Exalt Academy 2025-2026 Success-Ready Pathways Guide

Table of Contents

Graduation Requirements	2
High School Diploma	2
High School Diploma with Merit	2
High School Diploma with Distinction	3
Course Offerings	4
AP Course Offerings	6
Success-Ready Pathways	7
1. AP Capstone	7
2. AP Scholar	7
3. AP Scholar with Distinction	7
4. AP Scholar with Honors	7
5. Architecture	7
6. Arkansas Military Security and Armed Service	8
7. Banking & Finance	8
8. Computer Science – Information Technology & Security	8
9. Computer Science – Software Development	9
10. Construction – Carpentry	9
11. Construction – Mechanical, Electronic, and Plumbing Systems (MEPS)	10
12. Construction – Residential	10
13. Criminal Justice	10
14. Emergency Medical Responder	11
15. Engineering	11
16. Nursing	11
17. Teaching and Training	12
18. World Language	12
Supporting Student Persistence and Completion of a Pathway	13
Academic Support	13
Social-Emotional & Mental Health Support	13
Career & College Readiness	13
Extracurricular & Community Engagement	14
Basic Needs & Support	14

Graduation Requirements

High School Diploma

To earn a **high school diploma**, students at Exalt Academy must complete the following requirements:

- A Student Success Plan, annually updated
- 23 Credits of Academic / CTE Core Courses¹
- Completion of a Success-Ready Pathway
- 75 Hours of Documented Community Service
- A Passing score on the Arkansas Civics Exam²
- CPR Training³

High School Diploma with Merit

To earn a **high school diploma with merit**, students complete the following requirements:

- A Student Success Plan, annually updated
- 23 Credits of Academic / CTE Core Courses¹
- Completion of a Success-Ready Pathway
- 75 Hours of Documented Community Service
- A Passing score on the Arkansas Civics Exam²
- CPR Training³
- Any one of the following:
 - o Credential of value in high wage, high demand career field
 - o 12 or more post-secondary credits that include either:
 - A certificate of proficiency, or
 - 9 postsecondary credits of academic core
 - AP Scholar⁴
 - AP Scholar with Honor⁵ or
 - o Seal of Biliteracy (see, the World Language Pathway)

¹ Required courses for graduation

² 60% or higher, offered in Exalt Academy's **Civics** course

³ Offered in Exalt Academy's **Health and Safety** course

⁴ Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams

⁵ Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams

High School Diploma with Distinction

To earn a **high school diploma with distinction**, students complete the following requirements:

- A Student Success Plan, annually updated
- 23 Credits of Academic / CTE Core Courses¹
- Completion of a Success-Ready Pathway
- 75 Hours of Documented Community Service
- A Passing score on the Arkansas Civics Exam²
- CPR Training³
- Any one of the following:
 - o Technical Certificate (for example, an Associates Degree)
 - o AP Scholar with Distinction⁶
 - o AP Capstone Diploma⁷
 - o Youth Apprenticeship leading to Registered Apprenticeship

⁶ Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams

⁷ Granted to students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on 4 additional AP Exams of their choosing

Course Offerings

The following course progressions satisfy Arkansas's graduation requirements.

English Language Arts

ADE-Approved 9th	English 9 (410000)ESL English 9 (510040)
ADE-Approved 10th	English 10 (411000)ESL English 10 (511030)
ADE-Approved 11th	 English 11 (412000) ESL English 11 (512030) AP Language (517030) AP Literature (517040) AP Seminar (517060)
ADE-Approved 12th	 Transitional Literacy Ready (496030) English 12 (413000) ESL English 12 (513030) AP Language (517030) AP Literature (517040) AP Research (517070)
Concurrent Credit	College Comp. I (519940)College Comp. II (519940)

Math

ADE-Approved 9th	• Algebra 1 (430000)
ADE-Approved 10th	Geometry (431000)AP Precalculus (533030)
ADE-Approved 11th	Algebra 2 (432000)AP Precalculus (533030)AP Calculus AB (534040)
ADE-Approved 12th	 AP Precalculus (533030) AP Calculus AB (534040) AP Calculus BC (534050) AP Statistics (539030)

