



GCA High School Grading Scale (9th-12th)

Grading Scale for PACEs

9 Weeks Grading Scale:

A+ = 3 (or more) PACEs with 98-100% average
A = 3 (or more) PACEs with 95-97% average
A- = 3 (or more) PACEs with 93-94% average
B+ = 3 (or more) PACEs with 90-92% average
B = 3 (or more) PACEs with 87-89% average
B- = 3 (or more) PACEs with 85-86% average
C+ = 3 (or more) PACEs with 83-84% average
C = 3 (or more) PACEs with 80-82% average
C- = 3 (or more) PACEs with 78-79% average
D = 2 PACES
F = 0-1 PACE

Students in High School must score a minimum of 78% on PACE tests before they are permitted to progress to the next PACE.

*Note: **6** completed PACE Tests = .5 credit; **12** completed PACE Tests = 1 credit

Grading Scale for Ignitia (Online Curriculum)

9 Weeks Grading Scale:

A+ = 98-100% average
A = 93-97% average
A- = 90-92% average
B+ = 88-89% average
B = 83-87% average
B- = 80-82% average
C+ = 78-79% average
C = 73-77% average
C- = 70-72% average
D+ = 68-69% average
D = 63-67% average
D- = 60-62% average
F = 0-59% average

Every **quiz** not turned in by the assigned date will result in a five point penalty on student's final grade for the marking period.

Every **test** not turned in by the assigned date will result in a 10 point penalty on student's final grade for the marking period.

*Note: **5** completed Unit Tests = .5 credit; **10** completed Unit Tests = 1 credit



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Grading Scale for traditional taught classes (high school level math and science)

9 Weeks Grading Scale:

A+	=	98-100%	average
A	=	93-97%	average
A-	=	90-92%	average
B+	=	88-89%	average
B	=	83-87%	average
B-	=	80-82%	average
C+	=	78-79%	average
C	=	73-77%	average
C-	=	70-72%	average
D+	=	68-69%	average
D	=	63-67%	average
D-	=	60-62%	average
F	=	0-59%	average

*Note: 6 completed PACE Tests = .5 credit; 12 completed PACE Tests = 1 credit



GCA Graduation Requirements

A minimum of 24 credits and 30 hours of community service is required for graduation. A prescribed course of study will be determined through a conference among the staff, parents/guardians and the student. Transfer students must complete at least one full semester, and meet all other graduation requirements. All financial obligations must be met before student is permitted to participate in graduation exercises.



GCA Valedictorian/Salutatorian

Students meeting the criteria for Valedictorian or Salutatorian are required to apply for these honors. Students must complete and submit the application for Valedictorian or Salutatorian to the school administration by February 28th of their senior year. Valedictorian and Salutatorian honors are chosen by a committee based upon the following:

- Grade point average (high school years)
- ACT/SAT test scores
- School service
- Community service
- Church attendance and participation



GCA Diplomas

GCA grants 4 different diplomas:

- **Honors**
- **College Prep**
- **General Prep**
- **Vocational**

Courses of study for each diploma are as follows:



GCA Honors Diploma

Bible: 4 Credits Required

New Testament Survey – 1
Bible Doctrine – 1
Old Testament Survey – 1
Christian Faith & Living – 1
Life of Christ – 1
New Testament Church History – 1

English: 4 Credits Required

English I – 1
English II – 1
English III – 1
English IV – 1

Math: 4 Credits Required

Algebra I – 1
Geometry – 1
Algebra II – 1
Trig/Pre-Calc – 1

Social Studies: 4 Credits Required

World History – 1
American History – 1
World Geography – 1
Civics – .5
Economics – .5

Science: 4 Credits Required

Biology – 1
Physical Science – 1
Chemistry – 1
Physics – 1

Electives: 5 Credits Required (Examples)

Etymology – 1
Speech – .5
Health – .5
Music (Arts) - 1
Foundations for Living – 1
Family and Consumer Science – 1
Physical Education – .5 (required)
College Planner – .5
Approved Electives on Ignitia
Approved Electives on Florida Virtual
(1 credit/per semester max.)

Foreign Language: 2 Credits Required

Spanish I – 1
Spanish II – 1
French I – 1
French II – 1

The Honors student must complete a minimum of 27 credits and attain a 94% average. He/she should demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively in written and oral presentations. He/she should score at least 22 on the ACT, 1100 on the SAT and 12.9 on the Stanford Achievement Test. Students must also complete a minimum of 75 hours of community service.

- Extra Credit Charge Policy; Students may earn up to 7 credits per year, additional credit hours are \$200.00 per credit.
- Finishing Early; Responsible for 50% per month tuition for remainder of year.

Note: Exceptions made for one does not necessarily imply exceptions for anyone else.



