



TN Graduation Requirements

The Tennessee Department of Education has raised standards and aligned graduation requirements to best prepare students for college and the workforce.

High school students must complete **22 credits** to graduate and complete exams in these courses.

To receive a high school diploma, all students enrolled in a Tennessee school must take either the ACT or SAT. ACT is preferred, but either is sufficient.

Total Required Credits: 22

Math: 4 credits, including Algebra I, II, Geometry, and a fourth higher-level math course

*Business math

*(Students must be enrolled in a mathematics course for at least **three out of four** high school years, effective in the 2024-25 school year).*

English: 4 credits

Science: 3 credits, including Biology, Chemistry, Physics, or a third lab course

Computer Science (CS): 1 credit

(CS may be substitute a fourth math credit or third lab science credit)

Social Studies: 3 credits, including U.S. History and Geography, World History and Geography, U.S. Government and Civics, and Economics

Physical Education: .5 credits

Wellness: 1 credit

Personal Finance: 0.5 credits

(Three years of JROTC may be substituted for one-half unit of Personal Finance if the JROTC instructor attends the Personal Finance training.)

World Language: 2 credits *(must be in the same language)*

Fine Arts: 1 credit

(may be waived by the local school district for students, under certain circumstances, to expand and enhance the elective focus)

Elective Focus: 3 credits

[consisting of Math and Science, Career and Technical Education, Fine Arts, Humanities]

Community Service: 20 hours of community service upon graduation



Graduation Route

Full (1) Credit Courses

- These are full-year courses (such as Algebra 1, English, Biology, Chemistry).
- Each course is worth 1 credit upon completion of the standard textbook.
- When a standard textbook is unused, hours will be used to determine credits.
- For example, approx. 150 hours of study equals 1 credit, this helps determine course credit for electives such as: Music, PE, Art, Bible, and others that do not use a standardized textbook to determine content.
- A 1-credit course using a standardized curriculum (i.e. Lifepac) is worth one credit upon completing the material, whether completed faster or slower.
- If a student takes longer to complete the course, issue partial credit (.5) for the first half of the course. The remaining .5 credit is given when the course is completed.

Full (1); Half (.5); and Quarter (.25) Credit Courses:

- All courses can be broken into credits.
- Each full-credit course (1 credit) is 150 hours of study, typically a full year length.
- Each half-credit course (.5 credit) is 75 hours of study, typically a semester in length.
- Each quarter-credit course (.25 credit) is 37.5 hours of study, atypical (credit recovery)
Note: Since one full-credit is 150 hours of study, it is not recommended to give more than 8 credits per year.

Dual Enrollment Reporting

- Dual enrollment (DE) courses are generally equal to 1 high school credit.
 - Each 3 and 4-credit college course counts as 1 high school credit.
 - Each 1 and 2-credit college course counts as .5 high school credit.
- RPCA will accept any DE courses offered by an accredited college.
- Dual enrollment courses should be titled according to the official college course title.
- RPCA does not allow dual enrollment credit for ACT scores as a substitution for required high school courses. The student must be taking an actual college course either online or in-person, to be counted as a DE course and pass with a score of >70%



REDEMPTION POINT
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

- RPCA will need a transcript or grade report from the college for grade reporting purposes. An unofficial transcript or scanned PDF copy from the college website is acceptable. You can email these to frontdesk.rpca@gmail.com or fax to 423-515-1686.

A satisfactory record of attendance and conduct is required for all graduates.