



## High School Course Offerings 2020-2021

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Required Credits	Academic Diploma	General Diploma
Bible	4	4
English	4	4
Foreign Language	2	0
Mathematics	4	3
Science	7	2
Social Sciences		2
Art	1	1
Physical Education	1	1
Electives	5	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>25</b>

### GPA INFORMATION

Statesville Christian School computes GPA's (grade point averages) on a 4.0 scale for all high school students. These GPA's are calculated from grades received in courses taken at SCS during grades nine through twelve. Honors courses are weighted one-half point in computing a weighted GPA. Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment courses are weighted one point in computing a weighted GPA. A student's unweighted and weighted GPA is reported on his/her transcript. If a student elects not to take the AP exam given by the College Board in the spring, they will not receive AP weighting. GPA is only figured from courses taken while enrolled at Statesville Christian School.

### DIPLOMA OPTIONS

Statesville Christian School offers two diploma options-academic and general. The academic diploma option is designed for the college preparatory student that plans to attend a four-year college or university upon graduation from high school. Students that are unsure of their college plans in ninth grade should plan to graduate with the academic diploma. The general diploma option is designed for students that plan to end their education after high school and enter the workforce or students that plan to attend a community college/technical school. The general diploma option may not meet the minimum graduation requirements for a four-year college or university.

We are thankful for the variety of academic and co-curricular offerings that we are able provide at Statesville Christian School. Please use this guide, along with our teachers and counselors, as a resource to map your academic track. **It should be noted that final determination as to whether a course is actually offered during any academic year will be made by the administration based upon: degree of interest, staffing, and scheduling conflicts.**

## **Bible**

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Four credits of Bible are required for graduation. All students are required to take one Bible course for each year they attend Statesville Christian School. Typically, all freshmen take Foundations, sophomores take New Testament, juniors take Old Testament, and seniors take Christian Living.

- Foundations of the Faith – Prerequisite: none
- New Testament Bible Survey - Prerequisite: none
- Old Testament Bible Survey - Prerequisite: none
- Christian Living - Prerequisite: none

## **English**

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Four units of English are required for graduation. **Two units required of all students are Introduction to Literature and American Literature.** AP Language or AP Literature may be taken in place of Grammar and Technical Writing in the junior year. Students must also choose between British Literature, AP Literature or AP Language in their senior year. Summer reading is required for AP courses. Students must take an English all four years even if they meet the required credits for graduation before their senior year. Standard and honors level instruction are provided for core courses.

- Introduction to Literature (9<sup>th</sup>) – Prerequisite: 8<sup>th</sup> grade English
- American Literature (10<sup>th</sup>) – Prerequisite: Introduction to Literature
- Grammar & Technical Writing (11<sup>th</sup>) – Prerequisite: Introduction to Literature
- British Literature (12<sup>th</sup>) – Prerequisite: American Literature
- AP Literature and Composition (2 credits) – Prerequisite: American Literature & teacher recommendation/test score, offered in alternating years with AP Language (2019-2020)
- AP Language (2 credits) – Prerequisite: American Literature, & teacher recommendation/test score, offered in alternating years with AP Literature (2020-21)
- Public Speaking (Elective) – Prerequisite: Priority given to 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders
- Creative Writing (Elective) – Prerequisite: Priority given to 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders, minimum of B in previous English class or instructor approval

## **Foreign Language**

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Two units of the same foreign language are required for graduation with the academic diploma. Competitive colleges and universities prefer three consecutive years of the same language. Standard and honors level instruction are provided for these courses.

- Spanish I – Prerequisite: none
- Spanish II – Prerequisite: Spanish I
- Spanish III – Prerequisite: Spanish II
- Spanish IV – Prerequisite: Spanish III

## Mathematics

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Four units of mathematics are required for graduation with the academic diploma. Three units of mathematics are required for graduation with the general diploma. **All academic diploma students are required to complete Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II.** Students planning to attend a 4-year college or university must complete one course beyond Algebra II. Standard and honors level instruction are provided for these courses.

