

STJLHS Graduation Requirements

The educational program of St. John's Lutheran High School is designed to challenge students, but doing so in an environment that helps each child succeed. The following graduation requirements and recommended college prep courses have been set:

	Departments Required for Grad.	Recommended for College Preparation	
Christian Studies	4 credits	4 credits Or .5 credit per sem. of attendance	
English	4 credits	4 credits Or .5 credit per sem. of attendance	Must include English I, II, III, IV
Math	3 credits	3 credits	Must include algebra I and geometry
Science	2 credits	3 credits	Must include biology & chemistry
Social Studies	2 credits	3 credits	must include Civics & U. S. History
Physical Education/ Health	2 credits	2 credits	Must include PE I / II / Life Management & Drivers Ed
Fine Arts	1 credit	2 credits	
Foreign Language	2 credits	2+ credits	
Electives	6 credits	4+ credits	Must include PHS Preparation
	26 Total Credits	27 Total Credits	With an 8 period school day, it is possible to graduate with 32 credits.

This criteria is flexible for students who take dual credit or LIFT classes.

State of Illinois also requires:

- 2 years of writing intensive coursework - will be integrated into English courses
- 2 years of science must be lab science - Biology & chemistry will be lab sciences
- Pass an assessment on American patriotism, principles of representative government, US Constitution and Illinois Constitution, proper use and display of flag, and voting. This will be integrated into social studies classes.
- Must file a FAFSA
- Computer Literacy intensive instruction - will be integrated into another required class.

General plan for Curriculum - not all of these classes would be offered the first year. It is the intent to have all offered by the time St. John's Lutheran High School has all four grade levels.

Other classes will be added as enrollment allows and interest dictates. Some classes might be offered in a different order as the school launches and grows.

Agriculture Education - St. John's Lutheran High School plans to begin offering classes in Agriculture Education as quickly as possible. This will also allow us to have an FFA chapter.

English

English I - required for freshmen - focus on grammar/writing - meets writing intensive coursework requirements

English II - required for sophomores - focus on literature and public speaking

English III - required for juniors - focus on American literature

English IV - required for seniors - focus on British literature and advanced composition - meets writing intensive coursework requirements

Fine Arts

Choir/Thinking Music - sing with the middle school choir twice a week, other days are focused on learning about all things music - theory, history, appreciation, etc.

Art I - covers all basic art concepts.

Other classes taken through Genesis Virtual Academy which include...

Digital Photography

Advanced Digital Photography

Graphic Design

Advanced Graphic Design

Independent Study: Studio Art

Painting

Music Appreciation

Music Theory

Video Production

Beginning Piano

Beginning Guitar 1

Beginning Guitar 2

Beginning Ukulele 1

* HS choir and band will be added as enrollment allows.

World Language - currently offered through Genesis Virtual Academy. We will search for an ASL and/or Spanish teacher, but if no one is available, we will continue to offer these through GVA.

American Sign Language 1A, 1B, 2A

German 1, 2, 3

Spanish 1, 2, 3

Mathematics

Algebra I - for freshmen if not taken in 8th grade, can be retaken to solidify content

Geometry - for freshmen or sophomores

Algebra II - for sophomores or juniors - a continuation of algebra concepts

Consumer Math - available for juniors and seniors

Pre-Calculus and Trigonometry - for juniors or seniors who want to continue their math learning

Calculus - for seniors who are intending to go into a career associated with math

Physical Education

PE I - focus on individual/team sports

PE II - focus on defining and achieving personal fitness goals
Life Management - a health class - required
Driver's Education
Advanced PE

Science

Biology - for freshmen - meets lab science requirement
Chemistry - for sophomores - meets lab science requirement
Physics - available to juniors and seniors
Anatomy & Physiology - available to juniors and seniors
Consumer Science - available to juniors and seniors as an alternative to Physics or A & P.

Social Studies

World History - for freshmen
US History - for sophomores
Civics and Citizenship - 1 semester - required
Christian Leadership - 1 semester - required
Post High School Preparation - 1 semester - required senior year

Christian Studies / Theology

Each year will have different topics and units. We are currently constructing what that will look like.

Other Electives

Mentoring/Tutoring - learn how to be a tutor/mentor for younger students and then put it into action.
Teacher Assistant - learn how to serve as an educational assistant to one of the teachers at St. John's Lutheran School and then put it into action.

For the 2024-2025 school year, St. John's plans to hire at least one additional full-time teacher and at least 3 part-time teachers plus increasing the load of current part-time teachers.