

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 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).