

High School Graduation Requirements

	Minimum High School Graduation Program	Recommended High School Graduation Program	*Distinguished High School Graduation Program
English Language Arts	Four credits: • English I • English II • English III • English IV or CAA approved alternate course	Four credits: • English I • English II • English III • English IV	Four credits: • English I • English II • English III • English IV
Mathematics	Three credits: • Algebra I • Geometry or Informal Geometry • An additional math course	Three credits: • Algebra I • Algebra II • Geometry	Four credits: • Algebra I • Algebra II • Geometry • An additional advanced math credit
Science	Two credits: • Biology • IPC, Physical Science, or other CAA approved science course	Three credits: • Biology • IPC or Physical Science • Chemistry or Physics	Four credits: • Biology • IPC or Physical Science • Chemistry • Physics
Social Studies	Four credits: • World Geography (one credit) • World History (one credit) • U.S. History (one credit) • U.S. Government (one-half credit) • Economics (one-half credit)	Four credits: • World Geography (one credit) • World History (one credit) • U.S. History (one credit) • U.S. Government (one-half credit) • Economics (one-half credit)	Four credits: • World Geography (one credit) • World History (one credit) • U.S. History (one credit) • U.S. Government (one-half credit) • Economics (one-half credit)
Physical Education	One credit (minimum) Two credits (maximum)	One credit (minimum) Two credits (maximum)	One credit (minimum) Two credits (maximum)
Foreign Language	None	Two credits in the same language	Three credits in the same language
Fine Arts	One credit	One credit	One credit
Speech Communications	One-half credit	One-half credit	One-half credit
Health Education	One-half credit	One-half credit	One-half credit
Computer	One credit	One credit	One credit
Bible	One credit	One credit	One credit
Electives	As needed to complete the graduation requirements for the Minimum HSGP	As needed to complete the graduation requirements for the Recommended HSGP	As needed to complete the graduation requirements for the Distinguished HSGP
Total Credits	24	24	26

Effective 7/1/2016 High School students enrolled prior to the effective date will be under the 4.2 graduation requirements.

*Students must register and take the ACT or SAT (college entrance exams).

- **C.A.A. awards/records high school credits with the value of one or one-half. Credits with less than one-half value are not awarded or recorded.**
- **Transferring seniors must take at least five full-credit courses from C.A.A. toward graduation.**
- **C.A.A. awards ½ credit of P.E. per school year. In order to earn the ½ credit a student must engage in a physical activity 30-45 minutes 4 days per week. CAA will record a “P” (Passing) on the report card and does not include the “P” in calculating the GPA. R.O.T.C. and Band credits are counted as elective credits and not as P.E.**
- **All C.A.A. students must take a Bible course each year.**

High School Credit Policies

- **Any courses taken for high school credit during enrollment must have prior approval from the Academy staff. This would include Dual Credit Courses and External Curriculum Courses. An External Curriculum Course must be submitted with a detailed content description. The Academy Admin. Fee will apply for each course.**
- **With prior approval, College Level Courses will be accepted for Dual Credits at the following rate: 3 credit hours = 1 high school credit. The Academy Admin. Fee will apply for each course.**
- **The coursework is only complete when the student has completed all activities in the course material and the student has passed the final Unit Assessment with an 70% grade or higher grade. After the Assessments are received in the Academy office with the Certificate of Authenticity and Compliance, the scores will be recorded. No credit is awarded until at least one half of the course is completed.**
- **Credits are not issued by Christian Academy of America for non-traditional educational programs. This would include courses without assessments, vocational or apprenticeship learning experiences.**
- **Students using external curricula must take at least two internal curricula academic courses from CAA during any enrolled school year and must be approved in advance.**
- **Grade placement is determined by the number of credits that have been earned and noted on the High School transcript.**
- **R.O.T.C. and Band credits are counted as elective credits and not as P.E.**
- **Students who have earned a first semester credit for a certain course must be placed in the second semester of that course. (The exception is Geometry)**
- **Algebra I is a pre-requisite for Geometry or Algebra II.**
- **English I is a pre-requisite for English II. English II is a pre-requisite for English III and English III is a pre-requisite for English IV.**