

GRADUATION AND TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION

Commencement

Commencement exercises include those students who have successfully completed requirements for graduation as certified by the Carmel High School principal. Those students who are within two (2) credits of meeting diploma requirements may participate in Commencement exercises. CHS reserves the right to deny students the opportunity to participate in all graduation activities if personal conduct so warrants.

Students who complete 8 semesters at Carmel High School without completing graduation requirements will be provided written information documenting the courses needed to receive a diploma and their status for meeting the proficiency standards on the ISTEP+ Graduation Exam. To meet course requirements for the diploma, students who continue to be residents of the Carmel-Clay school district, may enroll in summer school or return to school the following academic year to complete the necessary courses. Students may also complete courses at other accredited schools and return documentation of the completed course(s) to meet diploma requirements. Before enrolling in non-CHS courses, the student must have written permission to enroll and to apply the specific course toward CHS diploma requirements. A maximum of 8 credits earned from other accredited programs can be accepted.

Graduation Prior to Completion of Eight Full Semesters

For a student to graduate prior to completing eight semesters, he or she must

- Fulfill all state and local graduation requirements.
- Make arrangements with his/her counselor to graduate early.
- Complete an application for early graduation signed by parents and counselor.

Carmel High School Transcripts:

A student's Carmel High School transcript is the official record of the student's academic history at Carmel High School.

The Carmel High School transcript includes:

- **all** courses taken at CHS, final grades and credits earned in those courses.
- courses, grades and credits earned at other accredited secondary programs if the student has received **prior, written authorization** from CHS to take the course to meet diploma requirements.
- **all** courses attempted, grades and credits earned by the student while attending another accredited high school.
- high school level courses, final grades and credits earned prior to grade 9 if approved to count toward CHS diploma requirements.
- standardized test scores including: ISTEP, SAT, ACT and Advanced Placement
- **Carmel High School students enrolling in special summer programs, on-line courses, correspondence courses, or other accredited programs must have prior, written authorization to have the courses count toward CHS diploma requirements and for the record of such coursework to be added to the student's transcript.*

Credit for High School Courses Completed in Middle School

Students who are enrolled at Carmel High School have the option of receiving credit for full-year high school courses in math and/or world languages which were completed during middle school with the following conditions:

- The course taken in middle school must be equivalent to the high school course and cover the same academic standards.
- Grades and credits for the course must be included on the student's high school transcript and be factored into the student's cumulative GPA.
- The student has the option of receiving math credit only if the student is enrolled in the next-level math course.
- Parents and students may also choose to decline applying these credits toward the CHS diploma and to request they be removed from the CHS transcript. Procedures are in place for this. Please contact the student's counselor.
- Incoming 9th graders with high school credit earned in middle school may retake those courses at Carmel High School if the grade earned in the middle school is lower than a "B-." When retaking a course previously taken in middle school, the course, credit, and grade earned in middle school will not be a part of the Carmel High School transcript.

WEIGHTED GRADES

Beginning with classes taken in the 2007-08 school year, Carmel High School has implemented a weighted grading system to recognize and reward academic work in selected honors courses and courses that follow a national curriculum or are given college credit by an accredited university. The list of weighted courses is outlined below.

LETTER GRADE	STANDARD COURSE - REGULAR WEIGHT	HONORS COURSES IN CORE ACADEMIC AREAS - PARTIAL WEIGHT	IB, AP, ACP, PLTW - FULL WEIGHT
A	4.0	4.5	5.0
A-	3.667	4.167	4.667
B+	3.333	3.833	4.333
B	3.0	3.5	4.0
B-	2.667	3.167	3.667
C+	2.333	2.833	3.333
C	2.0	2.5	3.0
C-	1.667	2.167	2.667
D+	1.333	1.833	2.333
D	1.0	1.5	2.0
D-	0.667	1.167	1.667
F	0	0	0

All classes in the Program of Studies will be designated as follows:

**RW=Regular Weight
PW=Partial Weight
FW=Full Weight**

Advanced Placement (AP)

- AP Art History
- AP Computer Science, A
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP English Language and Composition
- AP English Literature and Composition
- AP Statistics
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics-I
- AP Physics II
- AP Physics-C
- AP Environmental Science
- AP European History
- AP World History
- AP United States History
- AP U.S. Government and Politics
- AP Comparative Government and Politics
- AP Human Geography
- AP Microeconomics
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Psychology
- AP Studio Art (2D)
- AP Studio Art (3D)
- AP Studio Art (Drawing)
- AP Chinese Language and Culture

AP German Language
AP Spanish Literature
AP Spanish Language
AP French Language
AP Latin Vergil
AP Seminar
AP Research

Advanced College Project

ACP BUS 100 Advanced CTE College Credit: Business Administration
ACP W131 Composition
ACP L202 Literary Interpretation
ACP P155 Speech
ACP M119 Brief Survey of Calculus
ACP M118 Finite Mathematics
ACP M211 Calculus

