



Frequently Asked Questions Blessed Carlo Acutis Academy Online Catholic High School

How many credits are required for graduation?

- To graduate, students are required to complete 24 credits in the following areas:
 - Theology – 4 credits
 - English/Language Arts - 4 Credits
 - Math - 3 Credits
 - Science - 3 Credits
 - History/Social Studies - 3 Credits (includes ½ credit of civics)
 - Physical Education – 1.5 credits
 - Health – 0.5 credits (in grades 7-12: may be waived if already completed)
 - Foreign Language - 2 credits
 - Fine Art - 1 credit
 - **NEW** – Class of 2028 must have 0.5 credit of Financial Literacy
 - Elective – 2.5 credits (for Freshman entering in 2024, this will be 2.0 credits)
- Students enrolling after 9th grade will have their current transcript evaluated to ensure completion of credits.

Do you offer Dual Language Classes?

- Currently, live instruction is in English only. Catholic Virtual has features within the program to enable the translation of content into a student's native language.

How many live classes will students receive?

- For most classes, students will receive two live sessions of 30 minutes each week for each content area. This allows for independent work and checkpoints with the teacher. For example, if a student enrolls in six classes (art, English, history, math, language, science, and theology), each class would meet live, online twice each week. (12 class periods a week)
- During these classes, the students will interact in real-time with the teacher and other students taking the class.



- A few classes are presented asynchronously meaning there are no live sessions. Students still have access to a teacher.

What do students do when they are not in class?

- Students will have assignments, similar to homework. Sometimes they will gain further instruction by watching recorded lessons or instructional videos. Other time will be spent completing projects and assignments.
- Students will also be able to reach out to teachers for assistance. Teachers will respond within 24 hours.

Are devices and textbooks included, or must students purchase their own?

- Students must obtain their own device.
- Most textbooks and materials are provided online or as PDF documents. There are some novels however that students will need to purchase on their own.

Is full-year enrollment required?

- Generally, no. Students may enroll for a single semester or for individual classes. This allows homeschooled students to take electives.
- AP classes and a few others are full year enrollments.

What services are available for students with learning challenges or special needs?

- The school does not evaluate students for learning disabilities nor does it write individualized plans. If a student has an existing IEP, 504 or service plan, please provide it with the student's records so that it can be reviewed.
- If a student has a known disability, every attempt is made to place the student with a teacher who is able to make the needed accommodations. The school stays in close contact with parents throughout the placement process.

Is tuition refundable?

- Tuition will not be refunded after the first date of the start of each semester.
- Tuition will not be refunded if a student attends any portion of his/her courses.
- If a refund is requested before the start of the semester, and the tuition has been paid in full, a request may be made to Blessed Carlo Acutis Academy for a refund.

Do students follow a traditional calendar or year-round?

- Yes, students follow a traditional school year with breaks at Thanksgiving,



Christmas/New Years, Spring Break and Easter. The school year runs from late August to late May.

- Optional classes are offered during the summer at an additional cost. This includes credit recovery classes.
- Students may start asynchronously at any point during the school year, and the semester will be adjusted based on start date.

Are students from other dioceses able to attend Blessed Carlo Acutis Academy?

- Yes, students from other dioceses are welcome to register and attend BCA.

Are students able to participate in sports and extracurricular activities?

- Due to the varied locations of student residences throughout the Diocese, the school does not offer traditional sports teams or extracurricular activities. Students are still able to participate in sports and activities offered through local clubs or municipal recreation programs.

Will students be able to participate in co-op teams with another school?

- The potential for athletic co-ops will depend largely on students' location of residence and on WIAA approval. Blessed Carlo Acutis Academy is not eligible to explore this until it has been open for three full school years.