

## Al-Salam Day School ACP

### THE ACCELERATED HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

# **YOU CAN FINISH HIGH SCHOOL IN** THREE YEARS.

## **ACP Graduation Requirement**

- 24 credits (48 semester courses)
- 1 Carnegie Unit= 1 Credit = 100 Hours (not days).
- Social Studies = 3 Credits
- Mathematics = 3 Credits
- Science = 3 Credits
- Communication Arts (ELA) = 4 Credits
- Fine Arts = 1 Credit
- Career & Technical Education = 1.5 Credits
- Physical Education & Health = 1.5 Credits
- Electives = 7 Credits

## Breakdown

#### • Social Studies:(3 Cr.)

- 9th- American History
- 10th- World History
- o 11th-
  - Government
  - MUN
  - Economics

#### • Science:(3 Cr.)

- 9th-Physical Science
- 10th-Biology
- 11th-Chemistry
- Fine Arts:(3 Cr.)
  - o Open (9-11)
  - Open (9-11)
- Career & Tech. Ed. (1.5 Cr.)
  - 11th- Career Management
  - Personal Finance
  - OPEN (9-11)

#### \*Mathematics:(3 Cr.)

\*9th- Alg I or Alg II \*10th- Alg II or Trig \*11th- Trig or Pre-Calculus or Calculus

#### \*ELA:(3 Cr.)

- \*9th-English I \*10th-English II \*11th-English III
- \*<u>12th-English IV</u>

#### \*Physical Education:(1.5 Cr.)

#### \*Health

\*PE x2

#### \*Electives

- \*9th-Arabic I
- \*9th-Theology I
- \*10th-Arabic II
- \*10th-Theology II
- \*11th-Arabic III
- \*11th-Theology III
- \*Open (9-11)
- \*Open (9-11)

## **Simple Calculation and Options**

#### **Calculation:**

- 8 periods a day x 3 years = 24 courses
- The 24 required credits can be fulfilled within 3 academic years.

#### Options:

- All must be pre-approved by administration.
- Credits earned depend on the number of hours spent finishing the course.
- Online Courses during the
  - Course of the academic year.
  - Summer (5-6 weeks intense course)
- Summer course through a college.

### ACP Graduation Requirement

In order to keep a graphic record of your progress toward graduation, shade in the appropriate box for each semester course you have taken and for which you have received credit. The unshaded boxes which remain are the courses you need to complete the requirements for graduation.			English II English II	Heologo III Theologo III Theologo II Theologo II Theologo II Theologo II	200	In order to gra credits (or 48 ser must be earned number of cred each subject an below the approp	mester courses) The specific lits needed for ea is indicated
MUN-ECONOMICS	Trig/Pre-cal	Chemistry	English III	Theology I Arabis III		1	Grade 10
*Government	Trig / Pre-Cal	Chemistry	English III	Arabic III		•	Grade 11
World Hist.	AGI / Trig	Biology 2	English II	ArabicII	-		
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Soc. Stud.	Math	Science	Comm. Arts	Electives	Fine Arts	Career & Tech. Ed.	Phys. Ed.
6 = 3 units	6 = 3 units	6 = 3 units	8 = 4 units	14 = 7 units	2 = 1 unit	3 = 1.5 units	3 = 1.5 units
*You must also pass the Missouri and US Constitution tests in order to graduate:		1½ units taken in the following areas will satisfy the Career & Tech. Ed. requirement:			One unit taken in the following areas will satisfy the Fine Arts requirement:		
Missouri Constitution Busines United States Constitution FACS		s Education Cooperative Education Technical Education		Visual Art Music	Drama Dance		

## Why the accelerated program?

- 1. The obvious...finish a year early.
- 2. A lot of wasted time in High School.
- 3. Colleges will see you as "...a serious mature candidate" says Mark Steinlage from SLU
- 4. You can take a year "off" and work on full time internships and volunteer work.
- 5. Spend a year focusing on AP courses.
- 6. If you are an advanced and especially mature student, a college environment may be more intellectually stimulating, and could offer challenges you may not be able to find in any high school.
- 7. If you have already exhausted the resources in your high school have to offer, graduating early may open up some more interesting opportunities.

## **Disadvantages** (as stated by officers)

- 1. It can be overwhelming trying to finish your graduation requirements ahead of schedule.
- 2. You may not be able to achieve grades as high as those you could achieve if you had more time to devote to individual classes.
- 3. You also won't have as much time for extracurricular activities, and could potentially miss out on leadership opportunities.
- 4. You may not be eligible for certain awards and scholarships that are limited to graduating seniors
- 5. You may simply not be ready—emotionally or academically—for college life.

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