

ACADEMY FOR CLASSICAL EDUCATION

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Subject/Content	ACE Diploma	ACE Diploma with Distinction
English/Language Arts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9th Grade Lit./Composition • 10th Grade World Literature • Am. Literature or AP Lang. • British Lit. or AP Lit. 	4 units	4 units
Mathematics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra I • Algebra II • Geometry • Advanced Level Math 	4 units	4 units
Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology • Physical Science or Physics • Chemistry • Advanced Level Science 	4 units	4 units
Social Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography • World History • U.S. History • Gov't (1/2) • Economics (1/2) 	4 units	4 units
Personal Fitness	1 unit	1 unit
PATHWAY	3 units ²	3 units ²
Modern Language/Latin ³		2 units
Electives	4 Units	3 units
Completion of 2 Advanced Placement Courses or 2 College Courses		Minimum of 2 AP or College courses
20 hours of community service		Required
TOTAL UNITS	24 units	25 units

Additional Information:

1. All ACE Scholars are required to complete a senior capstone project. The project will be explained in their junior year of high school.
2. Students must complete 3 units in the same pathway. ONLY ONE pathway (3 units in the same pathway) is required for graduation.
3. Although it is not required for graduation (except to earn the ACE Diploma with Distinction), students must complete 2 years of the same foreign language for admission into a four-year college, both public and private.
4. ACE Scholars are required to take all state-mandated assessments.
5. Promotion/Retention (see page 3 of this handout).
6. Gifted/Accelerated content courses have 3 additional points added to the final grade.*
7. Advanced Placement courses have 5 additional points added to the final grade.*
8. College courses (Dual Enrollment) have 5 additional points added to the final grade.*

*The state removes these additional points before calculating eligibility for the HOPE Scholarship.

Academy for Classical Education – PATHWAYS

Student are required to complete ONE pathway.

<p>Audio-Video Technology & Film</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audio & Video Tech & Film I • Audio-Video Tech & Film II • Audio-Video Tech & Film III <p>Graphic Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intro. to Graphics & Design • Graphic Design & Production • Advanced Graphic Design <p>Sports Marketing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing Principles • Intro. to Sports & Entertainment Marketing • Adv. Sports & Entertainment Marketing <p>World Language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three units in one world language OR • Two units in one world language PLUS an additional unit in AP French, Spanish Lit, German, Latin, Chinese or Japanese <p>Adv. Academic Pathway in Mathematics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four units of credit in mathematics; AND • One of the four units must be an Adv. Placement course or one post-secondary enrollment course AND • Students need to complete two units of sequential course credit in one world language. <p>Adv. Academic Pathway in Social Studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three units of credit in social studies; AND • One of the four units must be an Adv. Placement course or one post-secondary enrollment course AND • Student must complete two units of sequential credit in one world language. 	<p>Fine Arts – Journalism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journalism I • Journalism II • Journalism III/Photography/Graphics <p>Fine Arts – Orchestra</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three units in the area of Orchestra <p>Fine Arts – Chorus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three units in the area of Chorus <p>Fine Arts – Band</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three units in the area of Band <p>Fine Arts – Visual Art</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three units in the area of Visual Arts <p>Fine Arts – Theatre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three units in the area of Drama/Theatre <p>Adv. Academic Pathway in Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four units of credit in science; AND • One of the four units must be an Adv. Placement course or one post-secondary enrollment course AND • Students need to complete two units of sequential course credit in one world language. <p>Adv. Academic Pathway in English Lang. Arts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four units of credit in English/Lang. Arts AND • One of the four units must be an Adv. Placement course or one post-secondary enrollment course AND • Student must complete two units of sequential credit in one world language.
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Promotion/Retention – Grades 9-12

To be promoted to the 9 th grade	No more than 10 unexcused absences in EACH course for the school year.	Meet the minimum requirements on the Georgia Milestone test. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Law requires that in order to be promoted to the 9th grade, a student must meet the following requirements: • Earn “On/Above Grade Level” on the Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessment in reading. • Earn an achievement level of “Developing Learner”, “Proficient Learner”, or “Distinguished Learner” on the math section of the Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessment.
To be promoted to the 10 th grade and classified as a Sophomore:	No more than 10 unexcused absences in EACH course for the school year.	Student must have earned a total of 6 Carnegie units: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 of the 6 units earned must be in English, Math, Social Studies or Science • 3 additional units in any other course (academic or elective)
To be promoted to the 11 th grade and classified as a Junior:	No more than 10 unexcused absences in EACH course for the school year.	Student must have earned a total of 12 Carnegie units: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 of the 12 units earned must be in English, Math, Social Studies or Science • 6 additional units in any other course (academic or elective)
To be promoted to the 12 th grade and classified as a Senior:	No more than 10 unexcused absences in EACH course for the school year.	Student must have earned a total of 18 Carnegie units: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 of the 18 units earned must be in English, Math, Social Studies or Science • 9 additional units in any other course (academic or elective)

Senior Scholarship Awards

Valedictorian:

- Student must be a candidate to earn the ACE Diploma with Distinction
- Student must have the HIGHEST cumulative average:
 - Final grades in all ACADEMIC courses from 9th, 10th, and 11th grades AND averages in academic courses as of the 30 week progress report in the 12th grade.
 - The numerical average shall be rounded to the 3rd decimal place – for example 93.1234 would be rounded to 93.123.
- Student must have attended ACE for the 10th, 11th and 12th grades.