Project Lead the Way

Aerospace Engineering
Introduction to Engineering
Digital Electronics
Principles of Engineering
Civil Engineering and Architecture
Biomedical Sciences
Biomedical Innovation
Human Body Systems
Medical Interventions

International Baccalaureate (IB)

IB Theory of Knowledge
IB English A1 HL
IB French B SL/French-V
IB Spanish B SL/Spanish-V
IB German B SL/German-V
IB Latin SL, HL/Latin IV-V
IB History of the Americas HL
IB Psychology SL
IB Biology SL, HL/Human Anatomy & Physiology
IB Environmental Systems and Societies
IB Math Analysis and Approaches SL/HL
IB Math Applications and Interpretations SL/HL
IB Visual Arts SL, HL
IB Music SL, HL
IB Theatre Arts SL, HL
IB Film SL, HL
IB Physics SL, HL
IB Business Management SL, HL
IB Sports, Exercise, and Health Science

Business

CTSO Leadership Development in Action-Management

Communications

The following courses will earn full weight for all students participating in their 3rd and 4th years:

Pinnacle
HiLite
TV-CHTV
Radio WHJE

Engineering and Technology

Robotics Design and Innovation

Family and Consumer Science

Education Professions

Honors (core academic areas)

Honors English 9

Honors English 10

Honors Algebra II

Honors Biology

Honors Geometry

Honors Chemistry

Honors Pre-Calc/Trig

Performing Arts

Advanced Concert Band-Wind Symphony I

Advanced Concert Band-Wind Symphony II

Advanced Orchestra Camerata

Advanced Orchestra: Philharmonic

Advanced Orchestra: Symphony Orchestra 1-2

Advanced Chorus: Ambassadors

Advanced Choir: Accents

World Languages

*All other level 4 and 5 courses

Carmel High School Academic Banquet

The Carmel High School Academic Banquet is held in the spring of each year to recognize a small number of students in grades 10, 11, and 12 (approximately 3% of each class) who have earned excellent grades. Eligibility for consideration for Distinguished Grad or for recognition at the CHS Academic Banquet is determined by students' cumulative GPA as of

February 1 of the current school year.

Certain single semester courses such as AP Government are offered in both first and second semester. Some students are scheduled for a course like this in the fall and others in the spring. To address the possible inequity in the GPA caused by the way these courses are placed in a student's schedule, the GPA used for qualification for the CHS Academic Banquet will not include the extra weight for these courses if the student earned credit for them in the fall semester of the current year. The weight for these courses are included in the student's cumulative GPA on the transcript and will also count in the following year's calculations for the Academic Banquet.

Distinguished Graduates

The distinguished graduate designation is given to the top seniors who score the highest number of points from the following chart (next page). The purpose is to recognize students who excel in academics, service and leadership and extracurricular activities. Those seniors achieving the highest point totals will receive special recognition at graduation. The top scoring distinguished graduate will be given the honor of speaking at commencement.

DISTINGUISHED GRAD

Approximately 130 students will be honored

3% will be Distinguished

7% will be Commended

ACADEMIC		SERVICE/LEADERSHIP		EXTRA & CO-CURRICULAR		
GPA	VALUE	ACTIVITY	VALUE	ACTIVITY	VALUE	
4.4	100	2 Class Awards <i>(Presented through Student Services; does not include department awards)</i>	10	Varsity Letter <i>(50 points max) (CHS sanctioned sport)</i>	10	
4.3	95		Student Government <i>(30 points max)</i>		10	Sports Participant <i>(30 points max) (CHS sanctioned sport)</i>
4.2	90			Class officer Senate/House Cabinet		
4.1	80		GKOM Council		10	3 Different Sports <i>(CHS sanctioned sports 10 points max)</i>
4.0	70			House Speaker of the House Student Body President		
3.9	60		GKOM <i>(5 points per year during Jr. and Sr. years)</i>		5	Participant in: 2 Different Groups 3 Different Groups <i>(above)</i>
3.8	50			NHS NHS Officer <i>(Service hours required) (15 points max)</i>		
3.7	40		Club <i>Actively involved – 40 service/ competition hours required; 30 points max)</i>		10	Lead Cast Member, Student Director, or Stage Manager <i>(20 points max)</i>
3.6	30			Club Officer <i>(10 points max)</i> DECA Yearbook Editor Newspaper Editor Program Director (Radio/TV) Key Club		
3.5	20					
3.4	10					
National Merit OR National Achievement OR National Hispanic Semi-finalist Commended						
ISTEP Pass + <i>10 points per exam - Math & ELA</i>						
AP Scholar <i>Only includes classes taken through junior year</i>						
Completion of IB Program Core Requirements <i>Verified by IB Diploma Coordinator</i>						
IB Diploma Candidate <i>Verified by registration for IB exams</i>						
AP Capstone Diploma Candidate <i>Must be enrolled in AP Research and have registered and taken 4 AP Exams</i>						
Academic Honors/Technical Honors (each)						

****Point total for AP Scholar varies between 5 & 10 points. 5 points will be awarded to regular AP Scholars or AP Scholars with Honors. 10 points will be awarded to AP Scholars with Distinction or State/National Scholars.**