

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LA PLATA EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY
COLLEGE PREPARATORY DIPLOMA PLANNING CHART**

Student:		Graduation Year:	
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DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS & COURSE LEVELS

College Preparatory Diploma: Minimum 23 credits and 3.0 weighted cumulative GPA.

This course of study is designed to provide a rigorous high-school program comparable to general Maryland graduation expectations and preparation for college admission. Individual institutions, majors, and competitive programs may require or recommend additional coursework.

ENGLISH								4 Credits
Requirement	Course Taken	Credits	Level	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
English 1								
English 2								
English 3								
English 4								

Requirement: Four credits of college-preparatory English emphasizing composition, grammar, literature, research, vocabulary, and critical analysis.

Recommended Sequence: Composition & Grammar → Advanced Composition & Grammar → World Literature → English/British Literature.

Comparable college-preparatory English courses may be used to create a sequence appropriate to the student's interests and academic goals. See Course Options

MATHEMATICS								4 Credits
Requirement	Course Taken	Credits	Level	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Mathematics 1								
Mathematics 2								
Mathematics 3								
Mathematics 4								
Opt. if Alg I in 8th								

Requirement: Four credits of college-preparatory mathematics, including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and one higher-level mathematics course. Students completing Algebra II before senior year should continue mathematics through grade 12.

Sequence: Algebra I → Geometry → Algebra II.

Higher Mathematics Options: Precalculus, Trigonometry, Statistics, Calculus, College Algebra, or another appropriately advanced mathematics course. See Course Options

SCIENCE								4 Credits
Requirement	Course Taken	Credits	Level	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Science 1 + Lab								
Science 2 + Lab								
Science 3 + Lab								
Science 4								

Requirement: Four credits of college-preparatory biological and physical science representing multiple science disciplines. At least three courses must include a laboratory component of 20 or more hours.

Recommended Sequence: Biology + Lab → Chemistry + Lab → Physics + Lab → Advanced/Additional Science.

The fourth science does not require a laboratory component. Other rigorous science sequences may be appropriate based on the student's interests and postsecondary goals. See Course Options

SOCIAL STUDIES								3 Credits
Requirement	Course Taken	Credits	Level	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Social Studies 1								
Social Studies 2								
Social Studies 3								

Requirement: Three credits of college-preparatory history and social science providing substantial study of world history, United States history, government, economics, and related social sciences.

Recommended Sequence: World History/World Civilizations → United States History → American Government & Economics.

COMPUTER SCIENCE / ENGINEERING / TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION								1 Credit
Requirement	Course Taken	Credits	Level	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
CS/Tech								

Requirement: One credit emphasizing technological literacy, computational thinking, design, systems, engineering, or applied technology.

Suggested Courses: Computer Science, Programming, Web Development, Cybersecurity, Engineering Design, CAD, Robotics, Business Technology, or another appropriate technology-based course. *See Course Options*

FINANCIAL LITERACY								1 Credit
Requirement	Course Taken	Credits	Level	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Financial Literacy								

Requirement: One credit of personal financial literacy addressing budgeting, banking, credit and debt, taxes, insurance, consumer decision-making, investing, and long-term financial planning.

FINE ARTS								1 Credit
Requirement	Course Taken	Credits	Level	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Fine Arts								
Fine Arts (if half cr)								

Requirement: One credit of study or performance in the visual, performing, or media arts. May split into two 0.5 credit courses

Suggested Disciplines: Visual Art, Music, Theatre, Photography, Graphic Design, Film/Media Arts, Art History, or another appropriate fine-arts discipline. *See Course Options*

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION								1 Credit
Requirement	Course Taken	Credits	Level	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Health								
Physical Education								

Requirement: One combined credit consisting of 0.5 credit Health and 0.5 credit Physical Education. *See Course Options*

WORLD LANGUAGE								2 Credits
Requirement	Course Taken	Credits	Level	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
World Language I								
World Language II								

Requirement: Two sequential credits in the same world language.

Further Study Suggested: Additional study in the same language is encouraged for students considering selective colleges or language-intensive programs.

ACADEMIC ELECTIVES								2 Credits
Requirement	Course Taken	Credits	Level	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Academic Elective 1								
Academic Elective 2								

Requirement: Two additional credits of substantive college-preparatory academic coursework beyond the minimum subject requirements.

Academic electives should extend the student's preparation in English, mathematics, science, social science, world language, computer science, or another recognized academic discipline.

Suggested Electives: Additional science, advanced mathematics, third- or fourth-year world language, Psychology, Sociology, Economics, Computer Science, advanced literature/composition, additional history/social science, Logic, or academic dual-enrollment coursework.

Courses primarily intended for recreation, personal enrichment, occupational training, or general work experience may earn high-school elective credit but do not fulfill the College Preparatory Academic Elective requirement.

ADDITIONAL COURSEWORK — Courses beyond the 23-credit diploma requirements may be recorded below.								
Requirement	Course Taken	Credits	Level	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Additional Course 1								
Additional Course 2								
Additional Course 3								
Total Credits	TOTAL CREDITS			0	0	0	0	0

HONORS DIPLOMA QUALIFICATIONS:

- Meet all requirements for a College Preparatory Diploma
- Minimum 3.5 weighted cumulative GPA
- Minimum 6 credits must qualify as Honors, AP, or College/Dual Enrollment (*See Honors Guide*)
 - Minimum of 4 credits must be in core academic subjects (English, math, science, social science, languages, advanced computer science)
 - Must represent at least 3 academic disciplines

GPA WEIGHTING

College Preparatory Level Course - Max of 4.0

Honors Level Course - Add 0.5 (Max of 4.5)

AP or College Level (DE) Course -Add 1.0 (Max of 5.0)