



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



General Requirements

The Academy currently offers two diploma options: the LIGHTHOUSE PREPARATORY ACADEMY DIPLOMA is intended to prepare students for entry into most competitive colleges, and the LIGHTHOUSE PREPARATORY ACADEMY HONORS DIPLOMA, intended to provide students with even greater depth in two or more selected fields of study. In order to receive either of the diplomas offered, ALL candidates must successfully complete a minimum of 26 or 29 credits respectively, of which at least 2/3 of the credits must be earned at Lighthouse Preparatory Academy, and at least 12 of those must be in the core subjects of mathematics, language arts, science, and social studies. Once a student begins attending Lighthouse Preparatory Academy, they must remain continually enrolled in at least two courses per semester, earning a minimum of two credits per year. No more than four classes will be transferred from a college in replacement of courses which Lighthouse offers and no more than three classes will be transferred from a college in any one year. Lighthouse will determine the number of credits each transfer course will be given. If a student is unable to meet these requirements, the family may petition the school board for an exception. Also, students must maintain a Grade Point Average of 2.0 or above, and must submit scores from either the ACT or the SAT, as well as complete the course requirements that apply to their specific situation, as described below.

The Lighthouse Preparatory Academy Diploma: The Lighthouse Preparatory Academy Diploma is intended to prepare students for entry into most competitive four-year colleges and universities. In order to earn a Diploma from the academy, students are required to earn the following credits in the indicated areas:

LANGUAGE ARTS: 4 credits (9th grade Language Arts and higher)

MATHEMATICS: 4 credits (Algebra 1 and higher)

SCIENCE: 3 credits (Physical Science and higher)

SOCIAL STUDIES: 4 credits (9th grade Social Studies and higher AND must include a passing grade for MO State and U.S. Constitution tests.)

FOREIGN LANGUAGES: 2 credits in the same language

WORLDVIEW: 1 credit

BIBLE: 1 credit

HEALTH: ½ credit

PRACTICAL ARTS: ½ credit (Personal Finance)

FINE ARTS: 1 credit (Art History and Appreciation OR Music History and Appreciation)

ELECTIVES: 5 credits

Total required credits for a graduate diploma: 26

The Lighthouse Preparatory Academy Honors Diploma: The Honors Diploma is intended not only to prepare students for entry into more competitive four-year colleges and universities but also to provide them with greater depth in two or more selected fields of study. All honors students must fulfill the requirements for the Lighthouse Preparatory Academy Diploma and then select HONORS CONCENTRATIONS consisting of at least 3 additional upper division courses (earning at least one credit per course) from Mathematics, Science, Language Arts, Social Studies, Bible, Worldview and/or Foreign Languages for a minimum total of 29 credits. All additional upper division courses used to satisfy the requirements for earning an Honors Diploma must be taken in residence at the academy. Furthermore, in order to receive an Honors Diploma, a student must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher, and must be in good academic standing upon graduation. Please note that some courses required for the completion of honors concentrations are offered only when there is sufficient student interest.

LANGUAGE ARTS: 4 credits (9th grade Language Arts and higher)

MATHEMATICS: 4 credits (Algebra 1 and higher)

SCIENCE: 3 credits (Physical Science and higher)

SOCIAL STUDIES: 4 credits (9th grade Social Studies and higher AND must include a passing grade for MO State and U.S. Constitution tests.)

FOREIGN LANGUAGES: 2 credits (Must be in the same foreign language; ASL accepted)

WORLDVIEW: 1 credit

BIBLE: 1 credit

HEALTH: ½ credit

PRACTICAL ARTS: ½ credit (Personal Finance)

FINE ARTS: 1 credit (Art History & Appreciation OR Music History and Appreciation)

ELECTIVES: 5 credits

UPPER DIVISION COURSES: 3 (from Mathematics, Science, Language Arts, Social Studies, Bible, Worldview and/or Foreign Languages) Total required credits for an Honors Diploma: 29

A student graduating with the following cumulative GPA in classes taken in residency at LIGHTHOUSE will receive the following recognition at graduation:

- ❖ Cum Laude, meaning “with praise” GPA 3.50-3.74
- ❖ Magna Cum Laude, meaning “with great praise” GPA 3.75-3.84
- ❖ Summa Cum Laude, meaning “with highest praise” GPA 3.85-4.0