

High School Graduation Requirements (Current as of 12/2019)

The Tennessee Department of Education has raised standards and aligned graduation requirements to best prepare students for college and the workforce.

Students must successfully accumulate 22 credits in order to graduate.

To receive a regular high school diploma, all students enrolled in a Tennessee public school must take either the ACT or SAT during their 11th grade school year. To graduate from Knoxville Christian School, this requirement must be met also. In lieu of the ACT or SAT, KCS students may opt to take the Classic Learning Test (CLT).

Total Required Credits: 22

Math: 4 credits, including Algebra I, II, Geometry and a fourth higher level math course. (Students must be enrolled in a mathematics course each school year)

English: 4 credits

Science: 3 credits, including Biology, Chemistry or Physics, and a third laboratory course

Social Studies: 3 credits, including US History and Geography, World History and Geography, US Government and Civics, and Economics

Physical Education: 0.5 credit

Wellness: 1 credit

Personal Finance: 0.5 credit

Foreign Language: 2 credits: Sign language is acceptable (May be waived by the local school district for students, under certain circumstances, to expand and enhance the elective focus)

Fine Arts: 1 credit (May be waived by the local school district for students, under certain circumstances, to expand and enhance the elective focus)

Elective Focus: 3 credits of Math and Science, Career and Technical Education, Fine Arts, Humanities, Advanced Placement (AP), or International Baccalaureate (IB).