GOAL DIGITAL ACADEMY

COURSE CATALOG

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HIGH SCHOOL

School Overview

GOAL Digital Academy is a tuition-free, public online community school serving students in grades K-12 across Ohio. With a focus on personalized learning, GOAL provides a flexible and supportive educational environment tailored to each student's unique needs. The school offers a blend of virtual coursework, in-person support at regional Learning Labs, and a variety of extracurricular programs, including clubs, mentorship, and hands-on learning experiences. Committed to student success, GOAL empowers learners to achieve academic and personal growth through innovative instruction, dedicated educators, and a strong community network.

Mission Statement

At GOAL Digital Academy, we empower students to achieve academic success through a flexible, innovative, and personalized learning experience. We are committed to fostering a supportive and inclusive environment where students can explore their potential, overcome challenges, and work toward a bright future. Through collaborative partnerships with families, educators, and communities, we provide a high-quality education tailored to individual needs, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to thrive.

Vision Statement

GOAL Digital Academy envisions a future where every student, regardless of their background or learning style, has access to an engaging, dynamic, and student-centered education. We strive to cultivate lifelong learners who are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to pursue their aspirations. By continuously evolving and embracing innovation, we aim to break barriers to education and inspire students to achieve their personal and academic goals.

Locations

GOAL Digital Academy provides students with a unique and flexible learning experience through its network of Learning Labs across Central Ohio. These labs serve as supportive environments where students can access in-person academic support, engage in hands-on learning activities, and build connections with educators and peers. Designed to complement GOAL's online curriculum, each Learning Lab offers a welcoming space equipped with resources that foster academic success, creativity, and personal growth.

Mansfield
890 West 4th Street
Mansfield, Ohio
44906

Galion
777 Fairview Avenue
Galion, Ohio
44833

Delaware
248 N. Washington Street
Delaware, Ohio
43015

Marion
333 East Center Street
Marion, Ohio
43302

Cardington
3700 County Road 168
Cardington, Ohio
43315

Newark
140 West Church Street
Newark, Ohio
43055

Mount Vernon
781 Fairgrounds Road
Mount Vernon, Ohio
43050

High School Graduation Requirements

At GOAL Digital Academy, we are committed to guiding students toward earning their high school diploma through a flexible and personalized learning experience. Our graduation requirements align with Ohio state standards, ensuring that students are equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary for success beyond high school.

To graduate, students must complete state-mandated coursework, meet credit requirements, and fulfill competency and readiness standards. GOAL provides a supportive and adaptable learning environment, allowing students to progress at their own pace while receiving guidance from dedicated teachers and advisors.

Whether students plan to enter the workforce, pursue higher education, or explore career training opportunities, GOAL Digital Academy is committed to helping them achieve their goals and prepare for their future.

Step 1

- ★ **Total Credits Required:** 21 credits
- ★ **Subject Requirements:**
  - English – 4 credits
  - Mathematics – 4 credits
  - Science – 3 credits
  - Social Studies – 3 credits
  - Electives – 2-5 credits
  - Careers – 1 credit
  - Business/Fine Arts/Foreign Language – 1 credit
  - Financial Literacy – .5 credit
  - Health – .5 credit
  - Physical Education – .5 credit

Step 2

- ★ **A. State Testing Requirements:** Pass Algebra 1 & ELA 2 EOC Test
- ★ **B. Career Technical Education:** Earn 12 Credential Points in CTE Program/Pass WebXAM in CT Concentration
- ★ **C. Military**: Enlist in the Military

Step 3

- ★ **Seals:** [Earn 2 of the Ohio Graduation SEALS]

Grading Scale & GPA Calculation

GOAL Digital Academy utilizes a standard grading scale to evaluate student performance and calculate Grade Point Average (GPA). The grading scale ensures consistency and transparency in assessing academic achievement. Below is the grading breakdown, including percentage ranges, corresponding grade point values, and point equivalents used in GPA calculations.

