



High School Graduation Requirements

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Two requirements must be met for your student to earn and be presented a New Covenant Christian Academy diploma:

1. **Completion of twenty-six units as outlined in this handbook**

Note: 1 Unit = 1 year of study, 1/2 Unit = 1 semester

2. **An account balance that is paid in full.**

Note: In addition to normal tuition, twelfth grade students are billed an \$95 senior fee.

| <u>Required Courses</u> | <u>Units</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| English | 4 |
| Math | 3 |
| Physical Education | 1 |
| Science | 3 |
| Social Studies | 3.5 |
| Community Service | 1 |
| Health | 0.5 |
| Communications | 0.5 |
| Personal Finance | 0.5 |
| Career Development | 0.5 |
| Electives | 8.5 |
| Total Units Required | 26 |

English (4 units, graded)

9th and 10th 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.

11th and 12th grade 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 15th century explorers up to and including the 20th 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 (0.5 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 (0.5 unit) or full credit (1 unit).

Communications (0.5 unit, graded)

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

Personal Finance (0.5 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 (0.5 unit) or two semesters (1 unit) of credit.

Career Development (0.5 units, graded)

A semester (0.5 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

| 9th Grade | New Covenant Christian Academy | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Subject | Semester Grades | |
| | 1 st Semester | 2 nd Semester |
| English | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Math | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Social Studies | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Science | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Physical Education | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Elective | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Elective | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Semester Units | 3.50 | 3.50 |
| 7.0 units total | | |

| 10th Grade | New Covenant Christian Academy | |
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| Subject | Semester Grades | |
| | 1 st Semester | 2 nd Semester |
| English | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Math | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Social Studies | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Science | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Health | 0.50 | |
| Communications | | 0.50 |
| Elective | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Elective | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Semester Units | 3.50 | 3.50 |
| 7.0 units total | | |

| 11th Grade | New Covenant Christian Academy | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Subject | Semester Grades | |
| | 1 st Semester | 2 nd Semester |
| English | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Math | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Social Studies | 0.50 | |
| Community Service | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Science | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Elective | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Elective | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Semester Units | 3.50 | 3.00 |
| 6.5 units total | | |

| 12th Grade | New Covenant Christian Academy | |
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| Subject | Semester Grades | |
| | 1 st Semester | 2 nd Semester |
| English | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Social Studies | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Personal Finance | 0.50 | |
| Career Development | 0.50 | |
| Elective | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Elective | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Elective | | 0.50 |
| Semester Units | 3.00 | 2.50 |
| 5.5 units total | | |

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