



<i>The Classical Academy</i>	<i>Policies and Procedures</i>
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To receive a diploma from The Classical Academy (TCA) High School, students must meet or exceed TCA’s academic standards and measures required by this policy or complete the requirements and goals listed on a student’s Individualized Education Program (IEP), which may include modified academic standards.

- 1. Coursework Requirements:** All students who graduate from TCA should have a firm foundation in the core areas of English, world languages, mathematics, science, and social science, as well as a comprehensive background in arts, physical education, and other electives. To be prepared for post-graduate careers or higher education, students should select courses which are related to their post-secondary plan and are academically demanding.

The coursework outlined in this policy is the minimum required for earning a diploma; students should strive to challenge themselves by exceeding the requirements whenever possible in accordance with their post-graduation goals. School staff, in collaboration with parents/ guardians, will begin to work with students to develop an individual career and academic plans (ICAP) in Grade 7. Students will review and update plans annually in grades 8-12. At TCA High School, an ICAP plan is also called a PoWeR (Planning Workforce Readiness) Plan.

Coursework requirements for graduation are based on the number of units of credit earned in grades 9 through 12. A unit of credit is typically the credit received for a one semester course. A minimum of 48 units of credit shall be required for graduation from high school. The principal has the authority to waive graduation requirements. Appeals should be processed per Policy KE-TCA Conflict Resolution Policy. A unit of credit is defined as the amount of credit given for the successful completion of a unit of work as defined in the high school course catalog. TCA awards one credit per semester for grades of D- and above.

<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>Courses That Meet Graduation Credit Requirements</u>	<u>Credits</u>
English ¹	Classics & Comp I, Classics & Comp II, Amer Lit. & Comp, Amer Studies English, World Lit. & Comp. ⁷ , AP English Lit ⁷ , Artes Liberales AP English Lit ⁷	8
Rhetoric	Rhetoric ⁷	2
Math ¹	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Functions Stats Trig, Adv Quant Reasoning, Pre-Calc, AP Maths ⁶	6
Natural/Physical Science ¹	Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth Science, Anatomy & Physiology, Environmental Science, AP Sciences ⁵	6
Social Sciences ¹	World History/Geo 9, World History/Geo 10, U.S. History/Geo, Amer Studies History, Civics/American Government ⁷ , Artes Liberales Civics Am Govt ⁷ , AP European History, AP US History, AP Govt & Politics ⁷	7
Language ²	Spanish, French, or Latin ³	6 ²
Fine Arts	Art/Music Appreciation ⁸ , Art elective	2
Production/Technical	Computer Applications ⁴	--
Physical Education	Personal Fitness Development ⁹ , P.E. elective	2
Health	Health & Wellness ⁹	1
Electives	See Course Catalog for List of Approved Electives	8
Total ¹⁰	Minimum for Graduation (1 credit =1 semester)	48 Credits

1 = Advanced Placement courses offered in 10th, 11th, & 12th grade.

2 = Students must complete three years of a single language in 9th-12th grades.

3 = Students who complete (D- and above) 4 semesters of Classical Foundations in 7th and 8th grades fulfill the Latin requirements. All other students must take Latin I. The Latin I course may receive elective credit if the student chooses to pursue Spanish or French to Level III.

4 = Students who complete (D- and above) 4 semesters of Computer Science in 7th and 8th grades fulfill the computer requirements. All other students must enroll in and pass (D- or above) the high school Computer Applications Course or another semester computer course approved by administration; or take and pass the Computer Applications Competency Assessment.

5 = Students must complete three years of high school science. Two years must be in lab sciences.

6 = Students must complete three years of math in 9th-12th grades, Algebra I and higher, at least through Alg II. Alg II must be taken at TCA.

7 = In order to complete the Senior Capstone, students must take one Senior Literature course, one Senior Social Science course, and Rhetoric concurrently.

- Seniors must choose one of the following: World Literature and Composition, AP English Literature, or Artes Liberales AP English Literature.
- Seniors must choose one of the following: Civics/American Government, AP Government and Politics, or Artes Liberales Civics American Government.

8 = Students who successfully complete a choir sequence that will lead to Concordia, Cantemus, Small Mixed Ensemble and/or Corda Musica II at TCA for the junior AND senior year or successfully complete four years in TCA's high school band (Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, and/or Symphonic Band), or complete Art I, II, III and Art IV/AP Studio Art, fulfill the Art/Music Appreciation requirement. All other students must complete the Art/Music Appreciation course in the junior or senior year.

9 = Personal Fitness Development and Health and Wellness are intended to be completed in 9th grade.

10 = There are 56 total units of credit possible in grades 9 through 12.

2. Required Senior Courses

a. Rationale

- The Senior Rhetoric, Civics, and Literature courses are a distinctive component of TCA’s classical approach.
- Ensuring that students take all three courses concurrently at TCA enhances our ability to deliver a “capstone” experience for the classical curriculum.
- Ensuring that students take all three courses at TCA enhances our ability to offer multi-disciplinary lessons, projects, and assessments that strand across all three classes.

b. Protocol

All students who graduate from TCA are required to complete Rhetoric, Literature, and Civics concurrently as TCA courses on our campus with our instructors. If a student fails or does not complete one or more of the 3 capstone courses, the credits must be recovered at TCA.

3. Community Service

Forty (40) hours of community service and four (4) reflection papers are a graduation requirement. Students submit documentation through X2Vol in Naviance.

4. Demonstration of Proficiency in English Language Arts and Math

In order to be eligible for graduation, students must demonstrate proficiency in both math and English language arts (ELA). In addition to the coursework requirements outlined in Section I and in accordance with requirements published by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) [\[click here\]](#), students will demonstrate proficiency in both math and ELA as indicated in ASD20 Procedure IKF-R [\[click here\]](#).

5. Students Transferring into TCA Junior High or High School After 7th Grade

a. Community Service

Cumulative community service will be adjusted based on acceptance date. Normally, 40 hours are required. If a student transfers to TCA as a sophomore only 30 hours are required. The tracking form and reflection paper will be required for the September 15 deadline, one year after acceptance.

b. Computer Applications

Transfer students must do one of the following:

- Take and pass the Computer Applications Competency Assessment the student’s first semester at TCA. The assessment may only be taken once.
- Take and pass (D- or above) the high school Computer Applications Course.
- Take and pass (D- or above) another semester computer course approved by administration.

c. Latin

Transfer students must take Latin I.

d. Additional Required Classes

Students who transfer into TCA must enroll in the lower level required courses until all requirements are met. Once a student has fulfilled those requirements, then the student may choose electives.

For instance, a new student to TCA must enroll in the appropriate grade level courses (as long as prerequisites are met) and must take Latin and computer courses. The following year elective choices must first meet graduation requirements. It is possible a transfer student will not have the option of a partial absence the senior year.

This policy replaces ASD20 Policy IKF.

Cross References

ASD20 Policy IKF-R Demonstration of Proficiency in English Language Arts and Math
KE-TCA Conflict Resolution Policy

Policy Revision History

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