



# TACOMA BAPTIST HIGH SCHOOL

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**PURPOSE:** To equip our students with a Biblically-integrated and academically challenging education that prepares them to be leaders in their communities.

**MISSION:** Tacoma Baptist High School exists to support the Christian home and church by providing Biblically-based education that challenges young lives to grow in faith, knowledge, and skill so that they may glorify God and serve others.

**SCHOOL CODE:** 481-398

**STAFF:** Head of School: Mr. Brad McCain  
Secondary Principal: Mr. Brad McCain  
Counselor: Mrs. LeAnn Kitselman  
Athletic Director: Mr. Tim Rasmussen

**COMMUNITY DATA:** Located in Tacoma, approximately 30 miles south of Seattle on the I-5 corridor.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT:** Tacoma Baptist Schools was formed in the fall of 1959, and the first high school classes were offered in the fall of 1966. In 2006, Tacoma Baptist Schools incorporated to form the South Sound Christian School district. South Sound Christian Schools are accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), the Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC), and are "Approved Private Schools" in Washington State.

<b>STUDENT BODY:</b>	Pre-school through Grade 12 .....	291
	Jr./Sr. High.....	158
	Senior Class .....	26

**CALENDAR/SCHEDULE:** Thirty-six weeks. The traditional schedule consists of seven 50-minute periods.

**HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY:** Sixteen full-time teachers; six part-time teachers.

**CURRICULAR DISTINCTIVES:** TBHS is dedicated to the pursuit of academic excellence. Our curriculum is Christ-centered, and all subject matter is designed to include Biblical integration. The school has a detailed testing program designed to measure students' abilities and progress. Students in grades 1-8 take the TerraNova Achievement Test each spring to measure achievement in English, mathematics, science, and social studies. Students in grades 9, 10 and 11 take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) each October to identify areas of strength and weaknesses in preparation for college. Before graduating, every senior (both our college-bound and those who do not intend to pursue a post-secondary education) take and have the scores reported to TBHS for one of the following: the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), the American College Test (ACT), or the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

**HONORS COURSE OFFERINGS:** Honors classes require a deeper preparation, cover a broader scope of material, and demand a higher level of performance from the student. Students at the sophomore level or higher with a proven background in a subject (a 3.0 average or higher) may choose to take honors level classes in English, Chemistry, Advanced Human Biology and Physics. Advanced Math/Trigonometry and Calculus are also honors level. Honors courses are marked on the transcript with an "H" following the course name. AP classes in Chemistry, Literature and Composition, U.S. History, Physics and Computer Science are available.

**GRADUATION:** Tacoma Baptist offers two tracks toward graduation: standard and college-preparatory. The standard high school track requires 25 units for graduation for the class of 2017 and 2018 and 26 for the class of 2019+. The college-preparatory track, requires 27 credits for graduation for the class of 2017 and 2018 and 28 for the class of 2019+. Courses include honors level work in English, math, and science, with three years of a world language. Graduating seniors must complete community service and memorize 125 Bible verses from a select list and recite them in one sitting.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Each student is required to perform a minimum of five hours of community service in grade nine, ten hours in grade ten, fifteen hours in grade eleven, and twenty hours in grade twelve.

**GRADING:**

<i>Numerical Average</i>	<i>Letter Grade</i>	<i>Grade Point Average</i>	<i>Numerical Average</i>	<i>Letter Grade Average</i>	<i>Grade Point</i>
100 - 93%	A	4.00	79 – 77%	C+	2.33
92 - 90%	A-	3.67	76 – 73%	C	2.00
89 - 87%	B+	3.33	72 – 70%	C-	1.67
86 - 83%	B	3.00	69 – 67%	D+	1.33
82 - 80%	B-	2.67	66 – 60%	D	1.00
			59 or below	F	0.00

**GPA COMPUTATION:** The student's GPA is calculated by dividing the total quality points earned by the total credits attempted. Grade point averages are unweighted and computed on all subjects, grades 9-12.

**CLASS RANK:** Rank is determined by the GPA and taken from all the student's grades in all 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Individual class rank is reported to colleges on the student's transcript. The graduating class valedictorian must have attended TBHS for at least two full years, be a member of National Honor Society, have the highest GPA, and have taken the following: two years of the same world language, AP or Honors English in the junior and senior years, and any two of the following classes: AP or Honors Chemistry, AP or Honors Physics, Advanced Human Biology, Advanced Math/Trigonometry, and/or Calculus. The salutatorian is the student in the class who has the second highest GPA and meets the above criteria.

**ACT SUMMARY:**

	<b>Class of 2016</b>	<b>Washington St 2016</b>	<b>National 2016</b>
English	24.8	22.3	20.1
Math	24.4	23.2	20.6
Reading	26.2	23.6	21.3
Science	24.2	22.9	20.8
Composite	24.8	23.1	20.8

**COLLEGE CHOICES:** Over 85% of graduates from Tacoma Baptist High school pursue college degrees directly after high school. Graduates have attended colleges and universities over a wide geographical area. Colleges and universities that have accepted TBHS graduates include Abilene Christian University, Azusa Pacific University, Baylor University, Biola University, California Baptist University, California State University-Maritime Academy, California State University-Long Beach, Calvin College, Carroll College, Central Washington University, Concordia University-Portland, Corban University, Eastern Washington University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, George Fox University, Gonzaga University, Grand Canyon University, Hawaii Pacific University, Lasell College, LeTourneau University, Linfield College, Marquette University, The Master's College, Northern Arizona University, Northwest Nazarene University, Northwest University, Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma State University, Oregon State University, Pacific Lutheran University, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle University, Simpson University, Southeastern University, Tennessee State University, Trinity Western University, U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, University of Portland, University of Southern California, University of Texas-Dallas, University of Washington, University of Wisconsin, Warner Pacific University, Washington State University, West Point, Western Washington University, and Whitworth University.