Salutatorian:

- Student must be a candidate to earn the ACE Diploma with Distinction
- Student must have the SECOND HIGHEST cumulative average:
 - Final grades in all ACADEMIC courses from 9th, 10th, and 11th grades AND averages in academic courses as of the 30 week progress report in the 12th grade.
 - The numerical average shall be rounded to the 3rd decimal place – for example 93.1234 would be rounded to 93.123.
- Must have attended ACE for the 10th, 11th and 12th grades.

HONOR GRADUATES:

Summa Cum Laude

- Student must be a candidate to earn the ACE Diploma with Distinction
- Cumulative grade average of 93 or higher
 - Final grades in all ACADEMIC courses from 9th, 10th, and 11th graders AND averages in academic courses as of the 30 week progress report in the 12th grade.
 - The numerical average shall be rounded to the 3rd decimal place – for example: 92.1234 would be rounded to 92.123; 92.9995 would be rounded to 92.999, which would not meet the requirement.

Magna Cum Laude

- Student must be a candidate to earn the ACE Diploma
- Cumulative grade average of 93 or higher
 - Final grades in all ACADEMIC courses from 9th, 10th, and 11th graders AND averages in academic courses as of the 30 week progress report in the 12th grade.
 - The numerical average shall be rounded to the 3rd decimal place – for example: 92.1234 would be rounded to 92.123; 92.9995 would be rounded to 92.999, which would not meet the requirement.

Cum Laude

- Student must be a candidate to earn the ACE Diploma
- Cumulative grade average of 93 or higher
 - Final grades in all subjects (academic and non-academic) courses from 9th, 10th, and 11th graders AND averages in academic courses as of the 30 week progress report in the 12th grade.
 - The numerical average shall be rounded to the 3rd decimal place – for example: 92.1234 would be rounded to 92.123; 92.9995 would be rounded to 92.999, which would not meet the requirement.

NOTE: There is a difference between HONOR GRADUATE and ACE DIPLOMA WITH DISTINCTION

Preparing for High School at ACE – March 5, 2018

What do I need to know about high school?

- Graduation requirements
- High school credits/Carnegie units
- Choosing courses for high school
- Foreign language requirements
- HOPE scholarship
- Dual Enrollment

Carnegie Units/Credits

- In high school, students work towards earning credits (or Carnegie units)
- State sets a minimum number of credits needed for a high school diploma
- Schools can set their own requirements
- ACE – Students need to have a minimum of 24 specific credits
- Students can earn a diploma with distinction by exceeding the minimum and meeting specific criteria

Graduation Requirements

- See page 2 of this document

Foreign Language

- Not a high school graduation requirement (except for the ACE Diploma With Distinction)
- Requirement for entrance into a four-year college/university
- Must be two years of the same foreign language.

Pathways – What are your options?

- See page 3 of this document.

How to choose your electives:

- Will be done through Student Portal
- Need to choose a minimum of three electives
- Need to choose a minimum of four alternate electives

Grade Point Average (GPA)

- Three types of GPAs
 - 4.0 GPA – based on the final letter grade earned in a class
 - Numeric GPA – based on the final numerical grade earned in a class
 - HOPE GPA – only academic classes are calculated; used for awarding HOPE scholarship
- What is it used for?
 - Colleges use it as one part of admissions decision
 - Used to calculate rank in graduating class
- Used to calculate valedictorian and salutatorian
- Used to calculate HOPE and Zell Miller scholarships

HOPE Scholarship

- Based on student's GPA in academic classes only
- Not calculated by the school, but by Georgia Student Finance Commission

- Recipients receive a percentage of the tuition at public colleges/universities
- The district uploads students' grades to the Georgia Student Finance Commission and the Commission calculates it
- ACE will add 3 points to gifted/accelerated content courses and 5 points to AP classes & college classes; these points will be subtracted for HOPE calculations

Dual Enrollment

- Opportunity for students to earn both high school and college credit while still in high school
- Students can begin earning college credits that will transfer to the college they will attend after high school
- Classes can take place of high school classes. For example, students can take U.S. History at Middle Georgia State University and earn both the required credit for their high school diploma and a college credit

GA Milestones

- April 9-25, 2017
- State Law requires that in order to be promoted to the 9th grade, a student must meet the following requirements:
 - Earn "On/Above Grade Level" on the Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessment in reading.
 - Earn an achievement level of "Developing Learner", "Proficient Learner", or "Distinguished Learner" on the math section of the Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessment.
- Any student who scores at the beginning level for reading and/or math will receive remediation for reading and/or math and will be given a Milestones retest. Failure to do this will result in retention.

ACE Promotion/Retention Policy

- Students must have no more than 10 unexcused absences (per class) for the school year.
- Score the minimum requirement on the Milestone for promotion.
- Students must pass ALL academic classes (even if all Milestones are passed).

Documents needed from school

- Examples:
 - Attendance Certificate for Drivers License
 - Proof of Immunization
 - Copy of Progress Reports or Report Cards
 - Good Student Driver Forms
 - Transcripts
- Requests for these types of documents must be made 3 days in advance.
- Email our registrar – setal.patel@acemacon.org