

ACADEMICS

GRADING SCALE

A = 95-100 B = 86-94 C = 78-85 D = 70-77 F = 69 & below

CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

CCA offers an Advanced Studies diploma which requires 26 credits for graduation. The credits must include the following courses:

English	4
Mathematics	3
Laboratory Science	3
Social Science	4
Physical Education	2
Additional Science or Math	1
Bible (or 1 per year at CCS)	4
Foreign Language	2
Electives	3

Additional graduation requirement: Each senior is required to apply to, and be accepted by the college of their choice.

HOMEWORK

Because homework is an integral part of a disciplined learning process, each teacher is at liberty to assign homework that will assist each student in his/her studies. Homework may be given for several purposes:

1. For preparation: Students profit most from classroom explanation and discussion when preparatory reading assignments are given.
2. For practice: Following classroom explanation and illustration, homework is given so the material will be mastered.
3. For remedial activity: As instruction progresses, various weak points in a student's grasp of a subject become evident. Homework following instructions may be given to overcome such difficulties.
4. For special projects: Book reports, compositions, special research assignments and projects are some of the activities that are frequently the subjects of homework attention.

Often tutorial or classroom time is given each day to allow students to work on homework.

Remember! Homework is not an option, it is a necessity!

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports will be sent home twice each quarter. These must be signed and returned the following day. At the end of each nine-week period, report cards are sent home. (It will be necessary to pay a \$3.00 replacement fee for lost report cards.)

ACADEMIC HONORS

Academic honors are determined based upon the GPA earned for all courses taken in high school or calculated through the Senior year.

The Senior Valedictorian must have the highest overall GPA. If there is a tie in GPA calculation, numeric averages will be used to determine the honor. Additionally, each Senior must have applied to and been accepted by a college or university, or post-graduate technical school as a condition of graduation.

HONORS PROGRAM

1ST Honors: Grade Point Average of 3.6 to 4.0

2ND Honors: Grade Point Average of 3.0 to 3.5

A student's Grade Point Average (GPA) is determined by converting a student's letter

grades to a numerical average based on a four-point scale. A grade of “D” in any course will exclude any student from Honor regardless of GPA.

HONOR CODE

We believe that honesty is one of the most important character traits a person can possess, and we hold our students to the highest standard. Cheating, lying, plagiarism, theft, dishonesty, or deception of any nature will not be tolerated, and any violation, no matter how minor, may be cause for immediate expulsion. All students must agree to abide by this solemn code and, at the discretion of the teacher, will be required to write and sign the following honor pledge on all examinations. *“On my honor I have neither given nor received aid on this examination.”*

PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism is defined by the American College Dictionary as “copying or imitating the language, ideas, and thoughts of another author and passing off the same as one’s original work.”

To be more specific, it involves the copying of someone else’s work without giving proper credit to the original author. Merely changing words is not enough. In addition to complete rewording, it is also necessary to rework the order of ideas and thoughts. The personal ideas and thoughts of other authors must be reworked until your work becomes “personal”. In other words, your organization of information should be original. To steal someone’s organization (or order) of ideas and thoughts without giving them credit is also plagiarism.

In a research paper, you are not expected to come up with and discuss original ideas. Your task is to collect and organize information. The proper way to give credit for information obtained from someone else’s writing is with a footnote. A good research paper abounds with footnotes from many sources. If you quote the author, you would also enclose the information in quotation marks.