GRADE	PERCENTAGE	POINT VALUE	POINT EQUIVALENTS
A+	100-98	4.33	13
A	97-92	4.00	12
A-	91-90	3.67	11
B+	89-88	3.33	10
B	87-82	3.00	9
B-	81-80	2.67	8
C+	79-78	2.33	7
C	77-72	2.00	6
C-	71-70	1.67	5
D+	69-68	1.33	4
D	67-62	1.00	3
D-	61-60	0.67	2
F	59-0	0.00	1

Weighted Grades

GOAL Digital Academy assigns weighted grades to courses that offer advanced academic rigor. Students enrolled in Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), and College Credit Plus (CCP) courses receive additional weight to their GPA, reflecting the increased challenge of these courses.

- Honors Courses: +0.5 GPA weight
- AP & CCP Courses: +1.0 GPA weight

Weighted grades encourage students to challenge themselves academically while recognizing their efforts in higher-level coursework.

Understanding Course Designations & Credits

At GOAL Digital Academy, courses are categorized using specific designations to help students and families understand the level, focus, and structure of each class. Each course listing includes the credit value, ensuring students can easily track their progress toward graduation. Below are some key distinctions found in our course offerings:

- **Comprehensive (C)** – Courses labeled as "Comprehensive" provide a broad and in-depth exploration of the subject matter, preparing students for further study in college or career pathways. These courses typically include more rigorous assignments, critical thinking components, and extended learning opportunities.
- **Applied (A)** – "Applied" courses emphasize real-world applications of academic concepts, making learning more practical and hands-on. These courses are ideal for students who prefer interactive learning, problem-solving activities, and career-related applications of traditional subjects.
- **Career-Based Intervention (CBI)** – The CBI program is designed for students who need work-based learning experiences alongside their academic coursework. These courses combine classroom instruction with on-the-job training, employability skills development, and career exploration, helping students transition into the workforce while earning academic credit.
- **Credit Values** – Each course listing includes the credit amount awarded upon successful completion. These credits contribute toward meeting graduation requirements and are an essential factor in academic planning.

Flex Credits at GOAL

GOAL Digital Academy offers Flex Credit Opportunities, allowing students to earn academic credit based on documented learning experiences. Credit is awarded based on hours completed in approved activities such as independent study, extracurricular participation, and counseling. Students must work with a School Counselor to submit a proposal, track their hours, and provide evidence of learning to receive credit.

Academic Departments & Course Listings

GOAL Digital Academy offers a comprehensive selection of courses across multiple academic departments, ensuring students receive a well-rounded education that meets Ohio state standards. Our curriculum is designed to provide flexibility and personalization, allowing students to progress at their own pace while fulfilling state-mandated graduation requirements.

Each course aligns with Ohio's Learning Standards, ensuring students develop the knowledge, skills, and competencies necessary for success in their academic and career pursuits. From core subjects such as English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies to electives and career-technical education opportunities, GOAL's course offerings support diverse learning pathways tailored to student interests and goals.

Language Arts

Language Arts 9 (1 Credit)
This course focuses on developing foundational reading, writing, speaking, and critical thinking skills. Students will explore a variety of literary genres, including fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and drama, while analyzing themes, characters, and literary devices. Writing instruction will emphasize composition, grammar, and research skills, preparing students for academic and real-world communication. Students will strengthen their ability to interpret texts and articulate ideas effectively through class discussions, projects, and creative expression,

Language Arts 10 (1 Credit)
This course builds on the skills developed in English 9, focusing on deeper literary analysis, critical thinking, and effective communication. Students will study a variety of literary works, including fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and drama, while examining themes, rhetorical techniques, and cultural perspectives. Writing instruction will emphasize argumentative, analytical, and research-based writing, with a focus on clarity, structure, and evidence-based reasoning. Through discussions, presentations, and projects, students will refine their ability to interpret texts and express their ideas with confidence.

