



## VCS Graduation Requirements

Vanguard Classical School’s vision is to have graduates who are literate in the classics and the ideals of Western Civilization, while valuing the diversity of ideas, abilities, and cultures in today’s world, and be prepared to contribute meaningfully to their communities.

**What has changed?** VCS students were required to complete a minimum of 24.5 units of credit in order to graduate. Though the school is reducing the credit requirements by 2.5 units, students will continue to engage in rigorous content. This will allow VCS to become more aligned with APS high school graduation credit requirements.

VCS students in the Class of 2022 and beyond will graduate once Steps 1, 2, and 3 have been completed.

**STEP 1: Students must complete graduation course requirements for their high school.** Minimum high school graduation requirements for VCS are 22 units of credit:

Course	Units of Credit
English	4.0 (1.0 English 9, 1.0 English 10 required)
Mathematics	4.0
Science	3.0
Social Studies	3.0 (1.0 U.S. History, 0.5 Civil Government required)
World Language	1.0
Elective & Additional Core Academic Courses	7.0 (1.0 P.E., 0.5 Health, 1.5 Fine Arts, 1.0 Philosophy required)

**STEP 2: Students must complete the Individual Career & Academic Plan (ICAP) process.**

The ICAP is a personalized career and academic planning process. Students must consult with their Advisors and the VCS Post-Secondary Counselor to set career and academic goals and create plans to achieve them.

**STEP 3: Students must successfully demonstrate competency in English and Mathematics.**

Graduates must demonstrate competency on at least one of the adopted measures in both English and Mathematics.

OPTIONS	ENGLISH	MATHEMATICS
Capstone Project	Senior Thesis	High School Science Fair Project
SAT Scores	470	500
Advanced Placement (AP)	2 or above	2 or above
Concurrent Enrollment	Grade of C or better in a specific Guarantee Transfer Pathway	Grade of C or better in a specific Guarantee Transfer Pathway
ACT Scores	18 on ACT English	19 on ACT Math
Next Generation Accuplacer	241 on Reading or 236 on Writing	255 on Arithmetic (AR) or 230 on Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics (QAS)
Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)	31 on the Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT)	31 on the Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT)
Industry-Based Certificates	Earned Certificate	Earned Certificate
Workforce Training Certificates (ACT WorkKeys – National Career Readiness Certification)	Bronze or higher	Bronze or higher

**Vanguard Classical School Adopted Competencies  
for Math and English Graduation Requirements**

State law requires school districts to meet or exceed the Colorado Graduation Guidelines starting with ninth-graders in 2017-18. The Colorado Department of Education has granted school districts the discretion to determine which Advanced Placement, Concurrent Enrollment Courses, and Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs can count as a graduation competency.

(Colorado Department of Education - [Graduation Guidelines Fact Sheet](#))

**Advanced Placement Courses**

*Students who score a 2 or above in the following courses can have these courses count as a competency for graduation requirements.*

English Requirement	Math Requirement
AP History • AP English Language and Composition • AP English Literature and Composition • AP Comparative Government and Politics • AP Human Geography • AP Psychology • AP United States Government & Politics • AP United States History • AP World History • AP Language and Culture: • Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin or Spanish	• AP Calculus AB • AP Calculus BC • AP Statistics • AP Microeconomics • AP Macroeconomics • AP Computer Science Principles • AP Biology • AP Chemistry • AP Physics 1 • AP Physics 2 • AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism • AP Physics C: Mechanics • AP Environmental Science • PLTW End of Course (EoC) assessment(s) with a score of Proficient or higher (Engineering Capstone)

**Concurrent Enrollment**

*Concurrent enrollment courses can be used to demonstrate graduation competence if all of the following conditions are met:*

- Only courses that are available through institutions where there is a District Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) count towards graduation competence.
- Students must enroll in a specific Guarantee Transfer (GT) Pathway.
  - GT Pathways consist of a set of general education courses that the state guarantees to transfer.
  - The curriculum consists of 31 credit hours of courses across 6 content areas (Communication, Mathematics, Arts & Humanities, History, Social & Behavioral Sciences, Natural & Physical Sciences).
  - Receiving institutions shall apply guaranteed general education courses to a student's general education or major requirements. Below is a list of GT content areas that meet the Math and English Requirement for Concurrent Enrollment.
- Students must receive a passing grade of a C or higher in order to receive a competency.

English Requirement	Math Requirement
• Communication • Arts & Humanities • History • Social and Behavioral Sciences	• Mathematics • Natural and Physical Sciences • Social and Behavioral Sciences - Economics only

### Career and Technical Education Program (CTE) Completion

*Students who complete a CTE program with a grade of C or better in the following programs can have these programs count as a competency for graduation requirements.*

<b>English Requirement</b>	<b>Math Requirement</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Veterinary Assistant</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Automotive Technology (yr.1)</li><li>• Collision Repair (yr.1)</li><li>• Construction Technology (yr.1)</li><li>• Culinary Arts</li><li>• General Electronics</li><li>• Urban Horticulture</li><li>• Motorcycle Service Technician</li><li>• Pharmacy Technician</li><li>• Advanced Manufacturing</li><li>• Veterinary Assistant</li></ul>