



VISIONS PREPARATORY ACADEMY

Graduation Requirements Policy

Policy:

Visions Preparatory Academy (VPA) aligns its graduation requirements with Certification and Career & Technical Education (CTE) pathways through the ICE Framework: Innovation, Certification, and Empowerment. This ensures that every graduate meets rigorous academic expectations while gaining credentials that prepare them for college, career, and leadership.

1. Minimum Graduation Requirements

To earn a VPA High School Diploma, students must complete a minimum of 20 credits, distributed as follows:

Subject Area	Minimum Credits	NCAA Core Alignment	Notes
English / Language Arts	4.0	Core	Includes reading, writing, and composition emphasizing analytical and communication skills.
Mathematics	3.0	Core	Must include Algebra I, Geometry, and one higher-level math (e.g., Algebra II or Statistics).
Natural / Physical Science	2.0	Core	Must include one lab-based science; additional science encouraged for NCAA eligibility.
Social Science	2.0	Core	Must include U.S. History and World History or equivalent.
World Language & Additional Core	3.0	Core	Combines two years of the same world language with one additional NCAA-approved academic core (math, science, English, or social studies).
Certification / CTE / Elective Pathway	6.0	VPA Requirement	Combines electives with approved CTE, certification, or innovation-based coursework that supports career or college readiness.
Total Minimum Credits	20.0	—	—





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2. GPA and Assessment Requirements

- Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.3 to graduate.
- Completion of all core subject assessments and college/career readiness benchmarks (e.g., ACT, SAT, PERT, or equivalent) is required.
- Certification and CTE pathways may require additional performance assessments, portfolios, or internships verified by VPA faculty or partners.

3. Certification, CTE, and Elective Integration

VPA graduates must demonstrate readiness for postsecondary pathways through completion of at least one of the following:

- An industry-recognized certification (e.g., Microsoft, Adobe, OSHA, ServSafe, CompTIA).
- A Career & Technical Education (CTE) sequence or internship verified through program completion.
- A capstone project or entrepreneurial experience demonstrating applied learning within the ICE framework.

These requirements replace traditional elective blocks, ensuring that all students graduate with tangible skills and verified competencies.

4. NCAA Eligibility Alignment

VPA maintains full compliance with NCAA Division I and II academic core standards to support student-athletes pursuing collegiate athletics.

- Students must complete the 16 NCAA-approved core courses (within English, math, science, social science, and world language).
- All core courses are approved, documented, and reported by the VPA registrar to the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- Student-athletes must meet both the core course GPA (2.3 minimum) and sliding-scale test score requirement as outlined by NCAA policies.

5. Accelerated and Alternative Pathways

Students may fulfill requirements through the following approved pathways:

- Dual Enrollment or early college coursework.
- Hybrid / Online Coursework through Imagine Learning or equivalent platforms.
- Repeated (R2) for previously unsatisfactorily attempted courses
- Credit Recovery (CR) for previously attempted courses, demonstrating mastery through pretests and accelerated completion.

All alternate coursework must be NCAA-approved or equivalent in rigor and scope.

6. Graduation Verification

A student is eligible for graduation when all the following criteria are met:

- Completion of 20 approved credits meeting subject and GPA requirements.
- Fulfillment of at least one Certification / CTE / Elective Pathway.
- Completion of the Senior Exit Review, demonstrating readiness for college, career, or certification placement.
- All financial, attendance, and conduct obligations satisfied.

Summary:

Visions Preparatory Academy's 20-credit diploma reflects academic excellence, NCAA alignment, and integrated career certification. Through innovation and empowerment, VPA graduates earn both the credentials and confidence to lead in higher education, industry, and entrepreneurship.

