



# TRADERS POINT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

*TPCA is located at the southwest corner of Indianapolis Road and State Road 334, just west of the Zionsville interchange on I-65 in southern Boone County (also 3 mi north of 86<sup>th</sup> & Lafayette Rd)*

## FAST FACTS ABOUT TRADERS POINT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

- TPCA serves 550 students from Marion, Clinton, Boone, Hendricks and Hamilton counties.
- New High School program with college preparatory emphasis; AP and dual-credit options available
- All classroom teachers are degreed; 25% of teachers hold a masters degree.
- Student/teacher ratios are 7:1 for early childhood, 13:1 for elementary, 7:1 for middle school and 3:1 for high school.
- TPCA administers ISTEP+, NWEA, and DIBELS testing (depending on student grade)
- TPCA provides nearly \$700,000 in tuition assistance annually.
- TPCA 62,000 sq. ft. award winning facilities (constructed March 2007) include a technology lab, media center, regulation-size gym, cafeteria/auditorium, art room, science lab and band/choir rooms.
- Co-curricular subjects include art, computer technology, music, physical education, band (grade 5 – 12) and Spanish (KG - 12; for Early Childhood subjects include music, chapel and physical education.
- Nutritious and tasty hot lunch, prepared by our trained Chef, and beverage is available for purchase five days a week
- Students in first grade and older have the opportunity to participate in interscholastic academic competitions in speech, math, spelling and geography. Interscholastic athletic competition is available for grades 2 and older.
- High School students enjoy a 1:1 laptop program and international travel/ministry opportunities each January-Term
- Before and after school care is available for students in K (full-day) and older. Before care starts at 7:00 a.m.; after care is available until 6:00 p.m. There is an hourly fee per child.

## FREQUENTLY-ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. Do you have to be a Christian to attend TPCA?

No, but most students to attend church with their family. All students are expected to participate daily in Bible study and prayer and weekly chapel service. Bible class is assessed a grade like any other core class.

### 2. How do you handle doctrinal issues?

With currently 65% of our students attending churches other than TPCC, our school families and staff represent a wide variety of nearly 70 different churches. Differing forms of worship are the business of the family and the church to which they belong. We know that children will make spiritual decisions during their school years, and we will support them in that process, referring them to the home and to their church as the primary spiritual teachers in their lives.

### 3. What curriculum resources do you use?

We use a variety of resources that meet or exceed Indiana state standards. Some of our books come from Christian publishers (such as Biblical choices); most come from well known publishers (such as Saxon, Prentiss Hall, Pearson or Houghton-Mifflin). However, each is reviewed from a Christian worldview perspective and must meet our students' accelerated academic progress.

### 4. How much homework do you expect?

Homework serves to a) practice concepts introduced in the classroom and b) develop responsibility through independent work. Based on this, minimal homework is given until third grade. Daily homework of generally 10 minutes per grade should be expected for first grade and older as students learn and utilize independent study skills.

### 5. Do you require students to wear uniforms or do you have a dress code?

We do not currently require a uniform but do have a dress code. It reflects the Bible's teaching to dress with modesty, decency and propriety so that our good deeds and character bring attention to the Lord instead of our clothing attracting attention to ourselves. We don't allow clothing that promotes values conflicting with the purpose and character of TPCA. For example, clothing that promotes violence is not allowed.

## 6. What is your discipline practice?

We work to help students establish and practice personal behavior that is pleasing to God and beneficial to everyone. Our school standards and classroom discipline are defined in the parent handbook.

## 7. Do you have programs for gifted students or those with learning difficulties?

We strive to help every enrolled student achieve at a level commensurate with his or her ability. The more capable student typically will move at a faster rate based on his/her ability. Our smaller class sizes and focus on individual attention work best within a differentiated classroom structure. Higher ability students may also work directly with higher grade level students, teachers and curriculum as appropriate. We work toward a balanced educational approach, allowing for not only academic development, but for the student's emotional, physical and spiritual growth as well.

## 8. Do you offer extra-curricular activities?

Students in fifth grade and older who meet TPCA's grade eligibility requirements may compete in sports, including soccer, basketball, volleyball, football (grades 2-6), track, baseball and cheerleading. If interest is high enough, we have also offered tennis, gold and softball. We compete in the Indianapolis Independent Schools League with other private schools in the area, against some public schools and against other ACSI schools. Selected middle & high school students may participate in student council, the National Honor Society (high school), National Junior Honor Society (grade 7/8), and/or the yearbook committee. Other after-school programs (such as science, rocketry, chess, dance or drama clubs) are offered if there is student interest and available leadership. Summer day and sports camp programs are offered in June and July for preschool students through grade 8.

## 9. How is TPCA governed?

TPCA is incorporated as a 501c(3) nonprofit organization and is governed by a self-perpetuating board of directors. This board is composed of parents, community members and the superintendent. Two elders from Traders Point Christian Church are also appointed to the board as liaisons with our founding church.

## 10. How is TPCA financed?

TPCA is financed primarily by income from tuition and activity fees, receiving approximately 80% of income from these sources. The school derives their remaining income from events, gifts, estates, foundations, Traders Point Christian Church and various fundraising efforts. We encourage our families and friends to help us to build a financial foundation for program improvement and facility expansion.

## 11. How is TPCA different from other schools?

An education that is not based on a Biblical foundation is incomplete, lacking a focused purpose. Our highly qualified staff of Christian educators feels called to teach at TPCA, ministering to and loving each student as they work to help them reach their potential. We teach not just facts and information. At TPCA students learn how to apply Biblical principles to their lives and to use their education within God's plan for their lives to engage and impact their world for Christ – at any age. TPCA chooses to admit some students from families with no church background, allowing our students and families the opportunity to reach out to others through Christ. Through our annual parent survey, families say they enroll their children at TPCA because we offer strong academics, a Biblical foundation, a low student-teacher ratio with quality teachers, positive peer relationships and a safe, loving environment.

## BRIEF HISTORY OF TPCA

- 1976: Founded as a nursery school
- 1990: Expanded to include an elementary program
- 1997-1998: Incorporated as a nonprofit organization and accredited as an Indiana Freeway school
- 1999: Opened the middle school program and added a second campus
- 2001: Graduated first eighth grade class in May
- 2002-2003: Accredited by Association of Christian Schools International and North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
- 2006-2007: Began construction of new facilities and moved in completed facilities in April 2007
- 2008: Opened new high school program

## Affiliations

- Affiliated with Traders Point Christian Church ([www.tpcc.org](http://www.tpcc.org))
- Member of the Indiana Non-Public Education Association ([www.inpea.org](http://www.inpea.org))
- Member of the Association of Christian Schools International ([www.acsi.org](http://www.acsi.org))
- Member of the Indianapolis Christian School Association ([www.christianschoolsusa.com](http://www.christianschoolsusa.com))