

Oak Meadow Graduation Requirements

For students who are planning to graduate high school with Oak Meadow, we require a distribution of academic subjects that will provide a full and balanced high school education and a well-rounded transcript for college entrance requirements.

Completing the required number of courses in each subject area, combined with a balanced schedule of electives, languages, and independent study, will fulfill the prerequisites for most undergraduate institutions. Students must take at least three courses per year to be listed as full-time. Graduating seniors must be fully enrolled to receive a diploma.

Students who wish to receive a high school diploma from Oak Meadow must complete a minimum of **21 credits**. (One credit equals a full-year course, or two semesters.) Whether you are taking online or traditional courses, the credits earned and courses required are the same. The number of credits in each subject area required for graduation, and the Oak Meadow courses currently available in each subject area, are listed below.

English: 4 Credits

English 9
English 10
American Literature
World Literature
English 9 *online*
English 10 *online*
English 11 *online*
English 12 *online*

Mathematics: 3 Credits

Consumer Mathematics
Applied Business Math
Algebra ½
Algebra I
Geometry
Algebra II
Advanced Mathematics
Calculus
Algebra I *online*
Geometry *online*
Algebra II *online*

Social Studies: 4 Credits

U.S. History
World History
U.S. Government
World Geography
U.S. History *online*
World History *online*
U.S. Government *online*
World Geography *online*

Science: 3 Credits

Environmental Science
Biology with Lab (1.5 credits)
Chemistry with Lab (1.5 credits)
Physics
Biology *online*
Environmental Science *online*
Chemistry *online*
Physics *online*

Fine Arts: 1 Credit

The Study of Art
Integrated Drawing
The Study of Music, Part I (.5 credits)
The Study of Music, Part II (.5 credits)

Health: .5 Credits

Lifetime Health and Fitness
Lifetime Health *online* (.5 credits)

Fitness/PE: .5 Credits

Local Fitness Class (90 hours)

Electives: 5 Credits

Psychology (.5 credits)
Intro to Photography (.5 credits)
Intro to Short Fiction (.5 credits)
Chess
Independent Study
World Language Electives
Latin I, II, & III
Spanish I, II, & III
French I, II, & III
German I, II, & III

Suggested Course Schedule

The schedule below represents the minimum requirement, **21 credits**, for graduation from Oak Meadow High School.

Please note that our college-bound students typically graduate with **22-26 credits**. These additional credits can include AP courses, computer technology courses, independent study, or electives in other areas of interest.

NINTH GRADE

U.S. History	1 Credit
Environmental Science	1 Credit
English 9	1 Credit
Algebra I	1 Credit
Fitness / P.E.	.5 Credits

ELEVENTH GRADE

fine art course	1 Credit
Chemistry with Lab	1.5 Credits
American Literature	1 Credit
Algebra II	1 Credit
World Geography	1 Credit
elective	1 Credit

TENTH GRADE

World History	1 Credit
Biology with Lab	1.5 Credits
English 10	1 Credit
Geometry	1 Credit
elective	1 Credit

TWELFTH GRADE

U.S. Government	1 Credit
Health	.5 Credits
World Literature	1 Credit
electives	2.5 Credits

Thinking Ahead to College

Oak Meadow High School graduates successfully follow diverse paths, not all of which include college. Some students have started their own businesses, while others have entered directly into various fields as apprentices. What is most important to us is that our graduates love what they are doing and continue to learn and grow.

Most graduates, however, choose to go on to college, and they have attended a variety of colleges and universities. Past Oak Meadow graduates have chosen to attend a wide range of schools, including Columbia University, Oberlin, Smith, Sarah Lawrence, Vassar, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Simon's Rock, Mount Holyoke, the North Carolina School of Performing Arts, Bennington College, and many large public universities.

Our registrar and guidance staff are available to assist all juniors and seniors in the college application process. This includes SAT/ACT registration, transcript requests, and letters of recommendation. We know our students are focused on their future, and we want to make their transition to life after Oak Meadow High School as smooth and successful as possible.

Important Notes About Course Credits and Graduation Requirements

- 👉 The minimum requirement for graduation from Oak Meadow High School is **21 credits**. However, our college-bound students typically graduate with **22-26 credits**. These additional credits can include AP courses, computer technology courses, independent study, or electives in other areas of interest.
- 👉 Students who intend to enroll in college should plan to use some of their electives to fulfill the specific requirements for college entrance. We highly recommend that college-bound students take **three years of a foreign language**.
- 👉 Oak Meadow requires **three credits of math** for graduation; however, we recommend that college-bound students carefully review the math requirements for each college program being considered.
- 👉 Students wishing to graduate from Oak Meadow must be **full-time students** for both semesters of their senior year.
- 👉 To be considered full-time, at least **three full credits** must be taken per school year.
- 👉 Oak Meadow **accepts credits** from other *accredited* high school and college programs. For example, credits earned from local high schools or community colleges, or other accredited distance-learning schools, can be used to satisfy Oak Meadow graduation requirements.
- 👉 Students may choose to earn elective credits through **Independent Study** or through vocational experience in their local area. You may work part-time at a job and receive credit for this experience. Please see the course listings in our catalog for more information about Independent Study opportunities.
- 👉 Oak Meadow is pleased to offer **Advanced Placement** courses through a partnership with Aventa Learning. These online courses can be taken for Oak Meadow credit and will prepare students for the College Board AP exams. Please see the course listings in our catalog for more information about our AP offerings.
- 👉 Also through Aventa Learning, we offer a range of online **computer technology courses** which can be taken for elective credit. See the course listings in our catalog for more information.