

## PCA Graduation/Diploma Requirements

To meet the needs of diverse learners and acknowledge the value of many academic pathways post-high school, PCA offers diploma options to encourage students to maximize their potential.

PCA High School Diploma		
Subject	Required Classes by Subject Area	Minimum Credits
English	Rhetoric & Composition, Analyzing Writing, Writing in the US or Honors American Literature, and Great Works of Literature or AP Literature	4
History	Civics, World History, US History	3
Science	Biology, Chemistry, 1 additional Science course	3
Math	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II	3
Bible	Old Testament Survey, New Testament Survey, 2 additional Bible courses	4
Foreign Language		2
Physical Education	Met by participating in Upper School Athletic Program	1
Fine Arts	Any Fine Arts course	1
Additional Credits	In any subject area	1
Total Credits Required		22

PCA Diploma of Distinction		
Subject	Required Classes by Subject Area	Minimum Credits
English	Rhetoric & Composition, Analyzing Writing, Writing in the US or Honors American Literature, and Great Works of Literature or AP Literature	4
Math	Algebra I; Geometry, Algebra II, 1 additional Math course	4
Science	Biology; Chemistry, 2 additional Science courses	4
History	Civics, US History, World History	3
Bible	Old Testament Survey, New Testament Survey, 2 additional Bible courses	4
Foreign Language	3 or more of the same language*	3
Physical Education	Met by participating in Upper School Athletic Program	1
Fine Arts	Any Fine Arts course	1
2 Additional Credits	In any subject area	2
Total Credits Required		26

A Diploma of Distinction will be awarded to students who attend PCA for no less than 6 semesters and earn a total of 26 credits as indicated above with a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.5 or above as calculated after Semester 1 of senior year.

\*International students are required to take 2 years of foreign language and one additional course in a subject of their choice.

PCA STEM Diploma		
Subject	Required Classes by Subject Area	Minimum Credits
English	Rhetoric & Composition, Analyzing Writing, Writing in the US or Honors American Literature, and Great Works of Literature or AP Literature	4
Math*	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus	4
Science*	Biology, Chemistry, Physics, one additional Science or technology course	4
History	Civics, US History, World History	3
Bible	Old Testament Survey, New Testament Survey, 2 additional Bible courses	4
Foreign Language	2 or more of the same language	2
Technology	1 technology course, 1 additional science or technology course	2
Physical Education	Met by participating in Upper School Athletic Program	1
Fine Arts		1
*AP Level requirement	Students must earn one of their credits in Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Calculus or Computer Science at the AP level	
Total Credits Required		25
A STEM Diploma will be awarded to students who attend PCA for no less than 6 semesters and earn total of 25 credits as indicated above with a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.0 or above as calculated after Semester I of senior year.		

PCA Fine Arts Diploma		
Subject	Required Classes by Subject Area	Minimum Credits
English	Rhetoric & Composition, Analyzing Writing, Writing in the US or Honors American Literature, and Great Works of Literature or AP Literature	4
Math	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II	3
Science	Biology, Chemistry, 1 additional Science course	3
History	Civics, US History, World History	3
Bible	Old Testament Survey, New Testament Survey, 2 additional Bible courses	4
Foreign Language	2 or more of the same language	2
Physical Education	Met by participating in Upper School Athletic Program	1
Fine Arts	Any fine arts courses (may include a maximum of 1 credit from involvement in theatrical productions)	5
Total Credits Required		25
A Fine Arts Diploma will be awarded to students who attend PCA for no less than 6 semesters and earn total of 25 credits as indicated above with a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.0 or above as calculated after Semester I of senior year. Also required are the following:		

- Complete at least 15 of your 50 service hours each year in arts-related service for at least 3 years.
- Annually participate in yearbook, worship team, or theatre (cast, crew, pit, set design, make-up, costumes, etc.) for at least 3 years.
- In your senior year, present your work in an approved exhibition or performance.

Required courses for each department are published in the Course Catalog, available in the Guidance Office and on the school's website.