

# Wills Valley Community Church School Diploma Options

If you would like to choose a different high school plan (other than one of these 3) and receive a diploma from WVCCS, you must pass the GED test prior to receiving your diploma from WVCCS.

For students who are NOT college-bound:

**General High School Diploma  
(Not College-Bound)**

4 units of English (Courses should stress grammar, vocabulary, and analyzing literature.)

2-3 Units of Social Studies/History  
World History, American History,  
American Government

2-3 Units of Science  
Physical Science, General Science,  
Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry,  
Physics

3 Units of Mathematics  
Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2,  
General Math, Consumer Math,  
Business Math,  
Accounting

\*1-2 Units of Physical Education  
Many options available for credit

1-2 Units of Fine Arts  
Art, Music, Drama, Photography, etc.

5-7 Units of Electives  
Practical Arts, Life Skills, Bible,  
Computer Skills, Foreign Language,  
Many other Options

**Total: 20-22 Credits**

\*Marching Band, Tech School, Work Study, & JROTC can count as a PE credit.

Follow one of these guidelines if your high school student is college-bound. Also check with the college of your choice for high school credit requirements.

**STANDARD** DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

4 units of English  
Options: Composition, American Lit, British Lit, World Lit, Rhetoric, Creative Writing, Speech, Journalism, Debate, AP Courses

3-4 units of Social Studies/History  
Essentials: World History, American History, American Gov't/Economics  
Consider: Geography, Constitutional Law, and AP Courses

3-4 units Science:  
Physical Science, General Science, Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Botany/Zoology

4 units Mathematics  
Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, AP Courses

\*1-2 units Physical Education-many options

1-2 units fine arts  
Art, Music, Drama, Photography, etc

5-6 units of electives  
Bible, Practical Arts, Life Skills, Computer Skills, Church History, Health, Typing, etc.

Foreign Language  
Not required for Standard Diploma, but 2 units of same language **recommended**.  
Options: French, Spanish, Latin, German, Russian, American Sign Language, or other

**Total: 24-28 Credits**

**ADVANCED** DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

4 units of English  
Options: Composition, American Lit, British Lit, World Lit, Rhetoric, Creative Writing, Speech, Journalism, Debate, AP Courses

4 units of Social Studies/History  
Essentials: World History, American History, American Gov't/Economics  
Consider: Geography, Sociology, Psychology, Political Science, Constitutional Law, AP Courses

4 units Science:  
Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy, Microbiology, AP Courses

4 units Mathematics  
Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Trig, Pre-Cal, Calculus, Statistics, Accounting, AP Courses

\*1-2 unit Physical Education—many options

1-2 units fine arts  
Music, Art, Drama, Photography, etc.

5-6 units of electives  
Bible, Practical Skills, Computer Skills, Typing, Life Skills, etc.

2-4 units Foreign Language  
both units must be in same language:  
Spanish, French, Latin, German, Russian, American Sign Language, etc.

**Total: 26-30 Credits**

**ACT & SAT Testing** can begin as early as 10th grade. It is recommended that your student take these tests more than once. It is also recommended that your student take advantage of the many study guides available online or in print for these tests. These scores weigh more at most colleges than your student's high school transcript. Scholarships are available based solely on one or both of these test scores. The Fall test dates during a student's senior year are usually the last opportunity to meet scholarship/financial aid application deadlines (usually December 31st of their senior year). So, **don't wait until your senior year to test!** Everyone should also apply for the FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**free money for college!**) [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Also, go here to apply for thousands of other scholarships: [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) - some allow you to apply as early as 9th grade!

Follow one of these guidelines if your high school student might be placed  
in Fort Payne High School in the future.

<p>Requirements for Grade Promotion and Placement for Fort Payne City Schools:</p> <p><b>Grade 10—A</b> student must have earned a minimum of 6 credits that include the required core courses.</p> <p><b>Grade 11—A</b> student must have earned a minimum of 13 credits that include the required core courses.</p> <p><b>Grade 12—A</b> student must have earned a minimum of 20 credits that include the required core courses.</p> <p><b>Graduation—A</b> student must have earned a minimum of 28 credits that include the required core courses.</p> <p>*Marching Band, Tech School, Work Study, &amp; JROTC can count as a PE credit.</p>	<p><b><u>STANDARD</u></b> DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS</p> <p><u>4 units of English</u></p> <p><u>4 units of Social Studies/History</u> 9th grade: World History II 10th grade: US History I 11th grade: US History II or Honors US History II 12th grade: AmGov't/Economics</p> <p><u>4 units Science:</u> ( 1 unit life science, 1 physical science, and 2 elective that are either life or physical) <u>Physical Sciences:</u> Physical Science, Chemistry, Physics, Ecology <u>Life Sciences:</u> Basic Biology, Biology, Botany/Zoology</p> <p><u>4 units Mathematics</u> Algebra 1A, Algebra 1B, Algebra 1, Geometry, Geometry A, Geometry B, Algebraic Applications</p> <p><u>*2 units Physical Education</u></p> <p><u>1 unit Health</u></p> <p><u>1 unit Computer Applications/Keyboarding</u></p> <p><u>1 unit fine arts</u> Concert band, marching band, music appreciation, chorus, physical education/dance, art, guitar</p> <p><u>7 units of electives</u></p> <p><u>(No Foreign Language Required)</u></p> <p><b>Total: 28 Credits</b></p>	<p><b><u>ADVANCED</u></b> DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS</p> <p><u>4 units of English</u></p> <p><u>4 units of Social Studies/History</u> 9th grade: World History II 10th grade: US History I 11th grade: US History II or Honors US History II 12th grade: AmGov't/Economics</p> <p><u>4 units Science:</u> ( 1 unit life science, 1 physical science, and 2 elective that are either life or physical) <u>Physical Sciences:</u> Physical Science, Chemistry, Physics, Honors Chem II, Ecology, Honors Phys. Sci II <u>Life Sciences:</u> Biology, Hon. College Prep Biology, College Prep Biology, Honors Anatomy/Physiology</p> <p><u>4 units Mathematics</u> Algebra 1A, Algebra 1B, Algebra 1, Geometry, Geometry A, Geometry B, Algebra 2, Honors Algebra 2 with Trig, Honors Geometry, Advanced Math, Honors Advanced Math, Calculus, AP Calculus, Algebraic Applications</p> <p><u>*1 unit Physical Education</u></p> <p><u>1 unit Health</u></p> <p><u>2 units Foreign Language</u> Spanish or French but both units must be in same language</p> <p><u>1 unit Computer Applications/Keyboarding</u></p> <p><u>1 unit fine arts</u> Concert band, marching band, music appreciation, chorus, physical education/dance, art, guitar</p> <p><u>6 units of electives</u></p> <p><b>Total: 28 Credits (minimum)</b></p>
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