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Four-Year Academy

Graduation Requirements	9th Grade	Credits	10th Grade	Credits	11th Grade	Credits	12th Grade	Credits	Y 13
English (x4 credits)	Honors English 9	1	Honors English 10	1	AP English Language	1	AP English Literature	1	
Math (x3 credits)	Must take 1.0 math 9th gr year as recommended by facilitator & math teacher	1	Must take 1.0 math 10th gr year as recommended by facilitator & math teacher	1	Must take 1.0 math 11th gr year as recommended by facilitator & math teacher	1	Must take 1.0 math 12th gr year as recommended by facilitator & math teacher	1	
Science (x3 credits) (1 Life; 1 Physical; 1 Elective)	Honors Biology	1	Honors Chemistry	1	Required: Any AP level science course	1	Recommended: College-bound students should enroll in science all four years as recommended by facilitator & science teacher	1	
Social Studies (x3 credits) (1 World; 1 US; 0.5 Govt; 0.5 elective)	World History OR Honors World History* *required to endorse w/honors	1	May take any of the following years: Honors World Geography OR AP Psychology AND/OR AP European History	1	Required: US History OR AP US History (required for endorsement with honors)	1	US Govt OR AP US Govt	.5	
Communications (0.5 credit)	All Academy Capstone Courses will fulfill the Communications Requirement								Y 14
Financial Literacy: (0.5 credit)	Financial Literacy								
Fine/Performing Arts (1 credit)	Student Choice - Any year Recommended: Acting I & II, Repertory Theater								
Health: (0.5 credit)	Health Education <i>Optional</i> : Health may be taken online through eAcademy if space is needed in student's schedule.								
Language Applications: (1.0 credit)	Student Choice - Any year(s) 1+ Highly Recommended : Creative Writing, Advanced Creative Writing, Creative Writing: Literary Magazine College-bound students should enroll in 2 years of the same World Language.								
Life Studies: (0.5 credit)	Using the PPG - Identify courses that fulfill this requirement								
Physical Education (0.5 credit)	PE Concepts OR Cheer/Dance Team OR Strength & Conditioning	.5	<i>Optional</i> : P.E. Concepts may be taken online through eAcademy if space is needed in student's schedule. This can be scheduled during the summer - grades 10-12 only. <i>Other online classes are available at eacademy.olatheschools.com</i>						
STEM (1.0 credit)	Students fulfill STEM graduation requirement through Four-Year Academy Courses								
Individual Focus (5.5 credits) Four-Year Academy Coursework	DS Freshman Cross Cultural Expeditions	1	DS Symposium ELA (10)	1	DS Symposium ELA (11)	1	Distinguished Scholars Senior Capstone	1	
Total Credits: (24 total needed for graduation)	9th grade total:	7	10th grade total:	7	11th grade total:	7	12th grade total:	3+	
NOTE: Credits beyond requirements in any category will fall under individual focus.									
Students may earn an endorsement on their transcript for completing all Academy requirements, including successful completion of coursework, outside-the-classroom learning opportunities, field experiences, and capstone projects. Refer to the Academy's Endorsement Requirements provided by facilitator or found on the web at olatheschools.org/careerpathways									

Graduating Class of 2028 and Beyond



Distinguished Scholars Language Arts

Four-Year Academy



Olathe North High School

WHO WE ARE:

Highly motivated and creative students who have a passion for literature and creative writing. Distinguished Scholars Language Arts students enjoy reading and discussing a wide variety of prose and poetry and exploring the art and craft of writing. They are also strong communicators and are academic leaders in the school community.

WHAT WE DO:

- Read and discuss contemporary and classic works not available in on-level or advanced English classes to deepen our appreciation for literature and understand current publishing trends
- Write and revise original pieces
- Explore sources of creative inspiration to cultivate ideas for writing
- Examine authors' choices to inform our own writing
- Study college-level terminology of literary analysis
- Research literary topics in depth, such as mythology or fairy tales
- Learn literary theories and read critical analytical articles about literature
- Participate in workshops with local and national authors
- Attend theatre performances and author events
- Submit original work to elementia and the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards
- Explore the special collections and book restoration lab at the KU Spencer Research Library