

# HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM 2011-2012

Beginning with Grade 9, students must earn 26-29 credits in order to graduate. The number of credits may vary due to Bible credits earned\*. PCA graduation plan exceeds the State of Texas Recommended Program, which establishes core curriculum for college admission.

In order to graduate from Pantego Christian Academy, students must earn passing grades in the following:

**Bible** 1 credit for each year enrolled at PCA. (Dual-Credit Religion 1321 & Philosophy 1313 Ethics, Honors Bible I, II, III, IV, Apologetics/Honors Bible) Honors Bible available for Bible I, II, III, IV

**English** 4 credits (Adv. Tract: Pre-AP English I, Pre-AP English II, Dual-Credit English 1301/1302, Dual-Credit English 2301/2302) (On-Level Basic Tract: English I, English II, English III, English IV)

**Math** 4 credits (Foundations of Algebra, or Algebra I\*\*\*, Geometry\*\*\*, Algebra II\*\*\*, Pre-Calculus, Pre-AP Pre-Calculus, Pre-AP Geometry, Pre-AP Algebra II, AP Calculus AB, College Algebra, Math IV; Dual-Credit Math 1301/1303, and Dual-Credit Calculus I)

**Science** 4 credits (Biology\*\*\* or Pre-AP Biology, AP Biology, Chemistry\*\*\* or Pre-AP Chemistry, Physics\*\*\* or Honors Physics, Anatomy & Physiology, and Engineering Design)

**Speech** ½ credit

**Social Studies\*\*** 4 credits (World Geography, World History, U.S. History, Government, Economics, AP U.S. History, AP Government). Honors available for World Geography & World History

**Physical Education** 1 credit (Speed & Strength Training (SST) is required for athletes)

**Fine Arts** 1 credit (Art I - 2D, Art I - 3D, Advanced Art, AP Studio Art, Band, Theater Arts, Digital Photography I, or Advanced Photography)

**Foreign Language** 3 credits Latin or Spanish. (Must be 3 credits in the same language.) Spanish IV and Honors courses available.

**Electives\*\*** ½ credit (May include courses such as Anatomy & Physiology, Theater Arts, Art I, Art II, AP Studio Art, Yearbook, Computer Programming, AP Psychology, Photography, and Dual-Credit courses: Business 1301, Religion 1321, and Philosophy 1313.)

*\*Students transferring to PCA are not required to have Bible credits for those semesters they were not enrolled in PCA.*

*\*\*Some courses will be offered based on teacher availability and scheduling.*

*\*\*\*Required courses.*

PCA offers the following type of honors or advanced courses: Honors, Pre-AP, AP, and Dual Credit:

- **Honors Courses:** Include contract Honors, which include contracts patterned after college honors contracts as well as advanced courses with additional course requirements.
- **Pre-AP Courses:** Pre-AP courses involve an accelerated pace in addition to requiring demonstration of higher level thinking skills.
- **Advanced Placement (AP) Courses:** AP courses are courses which have been reviewed by the college board and approved for the AP designation. AP courses utilize college level books and give students the opportunity to earn college credit by passing the AP exam.
- **Dual-Credit (D.C.) Courses:** Dual credit courses are taught on the PCA campus by faculty members who have advanced degrees in their subject matter. D.C. credits are offered through Texas Wesleyan University who pre-approves the PCA faculty, syllabi, and evaluates the faculty during the semester.