

GRANITE STATE ARTS ACADEMY (GSAA)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS @

(Voted by Board of Trustees, 10/11/16)

To graduate from Granite States Arts Academy all students must earn passing grades and receive the following academic credit as listed:

A minimum of 26 High School Credits in the following areas

Arts	6.0 Credits
English / English Language Arts	4.0 Credits
Mathematics	3.0 Credits
Social Studies	3.0 Credits
Science	2.0 Credits
Wellness	1.5 Credits
Electives *	6.5 Credits
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Total	26.0 Credits

Note- Students who intend to apply to college should consult in advance with Guidance on their course selections to insure that the courses taken at GSAA meet the minimum requirements of a college's admission standards. There is a recommended chart at the end of this document.

@ Seniors in the graduating class of 2017 are grandfathered under the old GSAA graduation requirements of 20 credits.

**Even though it is not a graduation requirement, students are encouraged to take at least one credit in World Languages before graduation for colleges that require it.*

Other Information-

- Transfer students to GSAA in Grade 11 or Grade 12 must meet these graduation requirements except for Art:
 - A student who transfers into GSAA in grade 11, must take 3 Art Credits over their last two years. A student who transfers into GSAA in grade 12, must take 1 Art Credit before graduation.
- Students with parental permission may request to substitute a VLACS on-line course for a failed course to receive credit recovery. Permission is granted by the Head of School. To receive this credit, a student must receive a passing grade in the VLACS Course and it must be completed by June 30 of the school year in which it is taken. If the course is taken during the summer for credit recovery, it must be completed by October 1.
- A student who wishes to substitute a VLACS on-line course for something other than recovery, must seek permission from the Head of School after consulting with Guidance.

Required student course load.

Unless there are extenuating circumstances as determined by the Head of School the following must be adhered to:

- A student must be actively present while attending GSAA. The student must be enrolled in 6 credits per academic year regardless of their credit total. A student must take at least 3 credits per semester, but freshmen and sophomores should take 4 credits to achieve a total of 26 by graduation.
- The only exception to this rule pertains to students who are approved for Dual Enrollment at a College, University, or Junior College.
- In grade 9-11, students must take 4 credits per semester (wherever possible)

Dual Enrollment

At present GSAA does not have articulation agreements with schools of higher education which offer Dual Enrollment. GSAA will attempt to work this out on a case-by-case basis between students and schools of higher education. Soon GSAA will begin to discuss Dual Enrollment as a policy with schools of higher education. Permission for Dual Enrollment must be given by the Head of School after a discussion with parents, Guidance, and the school of higher education.

Early Graduation

Unless there are extenuating circumstance students may not graduate until June of their senior year at GSAA. Permission for early graduation must be given by the Head of School with extensive discussion between parents and Guidance.

Recommended Credits required for Schools of Higher Education*

Type of School	English	Soc. Studies	Mathematics	Science	World Languages
2-Year College	4	3	3	3	1-2
4-Year College	4	3	3-4	3-4	2-4
Highly Selective 4-Year College	4	4	4-5	4-5	3-4

***Please consult your specific school for college credit requirements. These credits vary with the intended area of specialization as well as the demands for each school.**