Graduation Requirements

Graduation from Fairfield Christian Academy requires a minimum of twenty-four (24) academic credits. Four (4) Bible credits are required with an additional twenty (20) credits, which must include the following:

| Bible | 4.00 | Bible is required for each year in attendance at FCA. Students who transfer in after the 9 th grade will need a minimum of 20 credits plus Bible credit per year of attendance at FCA to graduate. | |
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| English | 4.00 | Four credits of English are required as the minimum. | |
| Mathematics | 4.00 | College prep minimum: Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry Mathematics units must include one unit of algebra II or the equivalent of algebra II. | |
| Science | 3.00 | College prep minimum: Physical Science, Biology and Chemistry Science units must include one unit of physical sciences, one unit of life sciences and one unit advanced study in one or more of the following sciences: chemistry, physics or other physical science; advanced biology or other life science; astronomy, physical geology or other earth or space science. | |
| Social Studies | 3.00 | Social studies units must include .50 unit of American history and .50 unit of American government and .50 credit in World History/Civilizations. Class of 2023-2025 students must receive instruction in economics and financial literacy. FCA Economics/Financial Literacy meets requirement for this and a social studies credit (Class of 2023-2025). | |
| Health | .50 | | |
| Physical Education | .50 | (May include Phys. Ed. in 7 th and 8 th grade) | |
| Computer | 1.00 | | |
| Fine Arts | 1.00 | (May include fine arts in 7 th or 8 th grade) | |
| Senior Project | .50 | | |
| Electives | <u>2.50*</u> | (College preparatory: Foreign Language 2 or more years) Electives units must include one or any combination of foreign language, fine arts, business, career-technical education, family and consumer sciences, technology, agricultural education or English language arts, mathematics, science or social studies courses not otherwise required | |
| Total Credits | 24.00 | *Class of 2026 required to take Personal Finance .50 elective credit course. | |

Permanent Graduation Requirements:

- 1. **Meet graduation course requirements** 20 state minimum and Bible each year in attendance at FCA.
- 2. **Demonstrate Competency** Students must demonstrate competency in math and English by passing the state's Algebra I and English II tests. Students who have taken required tests more than once without passing and have received remedial supports are able to show competency through one of the options below:
 - Earn credit for one math and/or one English course through College Credit Plus
 - Demonstrate career readiness and technical skill through foundational and supporting options
 - Enter into a contract to enlist in the military upon graduation
- 3. **Preparation for College or Careers**: Students must earn two diploma seals, one of which must be state defined, to demonstrate academic, technical and professional readiness for careers, college, the military or self-sustaining professions.

| OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal | Honors Diploma Seal |
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| State Seal of Biliteracy | Technology Seal |
| Industry-Recognized Credential Seal | Citizenship Seal |
| College-Ready Seal | Fine and Performing Arts Seal (locally defined) |
| Military Enlistment Seal | Student Engagement Seal (locally defined) |
| Science Seal | Community Service Seal (locally defined) |

State System of Diploma Seals

Ohio Department of Education: http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Ohio-Graduation-Requirements

High School Academic Diploma with Honors

Students need to fulfill 7 of the following 8 criteria to earn an Ohio Diploma with Honors

| Subject | Criteria |
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| English | 4 units |
| Mathematics | 4 units, including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or equivalent and another higher level course or a four-year sequence of courses that contain equivalent content |
| Science | 4 units, must include 2 units of Advanced Science |
| Social Studies | 4 units |
| Foreign Language | 3 units in same language, or 2 units in 2 or more languages |
| Fine Arts | 1 unit |
| Grade Point Average | 3.5 on a 4.0 scale |
| ACT/SAT Score [excluding scores from the writing sections] | 27 ACT / 1280 SAT Scores may be super-scored by taking the best area on multiple tests and re-averaging |