



COLLEGE COUNSELING

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THE SCHOOL

Palmer Trinity School is an independent, college-preparatory, coeducational, Episcopal day school located on 60 acres in southwest Miami-Dade County. Established in 1972, Palmer Trinity School enrolls 770 students in grades six through twelve.

The school reflects both the metropolitan and suburban flavor of the city of Miami with 30 countries represented in its student body. Over sixty percent of the students are bilingual, and thirty percent speak three or more languages. Five percent of the student population enrolls in our English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program. Palmer Trinity School seeks students of good academic potential and strong personal character in its commitment to fashion a diverse community.

Upper School Enrollment: 460

Class of 2020: 101 members

Ethnic Enrollment: 54% Hispanic, 30% Anglo, 4% African descent, 4% Asian, 1% Middle Eastern, 1% First People, 5% Foreign Citizens (without dual U.S. citizenship).

Faculty with Advanced Degrees: 81% (13% with Terminal Degrees)

ACCREDITATION

Palmer Trinity School is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the Southern Association of Independent Schools, and the Florida Council of Independent Schools. The school is licensed by the School Board of the Episcopal Diocese of Southeast Florida and is registered with the Florida Department of Education. The School holds memberships with NACAC, SACAC, ACCIS, GEBG, College Board, ERB, NASFA, NAIS, NAES, CSJET, NASSP, and SSATB.

GLOBAL EDUCATION BENCHMARK GROUP

Palmer Trinity is a founding member of the Global Education Benchmark Group. A group of 250 independent schools worldwide whose mission is the development of global citizens in our schools through global curriculum, experiences and institutional support.

GRADE SYSTEM

Final grades are determined by calculating the average of each semester grade.

Students must enroll in at least five academic classes per semester.

Palmer Trinity School limits a student to two Advanced Placement courses a year, unless the student can meet the rigorous conditions for exception. Admission to these courses is a highly selective process, requiring that students demonstrate superior prior work in the discipline and obtain departmental approval. Students who enroll in Advanced Placement courses are expected to remain in those courses for the entire year. Each student enrolled in an Advanced Placement course must sit for the national examination in May.

Class rank is not computed for purposes of college admission. Since each senior class is small, we view published rank as divisive within such a competitive population as ours. Because of the uniformly rigorous academic program, each graduate matriculates successfully at a four-year college or university.

AP Courses are weighted 1.0 and Honors Courses 0.5 in a weighted grade point average.

Official Grades are available only at the end of each semester. (January and May)

STANDARDIZED TESTING

SAT The SAT range for middle 50% of the Class of 2019 for whom scores were reported:

Critical Reading: 590–690 **Math:** 570–690

ACT The ACT range for middle 50% of the Class of 2019 for whom scores were reported:

Composite: 26–32

In compliance with the Principles of Good Practice of the National Association of College Admissions Counseling, mean scores are not reported.

*These ranges include ESOL students.

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Independent Study caters to students who seek advanced and specialized course work not ordinarily available in the school’s curriculum. The responsibility for selecting a topic, recruiting a faculty sponsor, and devising the course of study rests with the student. Approval of the course must come from the school’s Academic Council. A grade for Independent Study averages on equal footing with grades for the student’s other courses. Traditionally, over 20 students participated in the Independent Study program, doing research in all academic areas. Topics have included: Nordic Social Democracy, Middle Eastern Studies, Hegemonic Masculinity, Film Production, Artificial Intelligence, Spanish Philosophy, History of Cinema, American Poets, Magic in Literature, Scottish History and Politics, and History of Hip Hop.

SEMESTER STUDY AWAY PROGRAMS

Palmer Trinity School has sophomore study away programs with sister schools in Sydney, Australia; Madrid, Spain; and Aix en Provence, France. Students spend one full semester in a non-U.S. educational system, and courses are taught in the language of that country. Original transcripts from the foreign schools are provided to colleges without a United States or Palmer Trinity School conversion. Palmer Trinity also has partnerships with City Term in NYC, The Island School in The Bahamas, and Alzar School in Chile. Original transcripts from those schools are provided.

ROUND SQUARE

Palmer Trinity is a member of the prestigious Round Square School worldwide network. Round Square is a global group of 150 innovative schools in 40 countries across five continents. Round Square allows our students to have 4 to 8-week exchange opportunities during the academic year. Students who participate in these exchanges are responsible for all academic work missed while they are away. In addition, they must participate in and attend classes in their host countries.

LETTER GRADE	NUMERICAL
A	93–100
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	59 or below

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCORES 2018-2019

704 examinations in 23 areas
% of students scoring 4 or 5: 61%
% of students scoring 3 or higher: 85%

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Palmer Trinity School operates on a Semester System. 23.5 Credits Required for Graduation. 1 credit awarded for satisfactory completion of a full-year course. ½ credit awarded for satisfactory completion of a semester course.