Language Arts 11 (1 Credit)
This course emphasizes advanced literary analysis, critical thinking, and effective communication. Students will explore American literature across various genres, examining historical and cultural influences on texts. Writing instruction will focus on persuasive, analytical, and research-based essays, refining skills in argumentation, organization, and evidence-based reasoning. Through discussions, presentations, and

projects, students will strengthen their ability to interpret complex texts and articulate their ideas clearly and confidently.

Language Arts 12 (1 Credit)
This course focuses on advanced reading, writing, and critical thinking skills, preparing students for college and career readiness. Students will explore a diverse range of literary works, including classic and contemporary texts while analyzing themes, historical contexts, and literary techniques. Writing instruction will emphasize research, argumentation, and professional communication, with an emphasis on clarity, coherence, and rhetorical effectiveness. Through discussions, presentations, and real-world applications, students will refine their ability to analyze complex texts and express their ideas with confidence and precision.

Creative Writing 1 (.5 Credit)
This course introduces students to the fundamentals of creative writing, focusing on developing expository and persuasive writing techniques. Students will engage in writing exercises, maintain journals, and explore various forms of written expression. Emphasis will be placed on clarity, organization, and creativity while aligning with Ohio's Learning Standards for English Language Arts. Throughout the course, students will compile a portfolio showcasing their growth as writers.

Creative Writing 2 (.5 Credit)
Building on the skills developed in Creative Writing 1, this course challenges students to refine their writing style and expand their use of literary techniques. Students will continue to explore expository and persuasive writing while experimenting with more complex forms of creative expression. Journals and portfolios will be maintained to track progress, with an emphasis on revision, critique, and advanced composition skills. Instruction will align with Ohio's Learning Standards for English Language Arts, preparing students for further academic and personal writing endeavors.

CBI Comprehensive English 9 (1 Credit)
(Specialized Instruction) CBI English 9 standards are adapted to meet the needs of the student.

CBI Comprehensive English 10 (1 Credit)
(Specialized Instruction) CBI English 10 standards are adapted to meet the needs of the student.

CBI Comprehensive English 11 (1 Credit)

(Specialized Instruction) CBI English 11 standards are adapted to meet the needs of the student.

CBI Comprehensive English 12 (1 Credit)
(Specialized Instruction) CBI English 12 standards are adapted to meet the needs of the student.

CBI English 11 (1 Credit)
This course integrates core English skills with career-based instruction (CBI), emphasizing advanced reading, writing, and communication techniques for academic and professional settings. Students will analyze American literature, exploring historical and cultural influences while enhancing their critical thinking skills. Writing instruction will focus on persuasive, analytical, and workplace communication, including resumes, cover letters, and professional emails. Through career-related projects, discussions, and real-world applications, students will develop the ability to interpret complex texts and express ideas effectively in academic and career-focused environments.

CBI English 12 (1 Credit)
This course integrates advanced English skills with career-based instruction (CBI), preparing students for success in both academic and professional environments. Students will analyze literary and informational texts, focusing on critical thinking, comprehension, and real-world application. Writing instruction will emphasize research, professional communication, and workplace-specific writing, such as resumes, cover letters, and reports. Through career-related projects, discussions, and practical applications, students will refine their ability to analyze complex texts, communicate effectively, and prepare for their future careers.

CBI English Plus (1 Credit)

This accelerated semester course allows students to earn a full English credit while covering essential Language Arts standards with a strong emphasis on career readiness skills. Students will develop reading, writing, and communication abilities through real-world applications, including professional writing, workplace communication, and critical thinking exercises. By integrating career-focused learning with foundational English skills, this course prepares students for academic success and future professional opportunities.

Mathematics

Algebra 1 (1 Credit)
In this course, students develop a strong foundation in algebraic concepts, focusing on expressions, equations, functions, and real-world problem-solving. Topics include linear equations and inequalities, systems of equations, polynomials, factoring, and quadratic functions. Through hands-on practice and critical thinking, students learn to analyze patterns, interpret graphs, and apply algebraic reasoning to everyday situations.

