



## Carter High School Freshmen 101

**What is a credit?** Credits are awarded upon completing and passing a course. Every class you pass at the end of the 9 weeks or semester, you will earn a credit. You need 28 credits to graduate. Most all of the classes at Carter High School are 18 weeks or a semester. The **exception** is for 9 weeks courses- U.S. Government, Contemporary Issues, Personal Finance, Economics, Psychology & Sociology. These classes earn ½ credits upon completion.

### Graduation Requirements

CORE SUBJECTS	NUMBER OF CREDITS
English	4 (English I, II, III, IV)
Mathematics	4 (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and one higher level math)
Science	3 (Biology, Chemistry or Physics, and one additional lab science)
World History or Geography	1
US History	1
US Government	½
Economics	½
Phys. Ed and Health	1.5 (Wellness and one additional ½ credit)*
Personal Finance	½
Elective Focus	3**
University Admissions	Students must complete two units of the same world language and one unit of fine/performing arts. ***
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>

\* The additional ½ credit in Physical Ed. may be met by completing a Physical Education course (in addition to Wellness) or by substituting a documented and equivalent time (minimum 65 hours) of physical activity in school sponsored activities such as marching band, JROTC, cheerleading, dance, interscholastic athletics and other areas pre-approved by the board of education. Speak with your counselor about Activity PE credit.

\*\* The elective focus area may be CTE (3 courses in the same CTE program area), Science and Math, Humanities, Fine Arts, AP/IB, or other areas approved by the board of education.

\*\*\* Students not planning to attend a university may waive the units of world language and fine/performing arts to expand their elective focus. Parent/guardian and student must sign form with understanding of waiving world language. These students are required to have 2 elective focuses.

Elective Focus Area	Courses
Math and Science	3 Math or Science courses above the already required courses in these subject areas. Can be combination of math & science courses.
Humanities	A combination of 3 courses above the already required courses in English, Social Studies/Social Sciences, Foreign Language
Fine Arts	Musical Theatre, Visual Art, Development of Rock & Roll, General Music, Band, Choir
Physical Fitness	PE, Advanced PE, Advanced Strength & Conditioning
Human Services	Peer Tutoring
Dual Enrollment & Advanced Placement	3 classes of AP or 3 classes of DE
Career & Technical Education	Business/Accounting, Cosmetology, Health Science, Welding, Maintenance Light Repair, Nutrition



### Step-by-Step Instructions for Online Requests

1. Log into Aspen
2. Click “My Info” in the upper left corner
3. Click the “Requests” side tab
4. Under “Primary Requests,” your core classes (English, Math, Social Studies) should already be chosen. If they are not, go ahead and select the appropriate class. Choose 4 electives from the drop down menu.
5. Under “Alternate Requests,” choose 4 electives that are DIFFERENT FROM THE ONES IN STEP 4
6. Notes section—Use this section to communicate with your counselor regarding: change of placement in a core class or if you need to repeat a failed class and do not see it on the drop down menu.
7. Click “Post”

<u>Graduating with Honors</u>	<u>Graduating with Distinction</u>
<p>Students who wish to graduate with honors must have the following sub scores on the ACT:</p> <p>English—18</p> <p>Math—22</p> <p>Science—23</p> <p>Reading—22</p> <p>Scores may be earned on different ACT dates.</p>	<p>Students who wish to graduate with distinction must have an unweighted GPA of 3.0 and ONE of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· ACT Composite score of 31 or above (not a super score)</li><li>· Score of 3 or above on two or more AP exams</li><li>· Industry Certification</li><li>· Attended any Governor’s School</li><li>· Participate in one of the state’s All State musical organizations</li><li>· Be selected as a National Merit Finalist or Semi-Finalist</li><li>· Earn 12 or more semester hours of transcribed postsecondary credit</li></ul>

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