

2104 Graduation

1. Students must have at least a 2.0 GPA to graduate from Karl G. Maeser Preparatory Academy (Maeser). Credit will not be granted for classes taken at Maeser in which a student has received less than a C-.
2. Students must meet the following requirements for graduation:
 - a. Language Arts (4.0 credits):
 - i. Language Arts 9 (integrated into Socratic Seminar 9)
 - ii. Language Arts 10 (integrated into Socratic Seminar 10)
 - iii. Language Arts 11 (integrated into Socratic Seminar 11)
 - iv. Language Arts 12 (integrated into Socratic Seminar 12)
 - v. Transfer students will receive credit for Language Arts courses from previous schools. Language Arts and Social Studies/History are taught in an integrated two-credit course at Maeser called Socratic Seminar.
 - b. Social Studies/History (5.0 credits):
 - i. Geography (0.5)
 - ii. World Civilization I (1.0) (integrated into Soc. Sem. 9)
 - iii. World Civilization II (1.0) (integrated into Soc. Sem. 10)
 - iv. US History (1.0) & Current Issues (1.0) (integrated into Socratic Seminar 11 & 12)
 - v. US Government and Citizenship (0.5) or AP Government (1.0)
 - c. Math (3.0 credits):
 - i. At least 3 credits and 4 years of any of the following courses:
 1. Secondary Math I, II, III (Calculus tracks available for Math II, Math III)
 2. Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry, AP Calculus AB or BC, AP Statistics or CE Algebra/Trigonometry
 - d. Science (3.0 credits):
 - i. At least 3 credits, including Biology and Chemistry (usually taken in 9th and 10th grades).
 - ii. Students may choose any other science class for their third credit.
 - e. Foreign Language (3.0 credits):
 - i. 3 credits of any high school level foreign language (progression in one language is highly encouraged, however, students may elect to enroll in another language).
 - f. Fine Arts (1.5 credits)
 - g. P.E./Health (2.0 credits):
 - i. Health (0.5 credit) and Fitness for Life (0.5 credit) (9th-10th grade)
 - ii. PE (1.0 credit which can come from Participation Skills, Lifetime Activities, Ballroom, or Sports participation.
 - iii. Participation on a sports team can count for 0.25 credit up to a maximum of 0.5 credits.
 - h. Career & Technical Education (CTE—1.0 credit):
 - i. Financial Literacy (0.5 credits):
 - i. 0.5 credit course typically completed during the 11th or 12th grade year.
 - j. Winterim (1.0 credits):
 - i. 0.25 credit of Winterim is required for every year of attendance at Maeser.
 - k. Electives:

- a. Graduation is an important milestone, and serves as an opportunity to recognize the individual accomplishments of students and the collective achievements of the graduating class. The graduation ceremony is a formal, dignified ceremony, and students, families, and other attendees are expected to behave with dignity, propriety, and respect for the ceremony and graduates.
 - b. Walking at Graduation
 - i. All students who have completed Maeser's graduation requirements are permitted to walk at graduation.
 - ii. Maeser students who transfer to homeschool during the second semester of their senior year and complete the GED by the deadline established by Administration are also permitted to walk at graduation.
 - c. Graduation attire
 - i. All graduates will wear the prescribed cap and gown without alterations.
 - ii. Graduates may wear recognized items of cultural or religious significance as an adornment at a graduation ceremony.
 - 1. "Adornment" means something that a student attaches to or wears with, but does not replace, graduation attire.
 - 2. "Cultural" means recognized practices and traditions of a certain group of people.
 - iii. Maeser may prohibit a student from wearing an item of adornment that is likely to cause a substantial disruption of, or material interference with, the graduation ceremony.
5. Graduation Protocol
- a. Seniors should meet with the Counselor to ensure all academic credits have been completed to satisfy Maeser's graduation requirements.
 - b. Pay all outstanding fees prior to finals week.
 - c. Complete any outstanding online classes or packets by April 15th. Final transcripts for any such classes must be submitted to the registrar by the May 1st deadline.
 - d. Maeser students who transfer to homeschool during the second semester of their senior year and provide documentation that they have completed the GED by April 15th may be permitted to walk at graduation

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