Geometry (1 Credit)
This course explores the principles of geometry through logical reasoning, problem-solving, and real-world applications. Students study points, lines, angles, transformations, similarity, congruence, and properties of two- and three-dimensional shapes. Additional topics include coordinate geometry, proofs, and trigonometry. By the end of the course, students will develop spatial reasoning skills and a deeper understanding of mathematical relationships.

Algebra 2 (1 Credit)
Building on Algebra 1, this course deepens students' understanding of algebraic principles and their applications. Topics include exponential and logarithmic functions, complex numbers, polynomials, rational expressions, sequences and series, and basic probability and statistics. Students strengthen their problem-solving skills and explore real-world applications of higher-level algebra to prepare for advanced math courses.

Quantitative Reasoning (1 Credit)
In this course, students apply algebra and mathematical reasoning to analyze and interpret quantitative information in real-world contexts. Through problem-solving and critical thinking, they learn to make informed decisions using numbers and units relevant to daily life. The primary goal is to develop strong analytical skills that enhance logical reasoning and practical decision-making.

Statistics & Probability (1 Credit)
In this course, students explore fundamental concepts of data analysis, statistical reasoning, and probability. They learn to collect, organize, and interpret data using graphical and numerical methods, study central tendency and variability measures, and analyze relationships through correlation and regression. Probability topics include calculating probabilities, understanding random events, and applying probability distributions to real-world situations.

Computer Science (1 Credit)
In this course, students explore the evolution of computing, its profound impact on today's world, and its potential to shape the future. Through engaging lessons, students will dive into key topics such as human-computer interaction, networking, cybersecurity, program development, coding, and artificial intelligence.

Foundations of Data Science (1 Credit)
In this course, students build a strong foundation in data science with a blend of quantitative reasoning, statistics, and computer science. Students combine problem-solving and reasoning skills to explore data collection, visualization, and statistical analysis, to analyze and interpret data and make informed decisions.

Pre-Calculus & Trigonometry (1 Credit)
This course prepares students for higher-level mathematics by exploring advanced algebraic concepts, functions, and trigonometry. Students study polynomial, rational, exponential, and logarithmic functions, sequences, series, and limits. The trigonometry component covers right triangle relationships, unit circle trigonometry, graphs of trigonometric functions, identities, and applications. Emphasis is placed on problem-solving, analytical thinking, and real-world applications to build a strong foundation for calculus and beyond.

Practical Math (1 Credit)
In this course, students apply mathematical concepts to real-world scenarios, strengthening their problem-solving skills while deepening their understanding of key mathematical principles. Through practical applications, students will learn how math is used every day, from budgeting and measurements to data analysis and decision-making.

Calculus (1 Credit)
This course introduces students to fundamental concepts of calculus, including limits, derivatives, and integrals. Students explore the principles of differentiation and integration, learning how to apply them to real-world problems involving rates of change, motion, optimization, and area under curves. Topics include functions, continuity, the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, and applications in physics, economics, and engineering. Emphasis is placed on problem-solving, analytical thinking, and mathematical reasoning to prepare students for advanced mathematics and STEM fields.

Applied Algebra 1A (1 Credit)
(Specialized Instruction) Algebra 1 standards are adapted to meet the needs of the student.

Applied Algebra 1B (1 Credit)
(Specialized Instruction) Algebra 1 standards are adapted to meet the needs of the student.

Applied Geometry (1 Credit)
(Specialized Instruction) Geometry standards are adapted to meet the needs of the student.

Applied Algebra 2A (1 Credit)
(Specialized Instruction) Algebra 2 standards are adapted to meet the needs of the student.

Applied Algebra 2B (1 Credit)
(Specialized Instruction) Algebra 2 standards are adapted to meet the needs of the student.

