

# High School Graduation Requirements

	<b>Minimum</b> H.S. Graduation Program	<b>Recommended</b> H.S. Graduation Program	<b>*Distinguished</b> H.S. Graduation Program
<b>English Language Arts</b>	<b>4 credits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English I</li> <li>English II</li> <li>English III</li> <li>English IV <i>or</i> CAA-approved alternate course</li> </ul>	<b>4 credits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English I</li> <li>English II</li> <li>English III</li> <li>English IV</li> </ul>	<b>4 credits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English I</li> <li>English II</li> <li>English III</li> <li>English IV</li> </ul>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>3 credits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Algebra I</li> <li>Geometry <i>or</i> Informal Geometry</li> <li>An additional math course</li> </ul>	<b>3 credits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Algebra I</li> <li>Geometry</li> <li>Algebra II</li> </ul>	<b>4 credits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Algebra I</li> <li>Geometry</li> <li>Algebra II</li> <li>An additional advanced math course</li> </ul>
<b>Science</b>	<b>2 credits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biology</li> <li>IPC, Physical Science, <i>or</i> other CAA-approved science course</li> </ul>	<b>3 credits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biology</li> <li>IPC <i>or</i> Physical Science</li> <li>Chemistry <i>or</i> Physics</li> </ul>	<b>4 credits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biology</li> <li>IPC <i>or</i> Physical Science</li> <li>Chemistry</li> <li>Physics</li> </ul>
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>4 credits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Geography (1 credit)</li> <li>World History (1 credit)</li> <li>U.S. History (1 credit)</li> <li>U.S. Government (1/2 credit)</li> <li>Economics (1/2 credit)</li> </ul>	<b>4 credits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Geography (1 credit)</li> <li>World History (1 credit)</li> <li>U.S. History (1 credit)</li> <li>U.S. Government (1/2 credit)</li> <li>Economics (1/2 credit)</li> </ul>	<b>4 credits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Geography (1 credit)</li> <li>World History (1 credit)</li> <li>U.S. History (1 credit)</li> <li>U.S. Government (1/2 credit)</li> <li>Economics (1/2 credit)</li> </ul>
<b>Physical Education</b>	<b>1 credit (minimum)</b> <b>2 credits (maximum)</b>	<b>1 credit (minimum)</b> <b>2 credits (maximum)</b>	<b>1 credit (minimum)</b> <b>2 credits (maximum)</b>
<b>Foreign Language</b>	None	<b>2 credits in the same language</b>	<b>3 credits in the same language <i>or</i> 2 credits in two different languages</b>
<b>Fine Arts</b>	<b>1 credit</b>	<b>1 credit</b>	<b>1 credit</b>
<b>Speech Communications</b>	<b>1/2 credit</b>	<b>1/2 credit</b>	<b>1/2 credit</b>
<b>Health Education</b>	<b>1/2 credit</b>	<b>1/2 credit</b>	<b>1/2 credit</b>
<b>Bible</b>	<b>1 credit (minimum)</b>	<b>1 credit (minimum)</b>	<b>1 credit (minimum)</b>
<b>Electives</b>	<b>As needed to complete the graduation requirements for the Minimum HSGP</b>	<b>As needed to complete the graduation requirements for the Recommended HSGP</b>	<b>As needed to complete the graduation requirements for the Distinguished HSGP</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>

\*Students graduating with the Distinguished Program must register and take the ACT, SAT, or CLT (college entrance exams).

- Students transferring to CAA in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade must take at least 5 full-credit courses from CAA toward graduation.
- CAA awards a ½ credit of P.E. per school year. To earn the ½ credit, a student should engage in physical activity for 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.
- All CAA students must take at least a ½ credit in Bible each year.
- CAA awards/records high school credits with the value of ½ or 1. Credits with less than a ½ credit value are not awarded or recorded.
- 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 Administration Fee will apply for each course that is above the maximum of 6 credits included in the tuition.
- 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 Administration Fee will apply for each course that is above the maximum of 6 credits included in the tuition.
- Coursework is only complete when the student has completed all activities in the course material and has passed the Final Test with a grade of at least 70%. After all tests and the Authenticity Form are received in the Academy office, the scores will be recorded. No credit is awarded until at least ½ 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 and 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.
- ROTC and band credits are counted as elective credits and not as P.E.
- Algebra I is a pre-requisite for Geometry and 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.