

## 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.

<b>PCA HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA</b>		
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Required Classes by Subject Area</b>	<b>Minimum Credits</b>
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 US Athletic Program	1
Fine Arts	Any Fine Arts course	1
Additional Credits	In any subject area	1
Total Credits Required		22

<b>PCA DIPLOMA OF DISTINCTION</b>		
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Required Classes by Subject Area</b>	<b>Minimum Credits</b>
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 US Athletic Program	1
Fine Arts	Any Fine Arts course	1
2 Additional Credits	In any subject area	2
Total Credits Required		26
<p>A Diploma of Distinction will be awarded to students who attend PCA for no less than six semesters and earn a total of 26 credits, as indicated above, with a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.50 or above as calculated after Semester I of senior year.</p> <p>*International students are required to take 2 years of foreign language and one additional course in a subject of their choice.</p>		

<b>PCA STEM DIPLOMA</b>		
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Required Classes by Subject Area</b>	<b>Minimum Credits</b>
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	Software Engineering, 1 additional technology course	2
Physical Education	Met by participating in US Athletic Program	1
Fine Arts	Any Fine Arts course	1
<i>AP Level requirement</i>	<i>Students must earn at least one of their credits in Chemistry, Biology, Physics or Calculus at the AP level</i>	
Total Credits Required		25
A STEM Diploma will be awarded to students who attend PCA for no less than six semesters and earn a 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.		

<b>PCA FINE ARTS DIPLOMA</b>		
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Required Classes by Subject Area</b>	<b>Minimum Credits</b>
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, World History, US History	3
Bible	Old Testament Survey, New Testament Survey, 2 additional Bible credits	4
Foreign Language	2 or more of the same language	2
Physical Education	Met by participating in US 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 six semesters and earn a 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:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete at least 15 of your 50 service hours each year in arts-related service for at least 3 years.</li> <li>• Annually participate in yearbook, worship team, or theatre (cast, crew, pit, set design, make-up, costumes, etc.) for at least 3 years.</li> <li>• In your senior year, present your work in an approved exhibition or performance.</li> </ul>		

Course descriptions are published in the Course Catalog, available in the Guidance Office and on the school's website.

### **Expected Course Load**

Students at PCA attend for two semesters each school year. The minimum number of credit hours required to graduate from PCA is 22. Students are required to attempt at least 5 credits per year to be considered full-time students.

### **AP Courses**

Students should carefully consider the number of AP courses in which they enroll. Due to the homework load, additional reading and course demands, we suggest students take no more than 3 AP course during an academic year. If a student desires to enroll in more than 3 AP courses they are required to fill out a waiver which will require parent approval and an academic meeting.