

ACS Class Requirements & Guidelines

1. All ACS students must take a Bible class every year.
2. Students in Grades 7-11 must take at least 6-7 credits per semester. Only one study hall per semester is recommended; however, students needing extra study time may be allowed a 2nd study hall, as long as students use their study time wisely.
3. Students in Grade 12 must take at least 5 credits per semester. The remaining class periods may be filled with open campuses, as long as students are current with their assignments and are meeting attendance and behavior expectations, and eligibility guidelines. These are the same guidelines that are in place for participation in extra-curricular activities. Seniors who become ineligible will temporarily lose their open campuses until the next grade check. Once eligibility is restored, open campus privileges will again be available to the student.
4. Online and Dual Credit Class Policy: Online and dual credit classes are available for students who would like to take **electives** that ACS does not offer. Required classes offered by ACS must be taken through ACS. Exceptions may be granted by administration, only in the event of a schedule conflict or unique circumstance that arises from courses needed, within a student's Academic Learning Plan. Dual credit opportunities are dependent upon and must coincide with the ACS Master Schedule. Online and dual credit classes are not open campus opportunities; they are scheduled classes during the school day, for which students must be present. These classes are subject to ACS tuition charges.
5. Central High School A-TEC Academy courses may be available to ACS students, if the courses fit into the student's schedule. A-TEC class opportunities are dependent upon and must coincide with the ACS Master Schedule.
6. Internship Opportunities: Students may choose to do a CTE Internship during their junior or senior year, as long as they are registered for all of their required classes and have the flexibility in their schedule.
7. High School Credit Prior to Grade 9: ACS has waivers in place with the State of South Dakota for English I, Algebra I, Physical Science, Biology, and Spanish I. Advanced students may take these courses for high school credit during their 8th grade year, if they have excelled in the subject area, have a teacher recommendation to advance, and have administrative approval. High school credit will be granted as long as the student maintains an A or B in the class. If they do not maintain an A or B, they must take a final exam, administered by the teacher, and score at least an 80% on the exam to receive high school credit. Students will have a retake option, if needed.