



# High School Graduation Requirements

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<u>Required Courses</u>	<u>Units</u>	
English	4	<p>Two requirements must be met for your student to earn and be presented a New Covenant Christian Academy diploma:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Completion of twenty-six units as outlined in this handbook</li><li>• An account balance that is paid in full. <i>Note: In addition to normal tuition, twelfth grade students are billed an \$85 senior fee.</i></li></ul> <p>(1 Unit = 1 year of study 1/2 Unit = 1 semester)</p>
Math	3	
Physical Education	1	
Science	3	
Social Studies	3.5	
Community Service	1	
Health	.5	
Communications	.5	
Personal Finance	.5	
Career Development	.5	
Electives	8.5	
<b>Total Units Required</b>	<b>26</b>	

The number of units and course content required for graduation was based upon a survey of graduation requirements of various states. Some states require as little as 16 units to graduate with the average requirement being 21 to 23. While you may wish to model your course of study to more closely reflect your state's requirement, our standards for graduation remain the same. Please visit the Education Commission of the States at <http://mb2.ecs.org/reports/Report.aspx?id=268> for graduation requirements.

## Course Standards

**These new requirements apply to the graduating class of 2012. For questions regarding graduation requirements for students graduating prior to 2012, please contact our administrative office.**

### English (4 units, graded)

9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade courses usually consist of:

- Grammar/composition/writing
- Vocabulary
- Literature – surveys or in-depth studies of at least two of the following: World, British, or American Literature.

11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades courses may follow the same pattern, however a formal course in writing is required. Courses emphasizing formal writing, journalism, publications, theater/speech arts may also be used to satisfy the English Studies requirements.

### Math (3 units, graded)

Algebra I is required of all students. College bound students whose focus will be math/ science or who will be taking the SAT as an entrance requirement by four year colleges and universities should take Algebra 2, Geometry, and beyond. A variety of math courses satisfying the other 2 units include Accounting, Bookkeeping, Business Math, Consumer math, Pre-algebra, Statistics & Probability.

### **Physical Education (1 unit, pass/fail)**

The objective of this course is to promote fitness. Aerobic, strength training, and recreational or competitive sports may be used to satisfy this requirement. Other activities (chores) resulting in increasing the heart rate or increasing muscle mass are also acceptable. Typically, a maximum of two units may be counted toward graduation requirements, but more may be earned at the discretion of your Diploma Program Advisor.

### **Science (3 units, graded)**

Two courses, one in the category of physical science, the other in the category of life science, are required. A variety of science courses to fulfill the third unit include culinary science, horticulture, equestrian science, computer science, mechanical science, and fabric, textile, and design applications. Of the three courses, one must be lab based.

### **Social Studies (3.5 units, graded)**

One year of United States history (includes events from the 15<sup>th</sup> century explorers up to and including the 20<sup>th</sup> century) and one semester of United States Government (a study of the U.S. Constitution, along with federal, state, and local governments) is required. The following courses may be used to satisfy the remaining two units include:

- World Geography -- map work along with a textbook is required
- World History -- a survey of events from man's beginning up to and including the 20th century
- Ancient History
- Historical Studies (subject specific)
- Economics – a study of the American economic system and a survey of other economic systems.
- Political Science
- Sociology

### **Community Service (1 unit, pass/fail)**

May include volunteer work at a Crisis Pregnancy Center, political action groups, hospitals, nursing homes, the Salvation Army, Big Brother Programs, coaching little league, OMSI, etc. as well as church ministries. This may be fulfilled by a variety of activities totaling 108 hours and may be completed over the course of more than one year. A maximum of two units may be counted toward graduation requirements.

### **Health (.5 unit, graded)**

A high school level text may be used or this course may be self-designed in which the content is customized to fit family needs, beliefs, values, and traditions. A Health course packet using *Total Health: Choices for a Winning Lifestyle* by Susan Boe is available through Basic Skills. This course provides a traditional textbook study and includes a variety of projects which may be completed to obtain either a semester (.5 unit) or full credit (1 unit).

### **Communications (.5 unit, graded)**

Choices include Speech, Debate, Drama, and Journalism, or a combination thereof. Performance experience is recommended.

### **Personal Finance (.5 unit, graded)**

A study including Biblical philosophy and practical application is recommended. A course packet using a combination of books with study guides and “hands on” projects is available through Basic Skills which can be completed to earn either one (.5 unit) or two semesters (1 unit) of credit.

**Career Development (.5 units, graded)**

A semester (.5 unit) course in career development is required. Two career development course packets (one with a small business focus, the other with general applications) are available through Basic Skills.

