



Graduation Requirements

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.
- *Must complete* at a minimum Algebra 2, Latin 2, and Statesmanship.
- *Minimum* overall/cumulative GPA of 2.25 (4.0 scale) for classes taken in the Rhetoric School at Oakdale Academy.
- Fulfillment of courses prescribed in the Classical Core Academic Program.
- 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.

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*.

Students will follow the pro-rated requirements of the Classical Core Academic Program outlined above., 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.

Students must be enrolled in Grade 12 for at least one core academic class and successfully complete and pass a minimum of five total classes in the Core Academic Program in the Rhetoric School and meet all General Requirements listed above.



Enrollment Requirements for the Rhetoric School (grades 9-12)

Rhetoric School (grades 9-12) students at Oakdale Academy follow the Classical Core Academic Program in keeping with our mission.

Full-time students pursuing one of the diploma programs must have a full schedule, meaning they must have enrolled in six core classes and two elective courses and attend the entire school day.

To be awarded one of the diplomas or the Homeschool Certificate, a student must maintain a C – (1.67) (4.0 scale) or better in all mathematics and foreign language courses *and* a student must maintain an overall cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.25 (4.0 scale).

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:

| Admission/Enrollment Grade | Track |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| 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. 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.

N.B. Students enrolled at Oakdale Academy in Grade 8 and moving to Grade 9 will automatically be enrolled in the Classical Studies Diploma.



Classical Core Academic Program

Classes listed below meet the requirements for both diplomas and the Homeschool Certificate. The Classical Core Academic Program must be completed in the Rhetoric School (grades 9-12).

Four years of the following classes:

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

Two choices per year among the following classes:

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

*N.B. Students 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 | Algebra 1 <i>or</i> Geometry | Physics | Ancient | | Latin 1 | Rhetoric |
| 10 | Geometry <i>or</i> Algebra 2 | Biology | Christendom/Medieval | | Latin 2 | Statesmanship (Government and Economics) |
| 11 | Algebra 2 <i>or</i> Pre-Calc & Trig | Chemistry | Renaissance to Early Modern | | Latin 3 <i>or</i> Greek 1 | Apologetics and Moral Philosophy I |
| 12 | Pre-Calc & Trig <i>or</i> Calculus | Astronomy | Modern | | Latin 4 <i>or</i> Greek 1 <i>or</i> Greek 2 | Capstone and Moral Philosophy II |

*N.B. Students must enroll in the next successive Maths class after passing.



Honours

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

| Honour Level | Requirement | Eligible Candidates |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 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:

| Distinction | Eligible Candidates |
|--|--|
| Red Cap and Gown | Classical Studies Diploma Associate Diploma |
| Stole | Classical Studies Diploma |
| Honour Cords (Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, Summa Cum Laude) | Classical Studies Diploma Associate Diploma |
| White Cap and Gown | Homeschool Certificate |

These graduation requirements will be required for the Class of 2027.

All other classes will refer to the next page for specific requirements.

Adopted by the Oakdale Academy Board, January 2023.



Requirements for the Classes of 2024, 2025, and 2026

These are the approved specific requirements for the Classes of 2024, 2025, and 2026.

Class of 2024

| <i>Senior Year</i> |
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| Capstone |
| Latin [^] |
| Astronomy |
| Calculus or Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus* |
| Modern Literature |
| Civics and Economics |

Class of 2025

| <i>Junior Year</i> | <i>Senior Year</i> |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Early Modern History | Modern History and Civics |
| American Literature | Modern Literature |
| Chemistry | Astronomy |
| Latin 3 [^] | Latin 4 [^] |
| Apologetics/Moral Philosophy | Capstone |
| Trigonometry* | Calculus* |

Class of 2026

| <i>Sophomore Year</i> | <i>Junior Year</i> | <i>Senior Year</i> |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Medieval History | Early Modern History | Modern History and Civics |
| Medieval Literature | Early Modern Literature | Modern Literature |
| Biology | Chemistry | Astronomy |
| Latin 2 | Latin 3 [^] | Latin 4 [^] |
| Rhetoric II | Apologetics/Moral Philosophy | Capstone |
| Algebra II* | Trigonometry* | Calculus* |

[^] Currently, Latin is the sole ancient language offered; if another language is offered (e.g., Greek), then that may be taken during Junior and/or Senior year only.

* Math courses must follow information on the graduation requirements document.

Notes:

1. Students in the Class of 2027 and beyond will follow the new graduation requirements approved by the Board in January 2023.
2. Students in these grades must meet these specific requirements at Oakdale Academy in pursuit of the Classical Studies Diploma; classes taken outside Oakdale Academy will not be accepted for credit or meeting
3. All other diploma and certificate options will follow those set forth in the graduation requirements.