



Curaçao American Preparatory School

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High School Graduation Requirements

At CAPS we expect students to receive a well-rounded, multicultural education in collaboration with a dynamic environment. We promote individual growth, global awareness, critical thinking and problem solving. In order to graduate with a **high school diploma** from CAPS, each student needs a total of **24 high school credits**. In addition, each student needs a total of **100 community** service hours.

We highly recommend the following division of credits to offer our students the widest range of entries into a university of their choice;

24 Total Credits:

- 4 credits in English
- 4 credits in Math
- 4 credits in Social Studies
- 4 credits in Science
- 2 credits in Foreign Languages
- 2 credits in Physical Education
- 4 credits in Electives (classes of your choice and interest)

This division is particularly applicable for students who intend to study in the science, medicine or engineering fields. For students who would need a less challenging track, we offer 3 credits in Social Studies and 3 credits in Science and 6 Electives instead.

To pass a class and earn the required credit, students must obtain a minimum grade of a "D -", which is a 64%, to qualify as a passing grade for a course.

While our 'core' content courses are taught here at CAPS, many of our electives are taught online through the Florida Virtual School (FLVS). Students have scheduled time to work on their online coursework during the school day here at CAPS, although they are able to work on those courses at home as well.

In order to stay on target to graduate, a student is typically expected to complete 6 credits per school year. That averages out to 3 credits per semester. If a student fails a core content area course (receives a grade less than a 64%), they are expected to retake that class to be able to earn the required credits.

For the community service hours, we have the following recommendation:

25 hours of community service per year of high school at CAPS (100 hours over 4 years). 10% of these hours **must** be earned in the wider community outside of school.