A total of twenty-four (24) credits including four years in each of the Core Subject Area must be obtained in order for a student to receive a high school **diploma** from Friendship Collegiate Academy:

Course	Credits
English	4.0 **(*4 different courses)**
Math	4.0 **(*4 different courses)**
Science	4.0
Social Studies	4.0 (DC History is required)
World Language	2.0 (Same language)
Academy Courses/Electives	3.5 **(*4 different courses)**
Health/PE	1.5
Music	0.5
Art	0.5
Total	**24.0**

*Applies to all transfer students
(Students entering Collegiate Academy after 9th Grade)

Mid-year graduation is not permitted. A student may instead participate in programs such as Dual enrollment or Urban Alliance.

Class Rank
The Class Rank is reported in a percentage format using the semester percentage grades that are exported into POWERSCHOOL. Numerical and percentage information are provided to the students through the Guidance Counselor.

Community Service
Friendship Collegiate Academy students must complete 100 hours of community service as a graduation requirement. All students, including transfer students are responsible for acquiring 100 community service hours. The goals of the community service program are as follows:

- Increase students' perception of self-worth
- Provide experiences for students to contribute to society
- Prepare students for the world of work
- Site places emphasis on quality service
- Links academics to real life applications
- Connects the classroom learning experience to career options through service.

The Guidance Department will periodically post community service learning opportunities.

Documented and verifiable hours are recorded on a student's transcript and are placed in the students cumulative record along with grade reports each year.

Types of Diplomas
- *Standard Diploma* is awarded to students who have successfully completed the minimum number of academic credits in four years or more than four years and up to 21 years of age.

- *Certification of Completion* with vocational training

Graduation Requirement Checklist
Seniors must submit the following information as part of the graduation requirements.

1. Mandatory Core Courses
   - Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II
   - Biology, 2 Science Labs
   - World History I & II, DC History, US History, US Government (American Intuition)
2. Mandatory Graduation Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by the following:
   - Student
   - Parent
   - Guidance Counselor
3. Two Acceptance Letters to a 2-or 4-year institution (provide copies of letters)
4. SAT and ACT Testing
5. Complete senior thesis paper
6. Complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and DC TAG
8. 100 hours of Community Service (provide site contract and timesheets)