



## **Graduation Requirements**

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### **General Requirements**

Oakdale Academy offers two diploma options and one certificate option for students, as outlined below.

In pursuit of any of the diploma or certificate options, all students must meet these general requirements for the awarding of a diploma or certificate:

- *Minimum* GPA of C- (1.67) (4.0 scale) in all math and all foreign language classes taken in the Rhetoric School at Oakdale Academy in order to move on to the next level.
- *Minimum* overall/cumulative GPA of 2.25 (4.0 scale) for classes taken in the Rhetoric School at Oakdale Academy.
- Accordance with all policies, statements, etc. of Oakdale Academy and with the Oakdale Academy Honor Code.

### **Classical Studies Diploma**

For the Classical Studies Diploma, students must take all required courses in the Classical Core Academic Program and meet all General Requirements listed above.

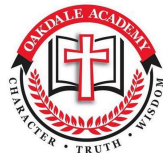
Classical Studies-track students must have a full schedule, meaning they must have enrolled in six core classes and two elective courses and attend the entire school day.

### **Associate Diploma**

Students will be enrolled *automatically* in pursuit of the Associate Diploma if they matriculate full-time to Oakdale Academy after ninth grade (i.e., grades 10, 11, and 12).

Classes taken before admittance to Oakdale Academy will be considered *for placement purposes only and not for credit*. That said, in order to be eligible for an Associate Diploma, a student must demonstrate successful completion of the following classes, either taken during their tenure at Oakdale or before: Algebra 2, Latin 2, Statesmanship (or Government & Economics equivalent).

Students will follow the pro-rated requirements of the Classical Core Academic Program outlined below, based on their year of entry to Oakdale Academy and prior classes taken (with transcript confirmation). Students must also meet all General Requirements listed above.



## **Homeschool Certificate**

The following *minimum* credits are required for all students pursuing a Homeschool Certificate from Oakdale Academy through the Homeschool Option Program (HOP):

- Students must be enrolled in Grade 12 for the senior Classical Studies course Senior Capstone and at least one additional core academic course
- Students must successfully complete and pass a minimum of five total courses in the Core Academic Program in the Rhetoric School over their Oakdale tenure
- Per Oakdale policy, each year the student is enrolled in the Homeschool Option Program, they must take the Classical Studies course of that level and an additional core academic course
- Students must demonstrate successful completion of the following courses, either taken during their tenure at Oakdale or before:
  - Algebra 2
  - Latin 2
  - Statesmanship (or Government & Economics equivalent)
- Students must meet all General Requirements listed above

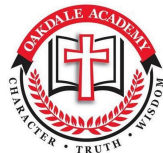
## **Graduation Track Selections for the Rhetoric School**

During initial enrollment in the Rhetoric School, parents will choose in writing which diploma or certificate track their child(ren) is pursuing under these conditions:

<b>Admission/Enrollment Grade</b>	<b>Track</b>
Grade 9	Classical Studies Diploma <i>or</i> Homeschool Certificate
Grade 10	Associate Diploma <i>or</i> Homeschool Certificate
Grade 11	Associate Diploma <i>or</i> Homeschool Certificate
Grade 12	Associate Diploma <i>or</i> Homeschool Certificate

N.B. (“Nota Bene”) Parents may elect, in writing, to have their student move from one of the diploma tracks to the Homeschool Certificate track, but a student may not be enrolled full time in that case.

N.B. Students enrolled at Oakdale Academy in Grade 8 and moving to Grade 9 will automatically be enrolled in the Classical Studies Diploma, unless parents elect in writing during the Continuous Enrollment period to move to the Homeschool Certificate track.



## **Classical Core Academic Program**

**Four years each** of the following classes:

- Mathematics
- Science
- Literature
- Classical Studies
- History
- Ancient Language(s)

**Two choices per year** among the following classes:

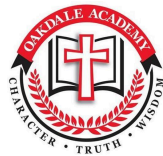
- Music\*
- Art\*
- Physical Education\*
- Drama (if offered as a class)
- Other classes as may be offered

\* Students who matriculate by 11th grade are required to take **one year each** of Music, Art, and Physical Education.

## **Rhetoric School Classical Core Academic Program**

Grade	Maths*	Natural Sciences	Literature	History	Language	Classical Studies
9	Geometry	Physics	Ancient		Latin 1	Rhetoric
10	Geometry or Algebra 2	Biology	Christendom/Medieval		Latin 2	Statesmanship (Government and Economics)
11	Algebra 2 or Pre-Calc & Trig	Chemistry	Renaissance to Early Modern		Latin 3 or Greek 1	Apologetics and Moral Philosophy I
12	Pre-Calc & Trig or Calculus	Astronomy	Modern		Latin 4 or Greek 1 or Greek 2	Capstone and Moral Philosophy II

\*N.B. Students must enroll in the next successive Maths class after passing the underlying course. Additional math courses may be added based upon student necessity, if available.



## **Honors**

Students may earn Honors and recognition at Commencement Exercises as follows *based on their academic performance at Oakdale Academy*:

<b>Honor Level</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Eligible Candidates</b>
Cum Laude	3.40-3.59 cumulative GPA	Classical Studies Diploma Associate Diploma
Magna Cum Laude	3.60-3.79 cumulative GPA	Classical Studies Diploma Associate Diploma
Summa Cum Laude	3.80-4.0 cumulative GPA	Classical Studies Diploma Associate Diploma
Salutatorian	#2 in cumulative class rank	Classical Studies Diploma
Valedictorian	#1 in cumulative class rank	Classical Studies Diploma

Additionally, candidates for the unique diplomas and certificates will be identified as follows at both the Baccalaureate Chapel and Commencement Exercises:

<b>Distinction</b>	<b>Eligible Candidates</b>
Red Cap and Gown	Classical Studies Diploma Associate Diploma
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Honour Cords <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cum Laude   Navy Cords</li> <li>• Magna Cum Laude   White Cords</li> <li>• Summa Cum Laude   Gold Cords</li> </ul>	Classical Studies Diploma Associate Diploma
White Cap and Gown	Homeschool Certificate

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