

Requirements for Graduation

Archbishop Spalding's curriculum prepares graduates for entry into the most rigorous college programs.

College Preparatory, Honors, and Advanced Placement programs are available in all disciplines for accelerated and gifted students.

Credits:

A total of 27 credits are required for graduation. (See table below.)

Grading

- The year is divided into four marking periods.
- Report card are issued at the end of each period.
- The lowest passing grade is D.

In addition to the requirements below, students need:

successful completion of CPR, attendance at Senior Retreat, and 45 hours of Community Service

Letter Grades

Letter grades have the following equivalents:

A	B+	B	C+	C	D+	D	F
92-100%	88-91%	83-87%	79-82%	74-78%	70-73%	65-69%	0-64%

Quality Points

The Quality Points (Q.P.) assigned to letter grades are weighted according to the degree of difficulty of the material covered in a course.

These are the values that are assigned:							
Program	A	B+	B	C+	C	D+	D
Advanced Placement	6.0	5.250	4.5	3.75	3.0	2.250	1.50
Honors Program	5.0	4.375	3.75	3.125	2.5	1.875	1.25
College Prep Program/Aquinas	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.5	1.0

Credits Required for Graduation		
Class	Credits	Description
Religious Studies	4	Religious Studies is required of students every semester.
English	4	1 credit must be taken each year.
Social Science	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 credit in U.S. History • 1 credit dealing with contemporary issues including local, state and national governments • 1 credit of World History
Science	3	Some advance courses have prerequisites
Mathematics	4	Some advanced courses have prerequisites.
Foreign Language	2	French, German, Latin, or Spanish
Physical Education/Health	1	1/2 Credit Physical Education 1/2 Credit Health
Fine Arts	1	Art, Drama, and Music
Computer Science/Business Education	1	Computer Applications I is REQUIRED and must be completed by the end of the Sophomore year. (This course may be waived by passing the department proficiency test.)
Electives	4	
TOTAL CREDITS	27	1 credit = 120 hours of instruction 1/2 credit = 60 hours of instruction