**Electives (8.5 units, graded or pass/fail)**

Electives are comprised of courses not categorized above, or additional units earned above and beyond the minimum graduation requirements. If your student is interested in a course not listed, please check with your advisor. It is recommended that students use elective credits to further expand their skills and knowledge base in areas of interest and sense of God’s calling upon their life.

**Suggested Yearly Schedule**

<b>9<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>New Covenant Christian Academy</b>	
Subject	Semester Grades	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester
English	.50	.50
Math	.50	.50
Social Studies	.50	.50
Science	.50	.50
Physical Education	.50	.50
Elective	.50	.50
Elective	.50	.50
<b>Semester Units</b>	<b>3.50</b>	<b>3.50</b>
<b>7.0 units total</b>		

<b>10<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>New Covenant Christian Academy</b>	
Subject	Semester Grades	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester
English	.50	.50
Math	.50	.50
Social Studies	.50	.50
Science	.50	.50
Health	.50	
Communications		.50
Elective	.50	.50
Elective	.50	.50
<b>Semester Units</b>	<b>3.50</b>	<b>3.50</b>
<b>7.0 units total</b>		

<b>11<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>New Covenant Christian Academy</b>	
Subject	Semester Grades	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester
English	.50	.50
Math	.50	.50
Social Studies	.50	
Community Service	.50	.50
Science	.50	.50
Elective	.50	.50
Elective	.50	.50
<b>Semester Units</b>	<b>3.50</b>	<b>3.00</b>
<b>6.5 units total</b>		

<b>12<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>New Covenant Christian Academy</b>	
Subject	Semester Grades	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester
English	.50	.50
Social Studies	.50	.50
Personal Finance	.50	
Career Development	.50	
Elective	.50	.50
Elective	.50	.50
Elective		.50
<b>Semester Units</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>2.50</b>
<b>5.5 units total</b>		

## Courses Listed May Fulfill Course Requirements and/or Electives

### **English**

African American Literature  
American Literature  
Ancient Literature  
Biblical Literature  
British Literature  
Classical Literature  
Creative Writing  
English Composition  
Grammar  
Interpersonal Communications  
Journalism  
Poetry Writing  
Shakespeare  
Speech  
Vocabulary  
World Literature

### **Mathematics**

Accounting/Bookkeeping  
Algebra: Pre, Algebra I, Algebra II,  
Algebra III  
Business Mathematics  
Calculus  
Construction Mathematics  
Geometry  
Integrated Mathematics  
Personal Finances  
Statistics & Probability  
Trigonometry

### **Social Studies**

American Government  
American History  
Ancient History  
Art History  
Asian History  
Biblical History  
Career Development or Internship  
Community Service  
Drivers Education  
Economics  
Geography  
Humanities  
Interpersonal Communications  
Military History or Science  
Philosophy

### **Science**

Agricultural Research, Science, or  
Technology  
Anatomy & Physiology

Appliance Repair  
Aquaculture Science  
Auto Mechanics  
Aviation  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Climatology  
Earth Science  
Electronics  
Environmental studies  
Equestrian Skills/Equine Studies  
Forest Technology  
General Science  
Geology  
Horticulture  
Machines  
Meteorology  
Microbiology  
Military Science  
Nutrition  
Oceanography  
Physical Science  
Space Science  
Textile and Design  
Veterinary Studies  
Zoology

### **Fine Arts**

Acting/Drama  
Band  
Building Construction or Restoration  
Ceramics  
Choir  
Creative Arts  
Culinary Arts  
Dance  
Drama  
Drafting  
Drawing  
Interior Design  
Landscape Design  
Music Appreciation, History,  
Studies, Theory or Composition  
Orchestra  
Painting  
Pottery  
Photography  
Sewing/Fashion Design  
Theatre  
Video Production  
Wood Working

### **Health**

Child Care  
Nutrition

### **Business**

Agricultural Business  
Banking  
Business Administration or  
Management  
Career Development or Internship  
Economics  
Forest Management  
Merchandising

### **Computer**

Computer Applications  
Computer Programming  
Computer Graphics  
Typing/Keyboarding  
Web Design

### **Foreign Language**

American Sign Language  
Chinese  
French  
German  
Greek  
Hebrew  
Italian  
Japanese  
Latin  
Spanish

### **Physical Education**

Baseball  
Cardio exercises  
Dance  
Equestrian Skills/Equine Studies  
Martial Arts  
Personal Fitness  
Self Defense  
Weight Training