	Quantitative Reasoning (439070)	
Concurrent Credit	College Algebra (539900)	

Science

ADE-Approved 9th	Physical Science (423000)AP Environmental Science (520030)
ADE-Approved 10th	Biology (420000)AP Biology (520030)
ADE-Approved 11th	Chemistry (421000)AP Chemistry (521030)
ADE-Approved 12th	AP Physics 1 (522080)
Concurrent Credit	College Biology (522910)

Social Studies

ADE-Approved 9th	 Civics (472000) (one semester) Economics with Personal Finance (474300) (one semester) AP US Government (572040)
ADE-Approved 10th	World History (471000)AP World History (571020)
ADE-Approved 11th	US History (470000)AP US History (570020)
ADE-Approved 12th	AP European History (579170)AP African American Studies (574700)
Concurrent Credit	College US History (579920)

Electives

Athletics (485020)	Visual Art Foundations (450000)	Personal Communication (414200)
Personal Fitness (485010)	Vocal Ensemble I (452000)	Professional Communication (414210)

Health and Wellness (480000)	Jazz Band (451200)	

AP Course Offerings

AP Capstone Project:

- AP Research
- AP Seminar

AP Art and Design Program:

- AP 2D Art and Design
- AP 3D Art and Design
- AP Drawing

AP English Language

AP English Literature

AP Psychology

AP American History

AP European History

AP African American Studies

AP World History

AP US Government

AP Biology

AP Environmental Science

AP Chemistry

AP Physics

AP Precalculus

AP Statistics

AP Calculus AB

AP Calculus BC

AP Computer Science A

AP Computer Science Principles

AP French Language and Culture AP Spanish Language and Culture AP Spanish Literature and Culture

Success-Ready Pathways

1. AP Capstone

10th/11th Grade: AP Seminar	11th/12th Grade: AP Research	At least four AP Courses
Must earn a 3 or higher on AP Seminar Exam	Must earn a 3 or higher on AP Research Exam	Must score above a 3 on at least four additional AP Courses

2. AP Scholar

Complete at least three AP courses and earn a 3 or higher on at least three AP Exams.

3. AP Scholar with Distinction

Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

4. AP Scholar with Honors

Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

5. Architecture

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Merit Demonstration
Drafting and Design (494700)	Architectural CAD I (494710)	Architectural CAD II (494730)	NOCTI-Drafting
	,	, ,	NOCTI-CAD
		Architectural CADD Lab (494720)	NOCTI-CAD CAM

	Architecture Practicum	
	Tracticatii	

6. Arkansas Military Security and Armed Service

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Merit Demonstration
National Military	Arkansas Security	Military Service	
Security and	and Military	and Security	
Service	Service	Careers	

7. Banking & Finance

High Wage, High Demand

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Merit Demonstration
Introduction to Business	Banking and Finance I	Banking and Finance II Business Intelligence	Today's Teller Microsoft Office Associate Specialist

8. Computer Science – Information Technology& Security

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Merit Demonstration
Introduction to Computer	Information Technology and	Networking	CompTIA Networks+
Science (465070)	Security	Cybersecurity	
			AWS Cloud
AP Comp Sci		Cloud	Practitioner
Principles		Computing &	
		Security	Cisco Certified
			Network
			Assistant

9. Computer Science – Software Development

High Wage, High Demand

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Merit Demonstration
Introduction to Computer Science (465070) AP Comp Sci Principles	Software Development AP Comp Sci A	Desktop Application Development Mobile App Development Game Development & Design Web Development	PCEP – Certified Entry-Level Python Programmer C Programming Language Certified Associate (CLA)

10. Construction – Carpentry

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Merit Demonstration
Introduction to Construction	Carpentry	Cabinetry	NCCER Construction
		Furniture	Technology
		Construction Lab	Any NOCTI Certification

11. Construction – Mechanical, Electronic, and Plumbing Systems (MEPS)

High Wage, High Demand

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Merit Demonstration
Introduction to Construction	MEPS I	MEPS II	NCCER Construction Technology
			Any NOCTI Certification

