
Graduation Requirements

Credit Requirements

The curriculum of The Griffin School is organized to prepare students for success in post-secondary educational settings. The credits required for students entering The Griffin School as freshmen are listed below. Transfer students should contact the Admissions Director for more specific information about graduation requirements.

Academic Discipline	Credits	Required Courses
English	4	English I, II, III, and IV
Mathematics	4	Algebra I and II, Geometry
Natural Science	4	Biology, Chemistry, Physics
Social Science	3	World History, US History, Government & Econ.
Foreign Language	3	Latin I
Fine Arts	4	Fundamentals of Art
College Prep. Skills Courses	4	SAT Prep, College Prep
Physical Health Activity Courses	4	
Community Service	NA	
Senior Thesis Project	1	
Total	31	

Core Curriculum

The Griffin School offers a rigorous set of core academic classes that are designed to prepare students for success at collegiate academics. The core curriculum reflects a value for traditional liberal arts education with an emphasis on fine arts. In addition to the required coursework, the school provides electives within the core disciplines and many choices for students in the areas of fine arts (see below) and physical health activities. As a way of significantly expanding our upper-level course offerings, we help our students access the Austin Community College Early College Start Program which allows them to take college coursework in their junior and senior years. All students are counseled individually on the options for their academic schedule and encouraged to take a course load that provides them with an appropriate challenge given their individual skills, aptitude, and interest in each field.

Fine Arts Electives

The Griffin School offers excellent programs in the arts that provide students with diverse experiences in visual, performing, and media arts. Course offerings rotate each semester based on student interest and availability. Examples of offerings include Painting and Drawing, Sculpture, Photography, Graphic Design, Theatre, and Musical Performance. All students participate in the school art opening each semester in their chosen art form. For students who hope to pursue higher education in fine arts, the school has a sequence of courses that build an understanding of basic art principles and fundamental skills and culminate in the production of a comprehensive personal art portfolio.

