

Graduation Requirements / Diploma Offerings

(*Course offerings may vary depending upon availability)

The coursework required for graduation from Bethesda Christian School, regardless of the type of diploma pursued, is college preparatory in nature. One credit is earned for each yearlong course and ½ credit for each semester course. To earn any of the diplomas offered at Bethesda, students are required to earn a minimum of 28 credits in the following coursework:

Discipline	Standard Diploma	Scholar's Diploma	Distinguished Scholar's Diploma
		3.6 GPA Required	3.8 GPA and 4 AP Courses Required
Bible	Four Credits	Four Credits	Four Credits
English	<p style="text-align: center;">Four Credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-AP English I • Pre-AP English II • English III or AP English III • English IV or AP English IV 	<p style="text-align: center;">Four Credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-AP English I • Pre-AP English II • English III or AP English III • English IV or AP English IV 	<p style="text-align: center;">Four Credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-AP English I • Pre-AP English II • English III or AP English III • English IV or AP English IV
Mathematics	<p style="text-align: center;">Four Credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra I • Geometry • Algebra II • Pre-College Math 	<p style="text-align: center;">Four Credits (must be earned in grades 9 – 12)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra I • Geometry • Algebra II • Pre-AP Pre-Calculus • Concurrent/Honors Introduction to Statistics, or AP Calculus (Honors/Pre-AP math students must take Concurrent Introduction to Statistics or AP Calculus) <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pre-College Math does not qualify for this diploma</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Four Credits (must be earned in grades 9 – 12)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra I • Geometry • Algebra II • Pre-AP Pre-Calculus • Concurrent/Honors Introduction to Statistics, or AP Calculus (Honors/Pre-AP math students must take Concurrent Introduction to Statistics or AP Calculus) <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pre-College Math does not qualify for this diploma</i></p>
Science	<p style="text-align: center;">Four Credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology or Pre-AP Biology • Chemistry or AP Chemistry • Anatomy & Physiology or Honors Anatomy & Physiology • Physics 	<p style="text-align: center;">Four Credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology or Pre-AP Biology • Chemistry or AP Chemistry • Anatomy & Physiology or Honors Anatomy & Physiology • Physics*, AP Physics, or AP Biology 	<p style="text-align: center;">Four Credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology or Pre-AP Biology • Chemistry or AP Chemistry • Anatomy & Physiology or Honors Anatomy & Physiology • Physics*, AP Physics, or AP Biology
Social Studies	<p style="text-align: center;">Four Credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Geography • World History or Pre-AP World History • U.S. History or Concurrent/Honors U.S. History • Government (½) • Economics (½) (with emphasis on the Free Enterprise system) 	<p style="text-align: center;">Four Credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Geography • World History or Pre-AP World History • U.S. History or Concurrent/Honors U.S. History • Government (½) • Economics (½) (with emphasis on the Free Enterprise system) 	<p style="text-align: center;">Four Credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Geography • World History or Pre-AP World History • U.S. History or Concurrent/Honors U.S. History • Government (½) • Economics (½) (with emphasis on the Free Enterprise system)

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Foreign Language	Three Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latin • Spanish I, II or French I, II (Honors Spanish III or French III are available as an elective) 	Three Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latin • Spanish I, II or French I, II (Honors Spanish III or French III are available as an elective) 	Three Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latin • Spanish I, II or French I, II (Honors Spanish III or French III, and Honors Spanish IV* or Honors French IV* — may be taken as an elective)
Physical Education	One Credit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • participation in an approved activity (.5 credit per sport season, up to 1 full credit a year) 	One Credit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • participation in an approved activity (.5 credit per sport season, up to 1 full credit a year) 	One Credit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • participation in an approved activity (.5 credit per sport season, up to 1 full credit a year)
Technology Applications	One Credit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microcomputer Applications • or a passing score on the Microcomputer Applications Proficiency Test 	One Credit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microcomputer Applications • or a passing score on the Microcomputer Applications Proficiency Test 	One Credit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microcomputer Applications • or a passing score on the Microcomputer Applications Proficiency Test
Fine Arts	One Credit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art I, Band, Choir, Performing Arts, or Photoshop 	One Credit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art I, Band, Choir, Performing Arts or Photoshop 	One Credit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art I, Band, Choir, Performing Arts or Photoshop
Speech	One-Half Credit	One-Half Credit	One-Half Credit
Electives	One and One-Half Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art II & III • Band • Performing Arts • Intro to Technology Applications; Computer Science I or II; Web Technologies; Programming; Intro To Eng in Robotics; Eng Design and Presentation in Robotics • Honors Spanish III & IV* • Honors French III & IV* • Strength & Conditioning • Yearbook 	One-Half Credit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art II & III • Band • Performing Arts • Intro to Technology Applications; Computer Science I or II; Web Technologies; Programming; Intro To Eng in Robotics; Eng Design and Presentation in Robotics • Honors Spanish III & IV* • Honors French III & IV* • Strength & Conditioning • Yearbook 	One-Half Credit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art II & III • Band • Performing Arts • Intro to Technology Applications; Computer Science I or II; Web Technologies; Programming; Intro To Eng in Robotics; Eng Design and Presentation in Robotics • Honors Spanish III & IV* • Honors French III & IV* • Strength & Conditioning • Yearbook