

education class. Before they graduate, all Upper School students must also take a semester of health.

HIGH-SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The following course requirements represent the minimum number of courses that an Upper School student must successfully complete before graduating from high school. Some courses in the Middle School can count towards these requirements. Any exceptions to these requirements can be made only by the Principal. The number in parentheses following the requirements represents the Carnegie Units earned.

All students carry at least five academic courses each semester unless specific permission to carry fewer is granted by the Principal. A significant number of students elect to carry six courses, and some students choose to carry seven courses.

English (4.0) – must include an English course in *each* of the four years;

Mathematics (4.0) – must include Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II;

History (4.0) – must include World History I (1.0), World History II (1.0), U.S History (1.0), or AP US History (1.0), US Government (0.5), and DC History (0.5);

Science (4.0) – must include Conceptual Physics, Chemistry, Biology, with preference for the order described above; a 4th science in an elective area;

Latin (3.0) – through the third level of Latin; WLPCS Latin requirement satisfies the (2.0) Carnegie Units in World Languages required for DCPS;

World Language (2.0) – through the second level of either language; must include French I, II, Chinese I, II, or Arabic I or II. See note about second language waiver on p. 9

Visual Art – must include a semester of visual arts (0.5)

Music – must include a semester of music (0.5)

Physical Education/Athletics – must successfully complete **four** trimesters or seasons of physical activity over four years of high school. (1.0)

Health – must include a semester of instruction in Health (0.5)

Financial Literacy - must include a semester of Financial Literacy (0.25)

Electives – (3.5)

Community Service – must successfully complete 100 hours of community service

Total Number of Credits need to graduate: 27.25 (25.25 if granted a world language waiver).

Note: Students who are considering graduating early must discuss the issue with the Principal by the end of the sophomore year. The school reserves the right to decide if a student can graduate early, but only those students who have voiced their wish by the end of their sophomore year will be considered possible candidates for early graduation. Students who graduate early must fulfill all graduation requirements. Students may not substitute a course from another institution for a graduation requirement unless, under exceptional circumstances, they have the permission of the Principal.

ONLINE COURSES

If a student's schedule does not permit him or her to complete a required elective (Health, Music, Art, Financial Literacy or Government), or there is another reason why a student cannot take a course at Washington Latin, at the discretion of the Principal, that student can take an online course. Current online providers are Keystone, BYU, and FDIC. That student will receive a P or F depending on the requirements stipulated by the individual program. The course will be listed in the student's schedule and on the transcript, but the grade will not be counted in the GPA. The student will receive the appropriate credit depending on the grade in the course. The online report card from the granting institution will be placed into the student's file.

OUTSIDE MUSIC/ART CREDITS

Students, at the discretion of the Principal, may receive 0.5 credit for Music or Art for 60 hours of instruction they have completed outside of Washington Latin. The instructor must provide a letter detailing the type of instruction and the amount of hours completed. The credit and accompanying P or F will be shown on the student's transcript. The grade will not factor into the student's GPA.

SUMMER SCHOOL/ALTERNATIVE COURSES

Any Upper School student who does not pass his/her English, Math, or Latin course must retake the course in summer school. These courses will include 120 hours of instruction, or 4 hours a day, 5 days a week, for 6 weeks. All Upper School students who are enrolled in