

Graduation Requirements

Class of 2026 and Beyond

Overview

To earn a diploma from our institution, students must complete at least **20 credits** during grades 9-12. Our graduation requirements are designed to exceed NCAA eligibility standards, ensuring graduates are well-prepared for both collegiate academics and athletics.

Credit Requirements by Subject Area

Core Academic Requirements (16 credits)

English (4 credits)

- English I (1 credit)
- English II (1 credit)
- English III (1 credit)
- English IV or AP English (1 credit)

Mathematics (4 credits)

- Algebra I (1 credit)
- Geometry (1 credit)
- Algebra II (1 credit)
- Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Statistics, or approved advanced math course (1 credit)

Science (3 credits)

- Biology with lab (1 credit)
- Chemistry with lab (1 credit)
- Environmental Science with lab or other advanced lab science (1 credit)

Social Studies (3 credits)

- World History (1 credit)
- U.S. History (1 credit)
- Government/Economics (1 credit)

World Languages (2 credits)

- Two consecutive years of the same language

Additional Requirements (4 credits)

Health (1 credit)

- Health Education (1 credit)

Fine Arts (1 credit)

- Visual or Performing Arts (1 credit)

Electives (2 credits)

- Additional courses in any subject area

NCAA Eligibility Requirements

Our academic program is designed to ensure students meet and exceed NCAA Division I eligibility requirements. To be NCAA-eligible, students must:

Complete 16 NCAA-approved core courses:

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years of natural/physical science (including one lab science)
- 2 years of social science
- 1 additional year of English, math or science
- 4 additional years of English, math, science, social science, world language, or comparative religion/philosophy

Academic Performance Requirements

- Achieve a minimum 2.3 GPA in NCAA-approved core courses
- Earn an SAT or ACT score that matches the core-course GPA on the NCAA sliding scale

Additional Graduation Requirements

Minimum GPA Requirement

- Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher

Community Service

- Complete 50 hours of approved community service over four years

Senior Project/Capstone Experience

- Complete a senior project, internship, or capstone experience in an area of interest

College and Career Readiness

- Complete a college/career readiness portfolio including:
 - College applications
 - Resume
 - Personal statement
 - College entrance exam (SAT or ACT)

Credit Recovery and Academic Support

Students who fall behind in credits or are at risk of not meeting NCAA eligibility requirements will be provided with:

- Academic counseling
- Credit recovery options
- Summer school opportunities
- Tutoring and study hall support

Course Planning and NCAA Eligibility Tracking

Each student will meet regularly with academic advisors to:

- Develop and maintain a four-year course plan
- Track progress toward graduation requirements
- Monitor NCAA eligibility status
- Prepare for college applications and athletic recruitment

Special Considerations

Transfer Students

- Transfer credits will be evaluated on an individual basis
- Students must complete at least 5 credits at our institution to earn a diploma

Advanced Placement and Honors Courses

- AP and Honors courses receive additional GPA weighting (+0.5 for Honors, +1.0 for AP)

- Students are encouraged to take the most rigorous course load appropriate for their abilities

Dual Enrollment

- College courses may be counted toward graduation requirements with prior approval
- Each college course (3+ credits) typically counts as 1 high school credit

Supplemental / Off-Campus Courses

- Up to 2 credits may be earned through approved supplemental providers with prior administrative approval and ongoing teacher oversight.
- All supplemental courses must be pre-approved by the Director of Education to count toward graduation requirements and must meet NCAA core-course standards if intended for eligibility.

Note: These requirements meet or exceed standards set by our accrediting organizations and NCAA eligibility requirements. Our academic program is reviewed annually to ensure alignment with college entrance requirements and athletic eligibility standards.