12. Construction – Residential

High Wage, High Demand

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Merit Demonstration
Skilled Trades Construction	Residential Construction I	Construction Management	NCCER Construction Technology
			Any NOCTI Certification

13. Criminal Justice

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Merit Demonstration
Introduction to Criminal Justice	Criminal Justice I	Criminal Justice II	Certified Protection Officer
			NOCTI: Criminal Justice

14. Emergency Medical Responder

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Merit Demonstration
Introduction to Healthcare	Medical Terminology	Emergency Medical Responder	EMT
	Anatomy and Physiology		

15. Engineering

High Wage, High Demand

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Merit Demonstration
Introduction to Engineering (493960)	Engineering I (493970)	Engineering II (493980)	Engineering Capstone (493990)

16. Nursing

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Merit Demonstration
Introduction to Healthcare	LPN Pathway	LPN Pathway	LPN
Introduction to Healthcare	Medical Terminology Anatomy and Physiology	CNA Medical Assistant Patient Care Technician Medical Professions	CNA

17. Teaching and Training

High Wage, High Demand

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Merit Demonstration	Distinction Demonstration
Introduction to Education (493240)	Education Technology (493240)	Child Growth and Development (493020)	High: Parapro Praxis Moderate: Google Educator, Level 1	Certified Teaching Assistant (CTA)

18. World Language

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Merit Demonstration
Spanish 1 (440000)	Spanish 2 (440020)	Spanish 3 (440030)	AP Spanish Language (504070)	Seal of Biliteracy
Heritage Spanish 1 (540100)	Heritage Spanish 2 (540110)	AP Spanish Language (540070)	AP Spanish Literature (540080)	Seal of Biliteracy
French 1 (441000)	French 2 (441010)	French 3 (441030)	AP French Language (541060)	Seal of Biliteracy

Spanish I and French I are courses designed to introduce beginners to the language.

Heritage Language courses are designed to teach students who already have a degree of fluency in the language, demonstrated by scoring B1 or higher on a language assessment (Like the Avant STAMP screener). These courses focus on literature, grammar, and academic writing rather than language basics. <u>Ascendencia</u> is an example of a Heritage Spanish course curriculum.

Supporting Student Persistence and Completion of a Pathway

Academic Support

- Tutoring Programs Peer and professional tutoring in core subjects.
- Intervention Services Personalized academic interventions for struggling students.
- Study Skills Workshops Time management, note-taking, and testprep strategies.
- Library & Research Assistance Access to books, digital resources, and research support.
- Credit Recovery Programs Options for students who need to make up failed courses.
- Summer Learning Programs Prevent learning loss and provide enrichment opportunities.

Social-Emotional & Mental Health Support

- Counseling Services School counselors available for emotional and social support.
- Mentorship Programs Pair students with supportive faculty or community mentors.
- Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Curriculum Teach self-awareness, self-management, and interpersonal skills.
- Crisis Intervention & Mental Health Referrals Immediate support for students facing mental health challenges.
- Peer Support Groups Spaces for students to connect on shared challenges (e.g., LGBTQ+ support, grief counseling).

Career & College Readiness

- Career Exploration & Advising Help students identify career interests and pathways.
- College Application & Financial Aid Support Guidance on applications, scholarships, and FAFSA.
- Internship & Apprenticeship Opportunities Work-based learning experiences.

- Job Readiness Programs Resume writing, interview prep, and job search strategies.
- Industry Certifications & Dual Enrollment Help students earn certifications and college credits while in high school.

Extracurricular & Community Engagement

- Clubs & Organizations Encourage leadership, teamwork, and social engagement.
- Community Service Programs Foster civic engagement and volunteerism.
- Parent & Family Engagement Involve families in their child's education and success.
- School-to-Work Programs Help students transition directly into the workforce.

Basic Needs & Support

- School Meal Programs Ensure all students have access to nutritious food.
- Transportation Assistance Help students get to and from school reliably.
- Technology Access & Support Provide laptops, internet access, and tech training.
- Special Education & 504 Accommodations Support students who need accommodations or modifications through IEPs, 504s, or language development needs..
- Language & Cultural Services Support for English learners and diverse backgrounds.