

CVCA High School

Academic Graduation Requirements

CVCA DIPLOMA CREDIT REQUIREMENTS	
Bible ¹	4
English	4
Mathematics ²	4
Science ³	3
Social Studies ⁴	3
World Language ⁵	2
Fine Arts	1
PE ⁶	0.5 or 0
Health	0.5
Speech or Debate	0.5
Electives	Variable
TOTAL CREDITS⁷	24
Jterm ⁸	Required
Ohio Graduation Requirement ⁹	Required
ACT/SAT ¹⁰	Required

Clarifying Footnotes for Academic Graduation Requirements

- ¹ One half credit in Bible per semester enrolled at CVCA is required. Regardless of how many Bible credits are required based on time of enrollment, a CVCA diploma requires a minimum of 24 credits.
- ² Must include Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, and one higher level course (Upper Level Math Elective) or equivalent. Students must enroll in Math class every semester of high school.
- ³ Students must include Biology, Chemistry, and either Physical Science or Physics. Students who took high school Physical Science in 8th grade must select a third science course in high school (Physics or something comparable.)
- ⁴ Must include Global Studies or AP Human Geography (1 credit, fulfills ODE World History and Civilizations requirement), American History (1 credit), Government (½ credit), and Economics (½ credit meeting the ODE Financial Literacy requirement) or equivalent.
- ⁵ Two credits in the same language are required for a CVCA high school diploma.
- ⁶ May be met with one full year (½ credit) of Physical Education or two PE waivers (no credit; earned by participating in two full seasons of interscholastic athletics, cheer-leading, marching band, or show choir in high school).
- ⁷ A CVCA diploma requires a minimum of 24 credits, and in order to meet ODE guidelines, at least 20 of the required credits must be in non-Bible and non-SOM courses.
- ⁸ A full Jterm credit is required for each complete academic year of enrollment at CVCA.
- ⁹ Students must meet high school graduation testing requirements as defined by ODE.
- ¹⁰ Students must take the ACT when offered at CVCA during junior year. Subsequent test scores (ACT or SAT) should be reported to CVCA.

Academic Honors at Graduation

Students graduating from a CVCA School of Distinction wear colored cords identifying their school. Honors graduates (3.50 cumulative high school GPA) wear a gold honor cord at graduation. Royal Scholars (4.00 cumulative high school GPA) are distinguished by wearing a scholarship medal and ribbon on their graduation regalia. Jim Elliot National Honor Society graduates are recognized by the wearing of a gold pin. AP Scholar candidates, Ohio Honors Diploma recipients, and Ohio Seal of Biliteracy recipients are recognized in the printed graduation program.

The recipients of the two highest academic recognitions given at CVCA, valedictorian and salutatorian, are determined by cumulative high school GPA. Cumulative high school GPA includes all high school coursework, including high school credits attempted/earned at CVCA or transferred to CVCA, as well as dual credit college/university courses. Final determination of senior valedictorian and salutatorian are made when second semester grades are complete. The graduating student with the second highest cumulative GPA will be honored as class salutatorian, and the student with the highest cumulative high school GPA will be honored as class valedictorian. Since many students at CVCA earn high marks closely rivaling the cumulative GPA of the class salutatorian and valedictorian, CVCA will also publicly recognize the top 5% of graduates (by GPA ranking) with the honor of summa cum laude. Similarly, students finishing between the top 5% and 10% of yearly graduates will be honored as magna cum laude. Any students finishing between the top 10% and 15% of their graduating class will be recognized as cum laude graduates (meaning "with honors"). All cum laude graduates are distinguished by the wearing of stoles. *NOTE: While both valedictorian and salutatorian will be recognized and honored at commencement, they are not necessarily the student commencement speakers. Student commencement speakers are selected separately, nominated by the graduating senior class and decided by the graduation committee composed of administration and faculty.*

Ohio Department of Education Honors Diplomas

Though it has little impact on college acceptance or scholarship opportunities, some CVCA students value the opportunity to earn a state-defined Honors Diploma. Students pursuing an ODE Honors Diploma should research qualifying criteria at education.ohio.gov/Topics/Ohio-s-Graduation-Requirements/Contacts-and-Resources/Honors-Diplomas. The student is responsible for submitting documentation to CVCA's Academic Office prior to graduation to be recognized for earning an Ohio Honors Diploma.