

Academic

Carnegie units (CUs) required for graduation:

CDS Diploma - 24 credits (CUs) - 4 units of Math, 4 units of Language Arts, 3 units of Social Studies, 3 units of Science, 3 units of Bible, 1 unit of PE/Health, 7 elective units (1 of which must be a fine arts credit). A student must also complete a total of 100 service hours during the high school years. (Note: Entry to most colleges requires a minimum of 2 years of the same foreign language.)



For students who transfer in during their high school years, Bible coursework and service hours are to be prorated accordingly.

Academic Report Cards: The CDS High School uses four nine-week grading periods during the school year. Report cards are sent home at the end of each of these grading periods with information regarding the student's academic progress. They are sent home with the students for the first three quarters of the school year and mailed home after the end of the school year.

Mid-Term Reports: After the four and a half week point of each grading period, the High School teachers send home a mid-term report. These reports are to be signed and returned within two school days.

Academic Grading Scale

A student's academic achievement is based on the degree of course difficulty as well as the grade earned. The more difficult the curriculum, the greater the weighting placed on the grade earned in each subject.

Advanced Placement (AP) level courses can yield college credit by a student's taking an Advanced Placement Test in May each year. **For a student to qualify for the additional AP quality point, he/she must sit for the AP exam.** A student may NOT receive the quality point if they attempt an AP exam without taking the AP course throughout the school year.

(98 - 100) A+= 4.3 Regular; 5.3 Honors, and 6.3 for AP

(95 to 97) A = 4.0 Regular; 5.0 Honors, and 6.0 for AP

(93 - 94) A- = 3.67 Regular; 4.67 Honors and 5.67 AP

(90 - 92) B+ = 3.33 regular; 4.33 Honors, 5.33 for AP

(87 to 89) B = 3.0 Regular; 4.0 Honors, and 5.0 for AP

(84 to 86) B- = 2.67 Regular; 3.67 Honors and 4.67 AP

(80 to 83) C+ = 2.33 regular, 3.33 Honors; 4.33 AP

(74 to 79) C = 2.0 regular; 3.0 Honors, 4.0 for AP
(70 - 73) C- = 1.67 Regular; 2.67 Honors and, 3.67 AP

(65 to 69) D = 1 regular, Honors, or AP

(0 to 64) F = 0 regular, Honors, or AP

Advanced Placement clarification:

A student may enroll in an AP course with a parent's permission on the request form. Parents/students must acknowledge that AP courses are college level and that expectations will remain college appropriate. With regards to semester exams, ALL students will take exams during both semesters except students in AP courses who sit for the AP exam in that class. It is the responsibility of the parents to cover the cost of the AP exam. For clarification:

1. Students in AP courses that sit for the AP exam may elect to be exempt from the second-semester exam in that course. These students will only have the third and fourth quarter averages combined to determine the second semester grade. A final project may be assigned in these classes, but the grade would be a fourth quarter grade.
2. Students NOT in an AP course that sit for the AP exam will still be expected to take the semester exam in the courses they are taking. They do not qualify for any semester exam exemption in that class/discipline.
3. Students taking a nationally standardized exam (such as foreign language or math or any other that become available) will NOT be exempt from second semester exams unless they qualify as students in an AP course. This privilege will be held for students in AP courses only.

Valedictorian/Salutatorian

To be considered for Valedictorian or Salutatorian a student must have been a full-time student for a minimum of three semesters at the time of graduation. The valedictorian will be the student with the highest grade point average. The salutatorian will be the student with the second highest average. GPAs will be calculated only to the hundredths place. In case of a tie, there will be co-valedictorians or co-salutatorians. In the case of co-valedictorians, there will be no salutatorian.

Drop/add courses

Students will be given 15 class sessions from the beginning of the course to drop a year-long course, and 10 class sessions to drop a semester course. After that period of time, the course will be recorded on the student transcript and withdrawal from the course would be reflected on the transcript as either a WP (withdraw passing) or WF (withdraw failing).

Changes from one level of course to another within a discipline initiated by a student or parent may occur as follows: students desiring to move up must request the change within 15 class sessions; students who move down may do so by halfway point of the course. (Transcripts will reflect the course that is completed.)