Consumer Math (1 Credit)
This course focuses on essential practical math skills for managing personal finances and making informed financial decisions. Students will apply mathematical concepts to real-world situations, including budgeting, banking, credit, loans, taxes, insurance, and investments. Emphasis will be placed on problem-solving, critical thinking, and financial responsibility.

Science

Physical Science (1 Credit)
This course introduces students to fundamental concepts in physics and chemistry, providing a foundation for understanding the physical world. Topics include the structure of matter, forces and motion, energy, waves, electricity, and chemical reactions. This course prepares students for further study in science while emphasizing the relevance of physical science in everyday life.

Biology (1 Credit)
This course explores the fundamental principles of life science, including cell structure and function, genetics, evolution, ecology, and human body systems. Students will engage in scientific inquiry through hands-on labs, research, and real-world applications. Emphasis will be placed on understanding biological processes, environmental interactions, and the role of biology in everyday life.

Chemistry (1 Credit, Advanced)
This course provides a comprehensive introduction to the principles of chemistry, focusing on the composition, properties, and interactions of matter. Topics include atomic structure, chemical bonding, reactions, stoichiometry, the periodic table, states of matter, and acids and bases. Students will engage in virtual labs, simulations, and real-world applications to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Earth Science (1 Credit, Advanced)
This course explores the dynamic processes that shape the Earth and its environment. Topics include geology, meteorology, oceanography, and astronomy, with a focus on Earth's structure, natural hazards, weather and climate, and the solar system. Students will engage in scientific inquiry, data analysis, and real-world applications to develop a deeper understanding of Earth's systems and their impact on human life.

Environmental Science (1 Credit, Advanced)
This course is an interdisciplinary study of the interaction between humans and the natural environment. Students will explore topics such as ecosystems, biodiversity, natural resources, pollution, climate change, and sustainability. Through scientific inquiry, data analysis, and real-world applications, students will examine environmental challenges and solutions.

Anatomy & Physiology (1 Credit, Advanced)
This comprehensive elective course introduces students to the relationships between the structures and functions of the human body. Through guided notes, videos, and interactive activities, students will explore body systems, physiological processes, and how they work together to maintain homeostasis. Emphasis is placed on real-world applications, critical thinking, and scientific inquiry, preparing students for further studies in health sciences and related fields.

Physics (1 Credit, Advanced)
This advanced-level science course satisfies the high school graduation requirement for physical science. Students will explore the fundamental principles of physics, including the interactions of matter and energy, velocity and acceleration, forces, momentum, and

electric charge. Through problem-solving, experiments, and real-world applications, students will develop critical thinking and analytical skills.

Forensic Science (1 Credit, Advanced)
This course explores the application of science—chemistry, physics, and biology—to criminal and civil investigations within the criminal justice system. Students will examine forensic techniques such as crime scene analysis, fingerprinting, DNA profiling, ballistics, and toxicology. Through case studies, experiments, and real-world applications, students will develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills while gaining insight into the role of forensic science in law enforcement and the judicial system.

CBI Physical Science (1 Credit)
This course is designed for students in the CBI/JAG programs, integrating academic content standards with work-based learning opportunities to support both academic and social development. Students will explore key concepts in Physical Science, focusing on real-world applications that connect science to career readiness. Through hands-on activities, problem-solving, and career-related projects, students will develop a deeper understanding of scientific principles while gaining practical skills to prepare for future educational and professional opportunities.

CBI Comprehensive Physical Science (1 Credit)
(Specialized Instruction) CBI Physical Science standards are adapted to meet the needs of the student.

Social Studies

World History (1 Credit)
This course provides a broad overview of the major events, civilizations, and movements that have shaped human history from ancient times to the modern era. Students will explore the development of societies, political systems, cultures, economies, and belief systems across different regions of the world. Key themes include the rise and fall of empires, global conflicts, revolutions, trade networks, and the impact of technological and cultural advancements.

