

Faith Heritage Christian Academy
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In compliance with requirements of both the Tennessee Department of Education and Tennessee Association of Non-public Academic Schools, all students who receive a high school diploma from FHCA must complete a minimum of **24 credit** units. Each unit reflects at least 150 hours of course instruction. In order to graduate, each student must meet the requirements for a **University Prep Diploma** unless exempt because of a documented learning disability.

All FHCA students must take the ACT, SAT, or comparable college entrance test at least **by December** of the senior year. A combination of the student's highest ACT composite score and the student's weighted GPA is used to determine class ranking. **Participation in the FHCA Graduation Ceremony in May of the senior year is mandatory for receiving a high school diploma.** Graduates must comply with FHCA dress code/grooming requirements during graduation exercises.

A diploma **"With Honors"** is awarded to any FHCA graduate who completes the University Prep curriculum, maintains at least a **3.0 academic average** on a 4.0 scale, has satisfactory records of attendance and conduct, and achieves a minimum score of **21 (or equivalent) on the ACT** or comparable college entrance examination. A diploma **"With High Honors"** is awarded for completing the same requirements, with the additional standards of **3.5 academic average (GPA)** and minimum **ACT score of 25**. A diploma **"With Highest Honors"** is awarded for completing the same requirements, with the additional standards of a **3.75 academic average (GPA)** and a minimum **ACT score of 29**.

Course requirements are listed below. A credit in Bible is required for each school year the student is enrolled with FHCA. The University Prep program fulfills the requirements established by the Tennessee Board of Regents. Please be aware that any specific college or university may have additional requirements for its incoming students.

University Prep Diploma

*Bible I, II, III, IV (4 credits)

English I, II, III, IV (4 credits)**

Algebra I; Algebra II; Geometry; and ****Advanced Math (Pre-Calculus/Trig/Statistics)** (4 credits)

Biology; **Chemistry or Physics**, and one other Lab Science (3 credits)

U.S. History and Geography (1 credit)

World History and Geography (1 credit)

Government (0.5 credit)

Economics (0.5 credit)

Personal Finance (0.5 credit)

Health/Wellness (0.5 credit)

Physical Education. (1 credit; usually 0.5 credit per year of 75 yearly hours of activity)

Computer Applications (1 credit)

Foreign Language, two units of same language (2 credits)

Performing or Visual Art (Music, Art, Theatre, Dance) (1 credit)

Total: 24 credits

* One credit of Bible required for each year enrolled in FHCA.

**** State English and Math requirements:** Students must earn a credit of English and a credit of math each year of the 4 years of high school. If Algebra I is taken in 8th grade, then a 5th math credit is required for graduation. Students who are not able to score a 19 or above on the Math section of the ACT are exempt from the Advanced Math requirement, but must take another Math course to fulfill the 4th math credit requirement, such as Consumer Math.

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