



**SEEDS OF FAITH
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

Policy No. 210
Section: Pupils
Title: Graduation Requirements
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1. Purpose

The Board acknowledges high school graduation as a traditional formal ceremony recognizing the significant academic achievement of its senior students. The commencement ceremony and awarding of a high school diploma signifies student's successful completion of graduation requirements.

2. Authority

The Board shall adopt the graduation requirements students must achieve, which shall include a prescribed credit completion and cumulative grade point average (GPA). The Board shall award a high school diploma to every student enrolled at Seeds of Faith Christian Academy who achieves the graduation requirements.

A list of all candidates for the award of a diploma shall be submitted to the Board for its approval.

The Board requires that each candidate for graduation shall have earned twenty-six (26) credits through completion of required work and studies representing the instructional program assigned to grades 9 through 12. The prescribed credits and cumulative grade point average must be earned prior to the date of graduation for the student to be able to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Students participating in a Dual Enrollment program must complete all requirements prescribed for graduation by the Board. Students will not be permitted to utilize college earned credits toward the twenty-six (26) credits required for graduation. Prior approved college credits earned in a Dual Enrollment program will be noted on the transcript and will be eligible for GPA calculation and class rank.

Summer school credit to replace a failing grade must be approved by the administration. A one (1) credit course must be presented to the Administrator/Principal for approval prior to registration for the summer school course. The course must be completed by the beginning of the school year.

3. Delegation
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Authority

The Administrator/Principal or designee shall be responsible for planning and executing the graduation ceremony that appropriately recognizes this important achievement.

4. Guidelines

Accurate recording of each student's academic achievement shall be maintained.

Students shall be informed of graduation requirements they are required to complete.

Periodic warnings shall be issued to students in danger of not fulfilling graduation requirements.

A student who has completed the requirements for graduation shall not be denied a diploma as a disciplinary measure but the student may be denied participation in the graduation ceremony when personal conduct so warrants. Such exclusion shall be regarded as a school suspension.

Parents/Guardians have the opportunity to petition the administration for an Academic Waiver Request. The request for Academic Waiver must meet the conditions for granting a request.

SEEDS OF FAITH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY Academic Waiver Request

Seeds of Faith Christian Academy Board provides all students with the opportunity to complete graduation requirements without discrimination and without disparate impact on a group(s) of students.

The Board acknowledges that unusual circumstances may result in a student's inability to earn the specified twenty-six (26) credits required for high school graduation.

The Board delegates to the Administrator/Principal or his/her designee discretion to grant a waiver of a maximum of two credits required for graduation.

Current credits for graduation (26 credits)

Math	4
Science	4
English	4
Social Studies	4
Bible	4
Foreign Language	2
Enrichment	4

Course Waiver

1. Physical education may be waived upon written request of a parent or guardian on account of a physical disability or health issue that is medically documented.
2. Students who transfer from another educational institution may be permitted to graduate with less than the required SFCA course credit acquisition.

The Board acknowledges that unusual circumstances may result in a student's inability to earn the required Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) necessary for graduation. The Board delegates to the Administrator/Principal or his/her designee discretion to grant a waiver for less than a 2.0 cumulative GPA.

2.0 Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) Waiver

SFCA students are expected to earn the required credits for graduation with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0. However, there may be extenuating, unique, and/or unusual circumstances that result in an achievement of less than a cumulative 2.0 GPA. In the event that such becomes the condition, the parents/guardians may petition the administration for a 2.0 Cumulative GPA Waiver.