



Monument Academy

Board of Directors Governance and Policy

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High School Graduation Requirements and Senior Academic Honors

Mission, Vision, and Philosophy

In alignment with the mission, vision, and philosophy of Monument Academy, the following graduation requirements are established.

The Board of Education believes that all students who graduate from Monument Academy High School should have a solid foundation in the core subject areas of English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies along with a comprehensive background in Fine Arts, Physical Education, and World Language.

Students are encouraged to challenge themselves by exceeding the Monument Academy graduation requirements whenever possible in accordance with their post-secondary goals. Monument Academy High School graduation requirements meet or exceed the Colorado Graduation Guidelines.

Additionally, Monument Academy is a classical school and therefore values Western Civilization's history, traditions, and literature. This includes an exploration of what is good, true, and beautiful in the pursuit of excellence and a life well lived.

Monument Academy Graduation Requirements

Twenty-six credits shall be required for a student to graduate and receive a Monument Academy High School diploma. Credit is awarded on a semester basis, whether the course is a semester or full year course offering. Students earn 0.5 credits for each semester course completed with a passing grade. Courses taken in middle school do not count for high school credit.

In addition to the Monument Academy High School graduation requirements, students must also demonstrate academic proficiency in the subjects of English and Math, as defined by the State Board of Education approved menu of college and career readiness options.

	Monument Academy Required High School Credits	Colorado Department of Education (CDE) State Requirements	CDHE HEAR Recommendations for Post-Secondary Admission (in years)	
English	4.0	Proficiency Requirement	4	
Mathematics	4.0	Algebra 1 & Proficiency Requirement	4	Algebra 1 & Higher
Science	3.0	2 Lab-Based	3	2 Lab-Based
Social Studies	3.0	Am. Government & U.S History	3	1 U.S. or World History
World Language	2.0		1	
Physical Education	1.0			
Performing & Fine Arts	1.0			
Electives	8.0		2	Academic Electives
Total Credits	26			

Senior Capstone Project

To graduate from Monument Academy High School, 12th grade students are required to successfully complete an individual Senior Capstone Project. This challenging, intellectual project allows each student the opportunity to demonstrate a mastery of the Trivium, and specifically the ability to think, write, and speak persuasively. This project will be incorporated into a designated core academic subject, and students will be provided time and guidance within the 12th grade curriculum to assist in the completion of their Capstone.

Senior Academic Honors

Valedictorian. A single valedictorian will be named from the graduating class. The valedictorian will have achieved the highest GPA in their class as recorded on the high school transcript following successful completion of final exams and course requirements. If GPA calculations result in a tie between two or more students, as measured to the thousandth of a degree, then multiple valedictorian honors will be awarded.

Summa Cum Laude (highest honors). Any student who achieves *greater* than a 4.0 GPA will be awarded summa cum laude honors.

Magna Cum Laude (great distinction). Any student who achieves a 3.9 – 4.0 GPA will be awarded magna cum laude honors.

Cum Laude (distinction). Any student who achieves a 3.6 – 3.89 GPA will be awarded cum laude honors.

LEGAL REFERENCES:

C.R.S. 22-1.104 (history, culture and civil government)

C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1)(kk) (board to establish graduation requirements that “meet or exceed” state graduation guidelines)

C.R.S. 22-35-101 et seq. (Concurrent Enrollment Programs Act)