

# Graduation Requirements – Diploma Plans 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 12<sup>th</sup> Grades\*\*\*\*

Foundation Plan		Recommended Plan	Distinguished Plan** <i>Students must also meet requirements for 1 or more Performance Acknowledgements</i>
<b>English/ Language Arts</b>	<b>4 Credits</b> English I English II English III English IV or College Prep English	<b>4 Credits</b> English I English II English III English IV or advanced English	<b>4 Credits</b> English I English II English III English IV or advanced English
<b>Math</b>	<b>3 Credits</b> Algebra I Geometry Algebra II* or College Prep Math	<b>4 Credits</b> Algebra I Geometry Algebra II Advanced Math course	<b>4 Credits</b> Algebra I Geometry Algebra II Advanced Math course
<b>Science</b>	<b>3 Credits</b> Biology Chemistry or IPC Physics or other Science course	<b>4 Credits</b> Biology Chemistry or IPC Physics*** or advanced Science course +1 Additional advanced Science	<b>4 Credits</b> Biology Chemistry Physics*** (CCA recommendation) or advanced Science course +1 Additional advanced Science
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>3 Credits</b> World History w/ Geo US History Government (.5) Economics (.5)	<b>4 Credits</b> World History w/Geography I World History w/Geography II US History Government (.5) Economics (.5)	<b>4 Credits</b> World History w/Geography I World History w/Geography II US History Government (.5) Economics (.5)
<b>Physical Education</b>	<b>1 Credit</b>	<b>1 Credit</b>	<b>1 Credit</b>
<b>Language other than English (L.O.T.E.)</b>	<b>2 credits</b> in same language	<b>2 credits</b> in same language	<b>2 credits</b> in same language  <i>3 credits in the same language is CCA's recommendation for this degree plan.</i>
<b>Fine Arts</b>	<b>1 credit</b>	<b>1 credit</b>	<b>1 credit</b>
<b>Electives</b>	<b>4 credits</b>	<b>5 credits</b>	<b>5 credits</b>
<b>Community Service</b>	<b>1 credit</b>	<b>1 credit</b>	<b>1 credit</b>
Total Credits	<b>22 credits</b>	<b>26 credits</b>	<b>26 credits</b>

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\*\*\*\*Beginning with the class of 2028, there are some changes to the graduation requirements – see next page.

## Graduation Requirements – Diploma Plans Class of 2028 ff.

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<b>Fine Arts</b>	<b>1 credit</b>	<b>1 credit</b>	<b>1 credit</b>
<b>Electives</b>	<b>3 credits</b>	<b>4 credits</b>	<b>5 credits</b>
<b>Bible</b>	<b>1 credit</b>	<b>1 credit</b>	<b>1 credit</b>
<b>Community Service</b>	<b>1 credit</b>	<b>1 credit</b>	<b>1 credit</b>
Total Credits	<b>22 credits</b>	<b>26 credits</b>	<b>27 credits</b>

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## Diploma Plans

The Foundation High School Program is a single graduation program. Students can build on the Foundation Plan by earning a Recommended Level or a Distinguished Level plan. A student's transcript will be noted with the highest-level plan achieved as well as any Performance Acknowledgements a student achieves.

### Graduation Program Options:

#### Foundation Plan

All high school students are required to complete the requirements of the Foundation Plan, at minimum. While a Foundation Plan is considered to make a student *college eligible*, CCA highly recommends students to minimally complete the Recommended Plan to ensure *college readiness*.

#### Recommended Plan

*The default graduation plan for all CCA students is the Recommended Diploma Plan.* Students may earn the Recommended Level Plan by completing the 22 credits consisting of the curriculum requirements for the Foundation Plan **and**

- 1 additional Math credit (Algebra II required)
- 1 additional Science credit
- 1 additional Social Studies credit
- 1 additional elective credit

#### Distinguished Plan

Students wishing to be considered for Highest Ranking Graduate must graduate with this Diploma Plan. Additionally, this plan must be earned to be admitted to a Texas public university under the Top 10 percent automatic admission law. The Distinguished Graduation Plan may be earned by:

- completing all 26 credits of the of the Recommended Plan **and**
- earning a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.0 **and**
- meeting the requirements of 1 or more Performance Acknowledgements:

#### Performance Acknowledgements

- 1) Outstanding performance in Honors courses by successfully completing at least five (5) Honors credits at CCA during the junior and senior year, with at least 2 of those courses completed during senior year. Students must maintain a minimum 80% grade average in each course. Earning an A or B in a pre-approved dual credit college course taken during high school may be substituted for an Honors course.
- 2) Outstanding performance on the PSAT, SAT or ACT:
  - a) PSAT score of commended or higher by the NMSQT of the College Board, the National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP) of the College Board,

- or the National Achievement Scholarship Program of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation; OR
- b) SAT score of 1250 (combined critical reading and mathematics); OR
  - c) ACT Score of 28 (composite).
- 3) Outstanding performance on a College Board advanced placement (AP) test by earning a score of 3 or higher.

*NOTE: CCA's goal in offering Recommended and Distinguished Diploma Plans is to ensure college readiness for graduating students. Although students are considered college eligible with a Foundation Plan alone, many competitive 4-year universities require incoming freshmen to have completed the most challenging and rigorous graduation plan available to them. Students considering entrance into the most competitive universities are advised to earn the Distinguished Level Plan and have included in their course work Physics and a 3<sup>rd</sup> year of L.O.T.E.*

*Please carefully research the admissions requirements for universities you are considering when making your course requests.*