GCA College Prep Diploma

Bible: 4 Credits Required

New Testament Survey – 1
Bible Doctrine – 1
Old Testament Survey – 1
Christian Faith & Living – 1
Life of Christ – 1
New Testament Church History – 1

English: 4 Credits Required

English I – 1
English II – 1
English III – 1
English IV – 1

Math: 4 Credits Required

Algebra I – 1
Geometry – 1
Algebra II – 1
Trig/Pre-Calc – 1
Consumer Math – 1

Social Studies: 4 Credits Required

World History – 1
American History – 1
World Geography – 1
Civics – .5
Economics – .5

Science: 3 Credits Required

Biology – 1
Physical Science – 1
Chemistry – 1
Physics – 1

Electives: 4 Credits Required (Examples)

Etymology – 1
Speech – .5
Health – .5
Music (Arts) - 1
Foundations for Living – 1
Family and Consumer Science – 1
Physical Education – .5 (required)
College Planner – .5
Approved Electives on Ignitia
Approved Electives on Florida Virtual
(1 credit/per semester max.)

Foreign Language: 2 Credits Required

Spanish I – 1
Spanish II – 1
French I – 1
French II – 1

The student must complete a minimum of 25 credits

- He/she should score at least 18 on the ACT, 940 on the SAT and 12.9 on the Stanford Achievement Test. Students must also complete a minimum of 75 hours of community service.
- Extra Credit Charge Policy; Students may earn up to 7 credits per year, additional credit hours are \$200.00 per credit.
- Finishing Early; Responsible for 50% per month tuition for remainder of year.

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GCA General Prep Diploma

Bible: 4 Credits Required

New Testament Survey – 1
Bible Doctrine – 1
Old Testament Survey – 1
Christian Faith & Living – 1
Life of Christ – 1
New Testament Church History – 1

English: 4 Credits Required

English I – 1
English II – 1
English III – 1
English IV – 1

Math: 4 Credits Required

Pre-Algebra – 1
Algebra I – 1
Geometry – 1
Algebra II – 1
Consumer Math – 1
Trig/Pre-Calc – 1

Social Studies: 4 Credits Required

World History – 1
American History – 1
World Geography – 1
Civics – .5
Economics – .5

Science: 3 Credits Required

Earth Science – 1
Biology – 1
Chemistry – 1
Physical Science – 1
Physics – 1

Electives: 5 Credits Required (Examples)

Etymology – 1
Speech – .5
Health – .5
Music (Arts) - 1
Foundations for Living – 1
Family and Consumer Science – 1
Physical Education – .5 (required)
College Planner – .5
Approved Electives on Ignitia
Approved Electives on Florida Virtual
(1 credit/per semester max.)

The student must complete a minimum of 24 credits

- Students must also complete a minimum of 15 hours of community service.
- Extra Credit Charge Policy; Students may earn up to 7 credits per year, additional credit hours are \$200.00 per credit.
- Finishing Early; Responsible for 50% per month tuition for remainder of year.

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GCA Dual Enrollment

Dual Enrollment Requirements:

Students must have a minimum of 12 high school credits and completed either ACT or SAT exam in order to begin the Dual Enrollment program. Students must obtain and hold a GPA of 3.2 or higher. Dual Enrollment classes are offered through Palm Beach Atlantic University and/or Palm Beach State College at no charge to the student.

- Extra Credit Charge Policy; Students may earn up to 7 credits per year, additional credit hours are \$200.00 per credit.
- Finishing Early; Responsible for 50% per month tuition for remainder of year.

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GCA Cheating Policy

These actions may be taken against students caught cheating by possession of unauthorized materials. The definition of cheating includes, but is not limited to, possession of score keys, tests, handwritten score keys, copies of score keys, answer keys, copies of answer keys, handwritten cheat sheets, another student's PACE or any material containing answers. (Study sheets are defined as handwritten, complete question and answer items.)

Consequences for cheating are as follows:

1. The affected work will be void. You may not be able to make it up. If you fall below 10 PACEs for the course, you will only receive .5 credit. If you complete fewer than 12 PACEs for any given course, the highest grade you can receive will be a "C."
2. You will be suspended for a minimum of one day and receive 1 strike for each piece of offending material.



GCA Physical Education

It is our policy that no student is excused from the required physical education course without a doctor's written excuse. P.E. uniform is optional or student must wear standard school uniform during physical education classes.



GCA Team Sports

To receive .5 physical education credit, high school students must participate in a team sport. In order to receive that .5 credit, students must attend 10% of all practices AND games. To be eligible to play sports, students must maintain a 2.0 GPA. All students are eligible for sport and extracurricular activities during the first three (3) weeks of school. Remember that being on the team means you must set the example in behavior, as well as academics. GCA will adopt the nfhslern.com and cdc.gov concussion policies as guidelines for training coaches, volunteers, athletes, and their parents/guardians of the nature and risk of concussions and head injuries. It is required for all youth athletes and their parents/guardians to sign and return an informed consent that explains the nature and risk of concussions and head injuries. No athlete will be allowed to participate until this informed consent form is signed and returned. Any youth athlete suspected of having a concussion or head injury, will be removed immediately from the activity. The athlete WILL NOT be permitted to participate in practice or competition until documented medical clearance by a licensed physician is provided.