

ACADEMIC POLICIES

Holy Cross Catholic Academy is fully accredited by the Texas Catholic Conference Education Department, which is recognized by the Texas Education Agency, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Curriculum

The curriculum of Holy Cross Catholic Academy is designed to prepare students for college. It meets the requirements of the Texas Catholic Conference Education Department and aspires to meet the standards of academic excellence long associated with Catholic secondary education.

Middle School Course Requirements

Religion	6	7	8
English/Language Arts	6	7	8
Social Studies	6	7	8
Science	6	7	8
Mathematics	6	7	8
Fine Arts	6	7	8
Technology (½)	6	7	8
Physical Education (½)	6	7	8

High School Graduation Requirements

Religion	9	10	11	12	4 credits
English/Language Arts	9	10	11	12	4 credits
Social Studies	9	10	11	12	4 credits
(World Geography, World History, US History, US Government/Economics)					
Science	9	10	11	12	4 credits
(Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Advanced Science Course)					
Mathematics	9	10	11	12	4 credits
(Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Precalculus/Trigonometry, Advanced Math)					
Language Other Than English	9	10			2 credits
Junior Seminar			11		½ credit
Senior Seminar				12	½ credit
Physical Education					1 credit
Fine Arts					1 credit
Elective Courses					3 credits

Demonstrated proficiency in speech skills, ordinarily fulfilled by .5 credit in speech and debate.

A minimum of 28 credits are required for graduation. The above requirements meet those set forth by the Texas Catholic Conference Education Department and the Texas Education Agency.

No student may take less than 7 credits each year.

The physical education requirement may be satisfied by successful participation in two semesters of athletics (Fall - football, volleyball; Spring - basketball, track, golf; Fall/Spring - cheerleading). Students will receive a "P" for athletics at the end of a semester in which they have successfully participated in an athletic activity. No credit will be awarded for athletics, but its appearance on the student's transcript will indicate that the physical education requirement has been satisfied through this means. To attain the 28 credits required for graduation, students who satisfy the physical education requirement through participation in athletics must complete an additional elective credit.