, golf, soccer, swimming, tennis, and track (Member of the MHSAA)  
 Girls' Athletics: Basketball, cheerleading, cross-country, soccer, swimming, tennis, and track (Member of the MHSAA)  
 Activities: Art, Choir, Drum Line, National Jr. Beta Club, National Beta Club, National Jr. Honor Society, National Honor Society, Praise Band, Student Council, and Scholastic Teams.

### Colleges and Universities Our Graduates Have Been Accepted To

Albright University	Johnson & Wales University	Roanoke College
Arizona State University	Jones Junior College	Samford University
Auburn University	King's College	Savannah College of Art and Design
Baylor University	Liberty University	Southern Methodist University
Belhaven University	Lipscomb University	Stanford University
Belmont University	McNeese State University	Texas A&M University
Birmingham-Southern College	Meridian Community College	University of Alabama
Blue Mountain College	Millsaps College	University of Alabama at Birmingham
Brevard College	Mississippi College	University of Georgia
Coker College	Mississippi Delta Community College	University of Florida
Drury University	Mississippi State University	University of Memphis
East Mississippi Community College	Mississippi University for Women	University of Mississippi
Freed-Hardeman University	Northeast Community College	University of North Alabama
Furman University	Northwest Community College	University of Southern Mississippi
George Mason University	Penn State University	William and Mary
George Washington University	Pratt Institute	William Carey University
Holmes Community College	Reinhardt University	
Itawamba Community College	Rhodes College	