

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.
English	4.00	
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 – Class of 2021 and beyond must also have .50 credit in World History/Civilizations. All students must receive instruction in economics and financial literacy during Grades 9-12 - FCA Economics/Financial Literacy meets requirement for this and a social studies credit
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	

Additional Graduation Requirements:

Class of 2020-2022 – Three Pathways

1. Meet graduation course requirements – 20 state minimum and Bible each year in attendance at FCA.
2. Meet at least one of the following three diploma options:

Graduation Points – Earn a minimum of 18 points in 7 courses (Algebra I, Geometry, (or Int. Math I, Int. Math II), English I, English II, Physical Science-class of 2018 only/Biology, American History, American Government) – by taking the State of Ohio End of Course Exams and for Non-publics can include the final course grade (2014-2015 school year) and/or TerraNova 3 testing.

College readiness score on national test:

ACT – English – 18 or higher; Reading – 22 or higher; Mathematics – 22 or higher
SAT – Writing – 430 or higher; Reading – 450 or higher; Mathematics – 520 or higher

Industry certification and a work-readiness score on WorkKeys – Career programs.

Or the student in the Class of 2020-2022 may also qualify under the new, permanent graduation requirements for the students in the class of 2022 and beyond.

Class of 2023 and Beyond:

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.

State System of Diploma Seals

OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal	Honors Diploma Seal
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)

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

High School Academic Diploma with Honors	
<i>Students need to fulfill 7 of the following 8 criteria to earn an Ohio Diploma with Honors</i>	
Subject	Criteria
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