

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LA PLATA EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

STANDARD DIPLOMA PLANNING CHART

Student: Graduation Year:

Course Level: CP = College Preparatory • H = Honors • AP = Advanced Placement • DE = College / Dual Enrollment

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 high-school English emphasizing composition, grammar, literature, research, vocabulary, critical reading, and effective written and oral communication.

Recommended Sequence: English I / Composition & Grammar → English II / Advanced Composition → American or World Literature → a fourth English course appropriate to the student's interests and goals. Options may include British Literature, Technical & Professional Writing, Creative Writing, Contemporary Literature, Speech & Composition, or another substantial English

MATHEMATICS					3 Credits			
Requirement	Course Taken	Credits	Level	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Mathematics 1								
Mathematics 2								
Mathematics 3								

Requirement: Three credits of high-school mathematics, including Algebra I and Geometry, with a third mathematics course appropriate to the student's abilities, interests, and postsecondary goals.

Required Foundation: Algebra I and Geometry. Third-Course Options: Algebra II, Consumer Mathematics, Financial Mathematics, Statistics, Business Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Technical Mathematics, or another appropriate high-school mathematics

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

Requirement: Three credits of high-school science representing more than one science discipline. At least two science courses should include a meaningful laboratory or hands-on investigation component.

Recommended: Biology + Lab → Physical or Earth Science + Lab → Additional Science. Additional options may include Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science, Earth & Space Science, Astronomy, Anatomy & Physiology, Forensic Science, Agricultural Science, Food Science, Marine Biology, Meteorology, or another appropriate science.

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 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. Other substantial history and social-science courses may be incorporated as appropriate.

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

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

Discipline Options: Computer Applications, Computer Science, Programming, Web Development, Cybersecurity, Engineering Design, CAD, Robotics, Business Technology, Digital Media, or another appropriate technology-based course.

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, employment compensation, and long-term financial planning.

Content Suggestions: Practical applications may include household budgeting, comparison shopping, financing, payroll, taxes, insurance decisions, saving, investing, and planning for independent adult life.

FINE ARTS					1 Credit			
Requirement	Course Taken	Credits	Level	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Fine Arts								
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Requirement: One credit of study or performance in the visual, performing, or media arts. Can be split into two 0.5 credit courses

Discipline Options: Visual Art, Music, Theatre, Photography, Graphic Design, Film/Media Arts, Art History, Dance, or another appropriate fine-arts discipline.

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.

GENERAL ELECTIVES					6 Credits			
Requirement	Course Taken	Credits	Level	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
General Elective 1								
General Elective 2								
General Elective 3								
General Elective 4								
General Elective 5								
General Elective 6								

Requirement: Six credits selected to individualize the student's high-school program according to interests, strengths, responsibilities, and future goals. Electives may be academic, practical, creative, career-oriented, faith-based, experiential, or skill-based.

Planning Ideas: Academic Enrichment • Career Exploration • Practical/Life Skills • Arts • Technology • Bible/Religious Studies • Work Experience • Additional Health/Fitness • World Language • Business/Entrepreneurship • Student Interests. Students should select electives with future employment, community college, military service, apprenticeship, technical training, or other postsecondary plans in mind.

MINIMUM CREDITS REQUIRED						23 CREDITS		
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				0	0	0	0	0
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STANDARD DIPLOMA

The Standard Diploma provides a comprehensive high-school education with flexibility for students to pursue individual interests, employment preparation, community college, military service, technical training, apprenticeship, or other postsecondary goals. A minimum of 23 credits is required. No separate minimum cumulative GPA is required beyond successful completion of the required coursework.

POSTSECONDARY PLANNING: The Standard Diploma is not specifically structured to satisfy four-year university admission requirements or to provide a concentrated Career & Technical Education program. Students considering college, military service, apprenticeship, technical school, licensing programs, or other postsecondary training should review the requirements of their intended program early and select mathematics, science, world language, and elective coursework accordingly.

COURSE LEVELS

Individual courses may be designated CP, Honors, AP, or Dual Enrollment when appropriate. A student's diploma pathway and the rigor of an individual course are separate considerations; Standard Diploma students may complete advanced coursework without