



DARREN PATTERSON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
2011-2012 High School Curriculum and Planning Forms

High School Graduation Requirements

Required Subject Areas	Credits Req'd	Equivalent to years or semesters...	Classes offered to fulfill requirements	Usually taken which year?
Biblical Studies	4 ¹	4 yrs 8 semesters	Bible Study Methods/Romans Apologetics/Missions Old Test. Survey/New Test. Survey Family Living/Spiritual Formation Online Bible Electives including dual credit	9 or 10 9 or 10 11 or 12 11 or 12 11 or 12
English and Literature	4	4 yrs 8 semesters	English and Literary Themes English and World Literature English and American Literature English and British Literature	9 or 10 9 or 10 11 or 12 11 or 12
History and Government	3	3 yrs 6 semesters	US History World History and Geography Amer. Gov't /AP Gov't	9 or 10 9 or 10 11 or 12
Philosophy	1	1 yr 2 semesters (each class is one semester)	Philosophy and Critical Thinking Philosophy and Culture	11 or 12 11 or 12
Mathematics	3	3 yrs 6 semesters	Pre-Algebra Algebra I Algebra II Geometry Trigonometry, Statistics, and Functions Adv. Math or Pre-Calculus(may be DIS ⁴ or online) Finite Math Calculus or AP Calculus (online) Online Math Electives	7, 8, or 9 ² 8 ³ or 9 9 or 10 9 or 10 11 or 12 11 or 12 11 or 12 11 or 12 11 or 12
Sciences	3	3 yrs 6 semesters	Physical Science Biology Marine Science (online) Earth Science (online) Chemistry or AP Chemistry ⁵ Physics or AP Physics	9 or 10 9 or 10 9,10,11,12 9,10,11,12 11 or 12 11 or 12
Foreign Language	2	2 yrs 4 semesters	Latin I, II, III, IV (may be DIS)	9, 10, 11, 12

¹ DPCA uses the traditional Carnegie unit for awarding credit: 1 year = 1 credit, 1 semester = ½ credit.

² If taken in 7th or 8th grade does not count as high school math.

³ If taken in 8th grade does not count as high school math.

⁴ DIS is Directed Independent study: see explanation, below.

⁵ AP Sciences are online only

				Spanish I, II (III, IV by DIS)	9, 10, 11, 12
				French I, II (III, IV by DIS)	9, 10, 11, 12
				German I, II (III, IV by DIS)	9, 10, 11, 12
				Chinese I,II (online only)	9,10,11,12
				Other Languages (DIS)	9,10,11,12
Art/Music/Drama	1	1 yr	2 semesters	Music (may be DIS)	9,10,11,12
				Drama	9,10,11,12
				Other Electives (may be DIS)	9,10,11,12
PE/ Health	1	1 yr	2 semesters ⁶	Interscholastic sports	9,10,11,12
				P.E. Electives (may be DIS)	9,10,11,12
Computer Applications	½	Integrated ⁷		Taught across the curriculum	All grades
Study Skills	½	Integrated		Taught across the curriculum	All grades
Free Electives	1	2 semesters ⁸		Journalism	9,10,11,12
				Other free electives	9,10,11,12
Senior Portfolio	0	Integrated		Req'd of all seniors for graduation	Cumulative
Total Credits Required	24				

Policy on Advancement for High School Students:

Beginning with the ninth grade, students must accumulate credits and make progress toward graduation. Students may advance in grade level even if they have not earned all the credits required, but will no longer be on track to graduate with their class until the missing credits are earned. For example, a student who failed to pass a required class such as English or Bible during the 9th grade year could still advance to 10th grade standing, but would no longer be eligible for graduation with his or her class until the required credits were made up.

Questions regarding these requirements? Please email the administrator at admin@dpcaweb.org, or call the school office: 719-395-6046.

⁶ PE/Health credits can also be earned through interscholastic sports; most DPCA students do so.

⁷ “Integrated” means that the course requirements are integrated throughout other courses and thus these are not stand-alone, discreet courses. Course completion is accomplished and credit awarded through the senior portfolio in which students demonstrate competence in both computer applications and study skills.

⁸ Many classes other than those listed here are also possible by consultation with teachers and administration, and may include Colorado Mountain College courses, online high school courses, online dual credit courses, locally mentored DIS courses, or other arrangements. Students and parents interested in pursuing additional courses should indicate their interest on the enrollment form and contact the administrator. **Some courses require additional fees.** Elective classes offered through Eagle Online are too numerous to list; please inquire at the office.