- Algebra I - Prerequisite: Pre-Algebra 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Geometry - Prerequisite: Algebra I
- Algebra II - Prerequisite: Algebra I
- Standard Pre-Calculus - Prerequisite: Algebra II
- Honors Pre-Calculus (two credits) - Prerequisite: Honors Algebra II and/or teacher recommendation
- AP Calculus BC (two credits) - Prerequisite: Honors Pre-Calculus & AP Teacher Approval

## Science

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Three units of science are required for graduation with the academic diploma, plus one additional unit of science or social science. Two units of science are required for graduation with the general diploma. **Two units required of academic diploma students are Biology and Chemistry.** Standard and honors level instruction are provided for these courses.

- Earth & Environmental Science – Prerequisite: none
- Biology - Prerequisite: 8<sup>th</sup> grade Physical Science (93 or higher) or Environmental Science
- AP Biology (two credits) - Prerequisite: Biology & AP Teacher Approval
- Chemistry – Pre/corequisite: Biology
- AP Environmental Science (two credits) – Biology and Chemistry (offered every other year, 2020-2021)
- AP Chemistry (two credits) - Prerequisite: Chemistry & AP Teacher Approval (offered every other year, 2021-2022)
- Anatomy and Physiology - Prerequisite: Biology
- Physics – Co/Prerequisite: Pre-Calculus

## Social Sciences

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Three units of social sciences are required for graduation with the academic diploma, plus one additional unit of social sciences or science. Two units of social sciences are required for graduation with the general diploma. **Three units required of all academic diploma students are Civics, World History, and American History.** Students in the class of 2021 are not required to take Civics if they have already met their graduation requirements. AP History courses will be offered in alternating years. Standard and honors level instruction are provided for these courses.

- World History – Prerequisite: none
- American History – Prerequisite: none
- Civics – Prerequisite: none
- AP World History (2 credits) – Prerequisite: World History (offered every other year, 2021-22)
- AP US History (2 credits) – Prerequisite: American History (offered every other year, 2020-2021)

## Electives

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Seven electives are required for graduation with the academic diploma. Ten electives are required for the general diploma. **All students must have one credit in art and physical education and show proficiency in technology via satisfactory completion of middle school computer and/or a computer proficiency exam.** The remaining electives may be selected from other courses listed below or from academic courses otherwise not required for graduation. All electives listed below are offered for 1 credit unless otherwise noted.

- Theater Arts 1 – Prerequisite: none, students must be prepared to participate in either the Fall Dessert Theatre and/or Spring Musical
- Theater Arts 2 – Prerequisite: Theater Arts 1/Teacher approval
- Theater Arts 3 – Prerequisite: Theater Arts 2/Teacher approval
- Theater Arts 4 – Prerequisite: Theater Arts 3/Teacher approval
- Physical Education– Prerequisite: none
- Advanced Physical Education – Prerequisite: Physical Education
- Yearbook 1 – Prerequisite: Yearbook Advisor approval required
- Yearbook 2 – Prerequisite: Yearbook 1 & Advisor approval
- Yearbook Editor – Prerequisite: Yearbook 2 & Advisor approval
- Robotics 1 – Prerequisite: none (offered based on student interest)
- Robotics 2 – Prerequisite: Robotics 1 (offered based on student interest)
- Art I - Prerequisite: none
- Art II – Prerequisite: Art I
- Advanced Art: Portfolio – Prerequisite: Art II
- Music Theory – Prerequisite: none
- Video Editing – Prerequisite: none
- Photography – Prerequisite: none
- Computer Applications & Keyboarding – Required for Freshmen unless tested out in 8<sup>th</sup> grade computer
- Elementary Teachers' Aide – Students should have an interest in elementary education, preference given to 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders
- Distance Learning (credit varies) – Prerequisite: Open to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders only
- Mitchell Community College Career and College Pathways Courses (credit varies) – Prerequisite: Open to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders only, test score requirements
- Career and Technical Education Co-op (credit varies) – Prerequisite: Student must be a senior and have permission from the principal