American History (1 Credit)
This course explores the key events, people, and movements that have shaped the United States from its founding to the present day. Students will examine the

development of American society, government, and culture through major historical periods, including colonization, the American Revolution, westward expansion, the Civil War and Reconstruction, industrialization, world wars, the Civil Rights Movement, and modern challenges.

American Government (1 Credit)
This course provides an in-depth study of the structure, principles, and functions of the United States government. Students will explore the foundations of American democracy, including the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the roles of the three branches of government. Key topics include federalism, civil rights and liberties, political parties, elections, policymaking, and the impact of citizens on government.

Contemporary World Issues (.5 Credit)
This course explores current global events and issues while covering the 12th-grade Ohio social studies standards. Students analyze news, world affairs, and their historical contexts, developing critical research and analytical skills. Through discussions, case studies, and investigative projects, students gain a deeper understanding of global challenges, perspectives, and their impact on society.

Economics (1 Credit)
This course provides students with a comprehensive understanding of economic principles, from personal finance and small business decisions to the complexities of the global economy. Students explore the relationship between history, politics, and economics while analyzing real-world economic issues. Topics include supply and demand, market structures, government policies, international trade, and financial literacy, equipping students with the knowledge to make informed economic decisions.

Psychology (.5 Credit)
This social studies elective explores human development, behavior, and mental processes. Students examine psychological methods, cognition, coping strategies, stress management, and the factors that contribute to good mental health and self-care. Through research, discussion, and real-world applications, students gain insight into the science of psychology and its role in everyday life.

Sociology (.5 Credit)
This social studies elective introduces students to the scientific study of human society, exploring how individuals interact, form relationships, and shape communities. Students will examine the development, structure, and functioning of society through key sociological concepts, methods, and principles. Topics include human interactions,

belief systems, cultural norms, social institutions, and how society influences human behavior.

CBI World History (1 Credit)
This course integrates the study of American government with career-based instruction (CBI), providing students with both academic knowledge and real-world applications. Students will explore the foundations of the U.S. government, including the Constitution, branches of government, civil rights, and public policy, while also examining how government policies and laws impact the workforce and economy.

CBI American History (1 Credit)
This course combines the study of American history with career-based instruction (CBI), helping students connect historical events to real-world applications and workforce development. Students will explore key events, movements, and figures that have shaped the United States, from its founding to the present day, with a focus on how historical developments have influenced industries, economic systems, and career opportunities.

CBI American Government (1 Credit)
This course integrates the study of American government with career-based instruction (CBI), helping students understand the structure, functions, and impact of government concerning the workforce and economy. Students will explore the foundational principles of democracy, the Constitution, the three branches of government, civil rights, and public policy while examining how laws and government decisions influence businesses, employment, and economic opportunities.

Physical Education/Health

Health (.5 Credit)
This course provides students with essential knowledge and skills to make informed decisions about their health and well-being. Topics include personal hygiene, nutrition, mental and emotional health, personal relationships, drug and alcohol use prevention, and sex education. Students will explore strategies for maintaining a healthy lifestyle, making responsible choices, and understanding the impact of health-related behaviors on their overall well-being.

Physical Education (.25 Credit)
This online course is designed to inspire lifelong healthy habits by providing students with the knowledge and skills needed to maintain personal fitness. Through virtual instruction, students will explore key components of physical wellness, including cardiovascular fitness, strength training, and flexibility improvement. Students will set personal fitness goals, track their progress, and engage in independent physical activities while learning the benefits of regular exercise.

Lifetime Fitness (.25 Credit)
This online course is designed to help students develop lifelong fitness habits by exploring a variety of individual wellness activities. The focus is on personal health, general wellness, and self-directed physical fitness. Students will learn about the importance of maintaining an active lifestyle and participate in individual conditioning activities that promote long-term fitness, such as flexibility exercises, strength training, cardiovascular workouts, and mindfulness practices.

