



# NorthStar Academy

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## Graduation Requirements (2020-2021 School Year Term)\*

**\*These graduation requirements apply to students who have completed less than 6.0 credits prior to August 1, 2020.**

Two diploma options are available from NorthStar Academy: Standard or Advanced. Additionally, the AP International Diploma Certificate may be obtained directly from The College Board for those students whom have met the established criteria listed from The College Board.

In order to graduate and receive a high school diploma from NorthStar Academy, a student must be an actively enrolled student in good standing during his/her graduating (senior) year and must complete the required number of credits as detailed below. Credits applied toward graduation requirements are those earned from high school or college-level courses, typically designated with a number of 100 or higher in the course abbreviation code.

Issues related to graduation requirements and dual credit courses should be directed to the NSA office. Students planning to graduate with an NSA diploma need to have a graduation worksheet completed by NSA's Guidance Office. All official transcripts as well as courses in progress must be submitted to the NSA office before the graduation worksheet can be completed.

### ***Standard Diploma (24 Total Credits)***

To fulfill the graduation requirements for a standard diploma, a student must successfully complete, as a minimum, the following number of credits:

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Credits</b>
English, including one (1) credit of American Literature <u>and</u> one (1) credit of a 400-level English class or higher	4
Math, which may include one (1) credit of Algebra 1	3
Science	3
Social Studies, including one (1) credit of US History <u>and</u> (1) credit of world studies.	3
Government	0.5
Economics/Personal Finance Students may choose between regular Economics, Foundations in Personal Finance, or any of the AP social studies course options in the area of economics.	0.5
Bible, including one (1) credit of Foundations for the Christian Worldview (BIBL300) OR Apologetics – Understanding the Times (BIBL400)	2
Physical Education	0.5
Health School Health Education Note: Health Science: The Whole Individual does <b>not</b> fulfill the Health requirement.	0.5
Fine Arts	0.5
College and Life Preparation Students may choose between Preparing for Academic Success (CLCR118), Preparing for Career Success (CLCR340), or Preparing for College Admissions (CLCR219).	0.5
Electives	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>

*An elective is any course of the student's choosing outside of the required and/or designated core courses.*

## ***Advanced Diploma (26 credits)***

To fulfill the graduation requirements for an advanced diploma, a student must successfully complete, as a minimum, the following number of credits below.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Credits</b>
English, including one (1) credit of American Literature <u>and</u> one (1) credit of a 400-level English class or higher	4
Math, including one (1) credit from a 400-level math class or higher	4
Science, including one (1) credit from a 300-level science class or higher	4
Social Studies, including one (1) credit US History and (1) credit of world studies	3
Government	0.5
Economics/Personal Finance Students may choose between regular Economics, Foundations in Personal Finance, or any of the AP social studies course options in the area of economics.	0.5
Foreign Language Students who passed two years of middle school communicative languages, taken from NorthStar Academy, are eligible to receive one high school credit; Special Note: Most colleges & universities require (2) credits to be the same language.	2
Bible, including one (1) credit of Foundations for the Christian Worldview (BIBL300) OR Apologetics – Understanding the Times (BIBL400)	2
Physical Education	0.5
Health School Health Education Note: Health Science: The Whole Individual does <b>not</b> fulfill the Health requirement.	0.5
Fine Arts	0.5
College and Life Preparation Students may choose between Preparing for Academic Success (CLCR118), Preparing for Career Success (CLCR340), or Preparing for College Admissions (CLCR219).	0.5
Electives	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26</b>

*An elective is any course of the student's choosing outside of the required and/or designated core courses.*

### Students with Eighteen (18) or more Transfer Credits:

Any student transferring in to NorthStar Academy is required to take at least six credits (6) with NorthStar Academy in order to be eligible for a NorthStar Academy diploma. Even students who transfer in eighteen (18) or more credits from another accredited institution will be required to take six (6) credits or more during the year (school term) in which they complete the NorthStar Academy graduation requirements. Students who wish to graduate from NorthStar Academy must be actively enrolled in NorthStar Academy during the academic year in which they complete the NorthStar Academy graduation requirements.

### ***AP International Certificate***

Students desiring to obtain the AP International Diploma (APID) must fulfill the Advanced Diploma requirements of NorthStar Academy in conjunction with the criteria set by The College Board. The APID requires a score of 3 on five or more AP exams. For more information, please see <http://international.collegeboard.org/programs/apid>

### ***Credit Limits***

Given that 6.0-6.5 credits is a full load at NorthStar Academy, students may complete no more than 10 credits in any given academic year without prior administrative approval. Students may have no more than 7 courses open at one time without approval. Courses are counted in each academic year based on start dates from August 1 to July 31.