

CAA High School Graduation Requirements

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

*Students graduating on the Distinguished track must take the ACT, SAT, or CLT (college entrance exams).

General Requirements

- CAA awards/records high school credits with the value of half ($\frac{1}{2}$) or one (1). Credits with less than a half ($\frac{1}{2}$) credit value are not awarded or recorded.
- All CAA high school students must take at least a half ($\frac{1}{2}$) credit in Bible each year.
- CAA awards qualifying high schoolers a half ($\frac{1}{2}$) credit of P.E. per school year. To earn the half ($\frac{1}{2}$) credit, students should engage in physical activity for 30-45 minutes, four (4) days per week. CAA will record a "P" (Passing) on the report card and does not include the "P" in calculating the GPA.
- For students transferring to CAA from another high school or homeschool, 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. Students transferring in the 12th grade must take at least five (5) academic credits from CAA toward graduation.
- ONLINE PROGRAM: Coursework is only complete when a student has completed all required assignments in the course with an overall course grade of at least 70%. After the Authenticity Form is submitted, the work is reviewed by CAA staff and final grades are recorded. No credit is awarded until at least half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of a one (1) credit course or all of a half ($\frac{1}{2}$) credit course is completed.
- WORKBOOK PROGRAM: Coursework is only complete when the student has completed all activities in the material and has passed the Final Test for each workbook with a grade of at least 70%. After the final tests, Authenticity Form, and CAA materials are received in the Academy office, final grades are recorded. No credit is awarded until at least half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of a one (1) credit course or all of a half ($\frac{1}{2}$) credit course is completed.

Dual Credit and External Curricula Requirements

- Any external courses taken for high school credit during enrollment must have prior approval from the Academy staff and be submitted with a detailed content description. This includes dual credit courses and any other external curricula courses. Additionally, students using external curricula must take at least two (2) internal curricula academic courses from CAA per grade level. The Academy Administration Fee will apply for each course taken that exceeds the maximum of six (6) credits covered by standard tuition.
- With prior approval, college level courses will be accepted for dual credits at the following rate: three (3) credit hours = one (1) high school credit. The Academy Administration Fee will apply for each course taken that exceeds the maximum of six (6) credits covered by standard tuition.
- Credits are not issued by CAA for non-traditional educational programs. This includes courses without assessments and vocational or apprenticeship experiences.

Course Prerequisites

- Algebra I is a prerequisite for Geometry and Algebra II. Algebra II is a prerequisite for Precalculus.
- English I is a prerequisite for English II, English II is a prerequisite for English III, and English III is a prerequisite for English IV.

Additional Graduation Information

College Entrance Exams / Classic Learning Test

Students graduating on the Distinguished track must take the ACT, SAT, or CLT (college entrance exams). These tests are administered locally at high schools, colleges, and universities. The results of these tests are used by CAA to track educational outcomes and provide important statistical data. Additionally, colleges and universities use the results to determine scholarship qualifications and students' academic aptitude for college studies.

Students should register to take the ACT and/or SAT during the 11th and/or 12th grade year. Many schools are now also accepting the CLT (Classic Learning Test) in addition or as an alternative to the ACT and SAT. Registration should be completed online at www.act.org, www.collegeboard.com, or www.cltexam.com. Registration deadlines are usually four weeks prior to the testing date. When registering for these tests, students should reference CAA's school code (442-432).

College Entrance and High School Transcripts

CAA graduates have entered hundreds of colleges and universities, including community, regional, private, and state colleges, technical schools, U.S. Military Academy (West Point), and several branches of the military. Colleges and universities look for serious students with a desire to achieve at a higher level. The criteria for acceptance vary among these institutions, and students should contact their school of choice as early as possible to review these criteria. When enrolling in a college or university, it is important to let them know that you are not "just homeschooled." You are graduating from a fully accredited private school.

When applying to a college/university, or for scholarships, it is common for an official high school transcript to be requested. For graduates needing transcripts, CAA provides two transcripts free of charge within one year of graduation. After the first year or for each additional transcript, there will be a processing fee. Unofficial transcripts may be sent to you, but official transcripts must be sent directly to the receiving school or mailed to you in a sealed envelope. If you would like to request a transcript, please email us at administrator@christianacademyofamerica.com. Transcripts typically take one to two (1-2) weeks to process.

Diploma Package and Graduation Accessories

A student is considered a CAA graduate once all 12th grade coursework is reviewed, confirmed to be completed, and the 12th grade report card is processed. The graduation date is the date listed on the report card. Upon completion of graduation requirements, a [Diploma Package](#) may be ordered on the CAA store. Please allow two (2) weeks from when you receive the 12th grade report card or order the diploma (whichever is later) for processing.

CAA colors are royal blue and gold. Caps, gowns, announcements, and rings may be purchased on many online sites. Most will custom design according to your specifications.