

I. Purpose

Students engage a Christian education to fulfill the Great Commission and live Christ-centered lives.²

II. Guiding Principles

- A. Parents send their students to HCA to earn a Christian education.³
- B. Parents send their students to HCA to enjoy a Christian environment.⁴

III. Pathways to Graduation

HCA offers 3 pathways to graduation using 30+ onsite courses over 4 years.⁵ HCA uses 7 class periods with .5 credit for 1 semester courses and 1 credit for 2 semester courses. All classes meet at least 5 contact hours per week. The 3 pathways are as follows:

	General Diploma	Honors Diploma	Certificate of Studies
Bible	4	4	4
English Language Arts	4	4	4
Math	4	4	4
Social Studies	3	3	2
Science	3	3	2
Spanish	2	2	0
Physical Education	1	1	0
Electives	<u>+4</u>	<u>+4</u>	<u>+4</u>
	25	25	20

General Diploma⁶

Students pursue this traditional pathway toward graduation for career (skilled trades⁷) bound study. Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.00 to graduate from this pathway.

Honors Diploma⁸

Students pursue this Eagle Honors Institute pathway toward graduation for college bound study. Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.50 to graduate from this pathway.

Certificate of Studies⁹

Students pursue this special education certificate of completion pathway toward graduation if they are unable to earn a traditional diploma as documented by their Nonpublic Services Plan. Students must fulfill their plan's requirements to graduate from this pathway.

² "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)

³ "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." (Deuteronomy 6:7)

⁴ For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. (1 Cor.12:12)

⁵ "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men." (Colossians 3:23)

⁶ "Aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one." (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12)

⁷ Between 3% and 24% of all skilled trades require some form of college level education in their field.

⁸ "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)

⁹ "For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'" (Jeremiah 29:11)

IV. Curricula

Core Curriculum (Middle School)

HCA offers 18 required courses in this curriculum as follows:

6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Bible 6	Bible 7	Bible 8
English 6	English 7	English 8
Math 6	Math 7	Pre-algebra 8
Civics 6	World History 7	US History 8
Science 6	Science 7	Earth Science 8
Computers 6	Geography 7	Spanish 8

Core Curriculum (High School)¹⁰

HCA offers 23 required courses in this curriculum.¹¹ All courses, regardless of differing credit value, must be successfully completed to satisfy graduation requirements. The sequence is generally as follows:

Freshmen	Sophomore	Junior Year	Senior Year
Bible I	Bible II	Bible III	Bible IV
Grammar & Comp.*	Am. Literature*	World Literature*	British Literature*
Algebra I*	Geometry*	Algebra II* ¹²	Precalculus ¹³
World History*	U.S. History*		AmGov* / Econ*
Physical Science	Biology*	Chemistry*	Physical Education* / Health*
	Spanish I*	Spanish II*	Personal Finance*

Elective Curriculum (Middle & High School)¹⁴

Subject	Credit ¹⁵	Curricular Notes
Art	1 (2 max)	Requires public showings.
Athletics	.25 (1 max)	Requires attendance at practices and games. ¹⁶
Band	1 (4 max)	Requires public performances.
Choir	1 (4 max)	Requires public performances.
Bus. Com. (Yrbk)	1 (4 max)	Requires attendance at extracurricular events.
Musical	.25 (1 max)	Requires attendance at rehearsals and performances.
Worship Arts	.25 (1 max)	Students on T/TH prepare to lead W/F worship.

¹⁰ HCA uses the "Carnegie Unit" to calculate the value of a credit. To maintain accreditation with ACSI, HCA complies with the required educational value of a credit by meeting for 5 contact hours (days) per week consistent with the 18.5 credit Michigan Merit Curriculum.

¹¹ * Denotes courses required by ACSI based on MCL 380.1278a.

¹² The administration has discretionary authority to waive this particular course requirement, but the student must still complete four math courses.

¹³ The required 4th year math credit may also be fulfilled by the required personal finance class.

¹⁴ "Then Moses said to the people of Israel, "See, the Lord has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; and He has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, with intelligence, with knowledge, and with all craftsmanship..."(Exodus 35:30-31)

¹⁵ Credit maximums apply to high school graduation requirements.

¹⁶ The 1 credit PE class graduation requirement may also be met by successfully completing at least four .25 credit extracurricular sports (no drop outs).

VI. General/Honors High School Pathway Map

Core Curriculum (9th grade)

- ✓ Bible I **w/** Worship Arts
- ✓ Grammar/Composition
- ✓ Algebra I **or** Geometry
- ✓ World History
- ✓ Physical Science
- ✓ Study Hall

Elective* (choose one for 1 credit or two for .5 credit per semester)

- Varsity Choir 1st 2nd (2nd semester required for musical)
- Varsity Band 1st 2nd
- Art** 1st 2nd
- Bus. Com. (Yrbk) 1st 2nd
- PE w/ HE 1st 2nd

Core Curriculum (10th grade)

- ✓ Bible II **w/** Worship Arts
- ✓ American Literature
- ✓ Geometry **or** Algebra II
- ✓ US History
- ✓ Biology
- ✓ Spanish I

Elective* (choose one for 1 credit or two for .5 credit per semester)

- Varsity Choir 1st 2nd (2nd semester required for musical)
- Varsity Band 1st 2nd
- Art** 1st 2nd
- Bus. Com. (Yrbk) 1st 2nd
- PE w/ HE 1st 2nd
- Study Hall 1st 2nd

Core Curriculum (11th grade)

- ✓ Bible III **w/** Worship Arts
- ✓ World Literature
- ✓ Algebra II **or** Precalculus
- ✓ Chemistry
- ✓ Spanish II
- ✓ Study Hall

Elective* (choose one for 1 credit or two for .5 credit per semester)

- Varsity Choir 1st 2nd (2nd semester required for musical)
- Varsity Band 1st 2nd
- Art** 1st 2nd
- Bus. Com. (Yrbk) 1st 2nd
- PE w/ HE 1st 2nd
- CU Online 1st 2nd (up to 1 class per quarter)

Core Curriculum (12th grade)

- ✓ Bible IV **w/** Worship Arts
- ✓ British Literature
- Precalculus **or** Calculus AB
- ✓ Personal Finance
- ✓ Am Gov. (.5) & Economics (.5)
- ✓ Physical Education / Health***
- Spanish III
- ✓ Study Hall (unless in PE/HE)

Elective* (choose one for 1 credit or two for .5 credit per semester)

- Varsity Choir 1st 2nd (2nd semester required for musical)
- Varsity Band 1st 2nd
- Art** 1st 2nd
- Bus. Com. (Yrbk) 1st 2nd
- CU Online 1st 2nd (up to 1 class per quarter)
- EIA/CTE Offsite 1st 2nd (full year required for CTE)
- Teaching Ass't. 1st 2nd (.25 credit per semester)

*All electives meet 5 days a week. **May be taken twice. ***Required senior year if credit is unearned by participation in sports for at least 4 seasons.

Parental Authorization

I approve this plan for _____
and I understand unanticipated scheduling issues
may require changes to it by the administration.

Parent/Guardian

Date

Guidance Counselor

Date

Next Year's Schedule (subject to change)

1st Hour _____
2nd Hour _____
3rd Hour _____
4th Hour _____
5th Hour _____
6th Hour _____
7th Hour _____