

North Lakes Academy

Policy #: 101

Policy Name: Graduation Requirements

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Reviewed:

I. Purpose

The Board of Directors recognizes the importance of clearly defining the academic expectations of students earning a diploma from North Lakes Academy. Therefore, the Board of Directors establishes this policy on graduation requirements.

II. Specific Policy Elements

1. Students graduating from North Lakes Academy must successfully complete 28 credits which include the following:

Department	Required Credits	Maximum Credits
English	4	6
Fine Arts (music, visual arts)	2	6
Mathematics	4	5
Physical Education/ Health	2	3
Science	3	5
Social Studies	4	6
World Languages	3	5

Note: The above requirements apply to all graduates starting with the class of 2011.

2. Students must complete the entire course and earn a grade of C- or better to earn NLA credit and satisfy graduation requirements.
3. If a student must be permanently removed from class for disciplinary reasons the student will not receive credit for the uncompleted course. If discipline issues are resolved, the student may register for the course again and complete the entire course for credit.
4. Students may request a variance from NLA graduation requirements under the following circumstances:
 - a. The student is enrolled elsewhere in a course of study determined to be equally or more rigorous than the NLA course satisfying the standard
 - b. Meeting the standard at NLA would preclude taking a college level course
 - c. The student transferred to NLA mid program and it is not feasible to meet the standard.
 - d. The student's special interests and/ or post-secondary goals require the student to exceed the maximum credits allowed in a department.
5. The administration will define and execute a process for accurately tracking student credits to determine which students have met requirements for graduation.

III. Special Reporting Requirements

None