English	4 credits
Math	3 credits (Fourth year strongly recommended)
Science	3 credits, specifically in Biology, Physics, and Chemistry (Fourth year strongly recommended)
History/Humanities	3 credits, World, U.S., and a regional history are required (Fourth year strongly recommended)

World Languages	2 credits through third level of same language (Four years of a language strongly recommended)
Religion and Philosophical Studies	1 credit (2 semesters)
Fine Arts	1 credit (2 semesters)
Physical Education	1 credit (1 semester as wellness)
Academic Computing	.5 credits
Electives	5 credits (for students in grades eleven and twelve)

HONORS COURSES

English	Math	World Languages
American Studies	Geometry	French III, IV, V
World Literature	Algebra II	Spanish III, IV, V
American Literature	Precalculus	Chinese III, IV, V
English 12	Calculus	History
Latin American Literature	Multi-Variable Calculus	World History
Afro-Eurasian Literature	Science	U.S. History
	Biology	Latin American
	Physics B	Asian
	Chemistry	European
	Anatomy & Physiology	

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

Math	World Languages	Science	History/ Social Sciences
Statistics	French Language & Culture	Biology	U.S. History
Calculus AB	Spanish Language & Culture	Chemistry	U.S. Government
Calculus BC	Spanish Literature	Physics I	European History
Computer Science	Chinese Language & Culture	Physics C	Macroeconomics
Performing & Fine Arts	English	Environmental Science	Microeconomics
Studio Art	Language & Composition Literature	Psychology	Human Geography
Music Theory			
2-D Art			

(some courses offered every other year)

COLLEGE MATRICULATION AND ACCEPTANCES CLASS 2019

100% of Palmer Trinity graduates are accepted to four-year colleges and universities

The University of Alabama	Duke University*	Loyola University Maryland	Queen Mary University, UK	Texas Christian University
Alvernia University	Durham University, UK	Loyola University New Orleans	Regent's University, UK	The University of Texas
American University*	East Carolina University	Lynn University*	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	The University of Texas, Dallas
The American University of Paris, FR	Eckerd College	Manhattanville College	Rhodes College	The New School Parsons School of Design
Appalachian State University	Elon University	Maryland Institute College of Art	Richmond, The American International University, UK	The Ohio State University
Auburn University	Emerson College	University of Maryland	University of Richmond	Trinity College
Austin College	Emmanuel College	Marymount Manhattan College	Ringling College of Art and Design	Trinity University
Babson College*	Emory University	Massachusetts College of Art and Design	Roanoke College	Tufts University
Barry University	Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam, NL	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Rochester Institute of Technology	Tulane University*
Baylor University	Fairfield University	University of Massachusetts	University of Rochester	University of Bristol, UK
Belmont University	Fashion Institute of Technology	McGill University, Canada	Rollins College	The University of Edinburgh, Scotland
Bentley University	Florida Atlantic University	Merrimack College	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Glasgow, Scotland
Boston College	Florida Gulf Coast University	Miami Dade College*	Saint Joseph's University	The University of Manchester, UK
Boston University*	Florida Institute of Technology	University of Miami*	University of San Francisco	University of St Andrews, Scotland*
Brandeis University	Florida Southern College	University of Michigan	Santa Clara University*	Ursinus College
Brown University*	Florida State University*	Middlebury College	Santa Fe College	University of Utah
Bryant University	University of Florida*	University of Mississippi*	Sarah Lawrence College	Utica College
Bucknell University	Fordham University	Mount Holyoke College	Savannah College of Art and Design*	Valdosta State University
California College of the Arts	Franklin & Marshall College	University of New Hampshire	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Vanderbilt University
University of California, San Diego	Furman University	New York University*	School of Visual Arts – NYC	Vassar College
Carnegie Mellon University	The George Washington University*	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Seminole State College	Villanova University
The Catholic University of America	Georgia Institute of Technology	University of North Carolina at Charlotte	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of Virginia
University of Central Florida	Gettysburg College	Northeastern University	Simmons University	Wake Forest University
Chapman University	High Point University	Nova Southeastern University	University of South Florida	Washington University in St. Louis
College of Charleston*	Howard University	Oberlin College	University of Southern California	University of Washington
University of Chicago*	Hult International Business School, UK	Oregon State University	Southern Methodist University	Wesleyan University
Clemson University	IE University, Spain	University of Oregon	Spring Hill College	University of West Florida
Colgate University	University of Illinois	Otis College of Art and Design	Springfield College	Wheaton College
University of Colorado at Boulder	Indiana University	Oxford College	St. John's University	Whittier College
Columbia University	Johns Hopkins University	Pace University	St. Lawrence University	University of Wisconsin
Cornell University	Johnson & Wales University	University of the Pacific	St. Thomas University	Wofford College
Dartmouth College	Kenyon College	Pennsylvania State University*	Stetson University	The College of Wooster
Davidson College*	La Salle University	Piedmont College	Stevens Institute of Technology	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Denison University	Lake Forest College	Pine Manor College	Suffolk University	
University of Denver	LIM College	University of Pittsburgh	Syracuse University	
DePaul University	Louisiana State University	Pratt Institute	The University of Tampa	
Dickinson College	Loyola Marymount University	University of Puget Sound	Technische University, Germany	
Drew University	Loyola University Chicago	Purdue University		
Drexel University				

* Multiple acceptances
Graduates attending