

Graduation Requirements

1. All students must earn 230 credits in the specific subject areas.

Credits are based on time spent and material covered in a specific subject. In some cases credits are given based on student log of activities and hours completed, where 1 credit is assigned for every 15 hours of student work/time. Typical courses that allot credit in this manner are physical education, playing an instrument, and work experience. Most courses, however, require a specific body of information to be covered, so time spent studying, completing assignments and demonstrating knowledge is all taken into consideration when credits are being assigned. A student cannot earn more than 10 credits in a course in any semester. Students receiving high school credit for a job at which they earn money, the ratio is 35 hrs = 1 credit.

Students at AFE have several options for completing coursework and receiving credit. In order to be enrolled at AFE students must take a minimum of 4 courses (besides PE) per semester through AFE, and also take more courses at AFE than through other educational institutions.

Possible ways to complete coursework to earn credit:

- Use textbooks and/or other materials to take courses independently with the help from parents and/or private tutors.
- Attend classes taught by teachers, parents, or other instructors at our site.
- Attend courses at comprehensive high schools and receive credit directly from teachers giving instruction and grade.
- Take online courses and receive credit from other schools such as UCSC online college prep (<http://www.uccp.org/>) or BYU Independent Study online (<http://ce.byu.edu/is/site/courses/>). Ask your consultant teacher for a list of alternate online courses.
- Attend courses at Cabrillo College
 - Cabrillo credits translate to 3.3 high school credits
 - No more than 50 credits earned at Cabrillo may be used towards graduation
- Volunteer or docent at an organization (including AFE) in a variety of roles to earn credit in community service.

2. Complete the Santa Cruz City Schools District (CCAP) Common Core Assessment Portfolio.

3. Pass Algebra 1 (10 credits)

This course may be completed before high school, in which case students are still required to complete 20 credits in math to graduate.