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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)	Biology OR Honors Biology	1	Chemistry OR Honors Chemistry	1	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)	Required: Honors World History	1	May take any of the following years: Honors World Geography OR AP Psychology AND/OR AP European History	.5	Required: AP US History	1	Required: 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(s) 1+								
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+ 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)	<i>Students fulfill STEM graduation requirement through Four-Year Academy Courses</i>								
Individual Focus (5.5 credits) Four-Year Academy Coursework	DS Freshman Cross Cultural Expeditions	1	DS Symposium PS (10)	1	DS Symposium PS (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 Political Science

Four-Year Academy



Olathe North High School

WHO WE ARE:

Highly motivated and ambitious students interested in current affairs, politics and history. Distinguished Scholars Political Science students enjoy discussion and debate, are strong communicators and are leaders in the school community.

WHAT WE DO:

- Develop research, writing, presentation, and discussion skills
- Bolster media literacy by critically reading documents and assessing the validity of arguments
- Interact with and respond to current events and politics
- Work with community partners to foster civic engagement