

Saint Paul Conservatory

FOR PERFORMING ARTISTS

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

as per Minnesota State Statute 120B.024

COURSE	CREDITS NEEDED FOR GRADUATION
Language Arts	4.0
Mathematics • 1 credit must be Algebra II	3.0
Science • 1 credit must be Biology • 1 credit must be Chemistry	3.0
Social Studies • 1 credit must be World History • 1 credit must be US History • .5 credit must be Government • .5 credit must be Economics • .5 credit must be Geography	3.5
Performing Arts*	20
TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION	33.5

A passing grade = 0.5 credits per semester at a 70% or above.

Only courses taken in 9th grade or later count toward these requirements.

**Performing Arts credits are based on the number of years that a student attends SPCPA.*

Testing Requirements (Class of 2015 ONLY):

- Students must either: (1) pass the GRAD assessment in reading and mathematics **or**
- (2) take the ACT and submit their score to SPCPA. At this time, the Minnesota Department of Education has not set a minimum score that students need in order to be eligible for graduation.

Testing Requirements (students entering grade 9 the 2012-2013 school year and later)

- Take grade 11 ACT Plus Writing (College Entrance Exam) during statewide administration in 2014–2015
- Take Grade 10 ACT Plan (Career and College Assessment)

Arts Course Credit Requirements:

- Students are required to be making academic progress toward meeting graduation requirements. Students earning No Credit (NC) in arts courses are required to make up equivalent credit to meet SPCPA graduation requirements by contacting and completing community service at a non-profit organization approved by SPCPA prior to the start of service. Students receiving No Credit (NC) in more than two of their arts courses after the start of the 2011-2012 school year will not be eligible to receive a diploma from the Saint Paul Conservatory for Performing Artists. Please contact SPCPA Administration for further details.

Transfer of Credit:

- A maximum of 50% of academic credits may be transferred from an outside educational institution and applied toward graduation requirements set forth by SPCPA and the state of Minnesota. In addition, all courses must be approved by school administration prior to SPCPA students enrolling in outside coursework.

Participation in the Graduation Ceremony:

- Students deficient in required credits are allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony but not receive a diploma providing:
 - The total credit shortage does not exceed 1.0 credit unless approved by the administration and
 - The student agrees to attend summer school or arranges another means of attaining the credits which is acceptable to the administration.

Please Note: Graduation requirements for SPCPA may not necessarily correspond to the college of your choice. For example, to graduate from SPCPA, a foreign language is not required; however, credits in a foreign language are required for admittance to many colleges.



For a student to be promoted to the next grade level, the student must have earned the following credits by the end of the previous year:

End of 9th Grade:

- Four (4) credits total; 1.0 credit in each of the core academic areas:
 - Language Arts
 - Mathematics
 - Science
 - Social Studies

End of 10th Grade:

- Eight (8) credits total: 2.0 credits in each of the core academic areas:
 - Language Arts
 - Mathematics
 - Science
 - Social Studies

End of 11th Grade:

- Twelve (12) credits: 3.0 credits in each of the core academic areas:
 - Language Arts
 - Mathematics
 - Science
 - Social Studies