Electives

Financial Literacy (.5 Credit)
This course fulfills Ohio's graduation requirement for financial literacy, equipping students with essential financial management skills for their future. Students will learn key concepts such as budgeting, saving, investing, credit management, taxes, loans, and responsible financial decision-making.

Comprehensive Financial Literacy (.5 Credit)
(Specialized Instruction) Financial Literacy standards are adapted to meet the needs of the student.

Spanish 1 (1 Credit)
This introductory online course provides students with the foundational skills needed to communicate in Spanish. Students will develop basic proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing through interactive lessons, vocabulary building, and grammar instruction. Cultural exploration of Spanish-speaking countries will enhance language learning by providing insights into traditions, customs, and daily life.

Spanish 2 (1 Credit)
This intermediate-level online course builds upon the skills acquired in Spanish 1, further developing students' proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

Students will expand their vocabulary, refine their grammar skills, and engage in more complex conversations and written communication. Emphasis will be placed on improving fluency, comprehension, and cultural awareness through interactive lessons, real-world applications, and exploration of Spanish-speaking cultures.

Spanish 3 (1 Credit)
Spanish 3 is an intermediate-level course designed to strengthen students' proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in Spanish. This course builds upon foundational skills from Spanish 1 and 2, emphasizing more complex grammar structures, expanded vocabulary, and greater cultural awareness. Students will engage in conversations, interpret authentic texts, and express themselves in both written and spoken Spanish with increased confidence and fluency.

Creative Art 1 (1 Credit)
In this course, students explore the creative processes of artists throughout history while developing their artistic skills. Through an in-depth study of the elements of art and principles of design, they will learn to analyze, interpret, and evaluate various art forms. By applying these concepts, students will create original pieces and build a portfolio that reflects their creativity, technical growth, and ability to express ideas through visual art.

Creative Art 2 (1 Credit)
In this course, students build upon the skills and knowledge gained in Creative Art 1, further refining their artistic techniques and creative expression. Through a deeper exploration of the Elements of Art and the Principles of Design, students will analyze and interpret complex art forms while developing their artistic voice. They will experiment with a variety of media and techniques to create original works that demonstrate advanced composition, craftsmanship, and conceptual thinking.

Digital Photography (1 Credit)
This course introduces students to the fundamentals of digital photography while allowing them to work at their skill level. Using a digital camera of their choice or one available for purchase through the school, students will explore key concepts such as lighting, color, texture, and composition. Through hands-on projects, they will develop both technical skills and creative expression in photography. The course culminates in a portfolio of original work, showcasing their growth and understanding of photographic techniques and visual storytelling.

Art History (1 Credit)
This course explores the evolution of art across different cultures and periods, examining the social, political, and technological influences that have shaped artistic expression. Students will analyze major art movements, influential artists, and iconic works from ancient civilizations to contemporary art. Through critical discussions, visual analysis, and research, students will develop an understanding of how art reflects and impacts society.

World Music (.5 Credit)
This course explores the diverse musical traditions of cultures around the world, examining how music reflects history, society, and cultural identity. Students will study various musical styles, instruments, and rhythms from different regions. Through listening activities, research, and creative projects, students will develop a deeper appreciation for global music and its impact on communities.

Music Appreciation (.5 Credit)
This course introduces students to the fundamentals of music, exploring its history, styles, and cultural significance. Students will study various musical genres, from classical to contemporary, while learning about key composers, artists, and movements that have shaped music over time. Through listening activities, analysis, and creative projects, students will develop a deeper understanding of musical elements such as melody, harmony, rhythm, and form. This course fosters an appreciation for music's role in society and encourages students to engage with music in meaningful ways.

Business Technology (1 Credit)
This course provides students with a strong foundation in both technology and interpersonal skills essential for success in the modern workplace. Students will develop proficiency in digital communication tools, workplace etiquette, and teamwork while exploring strategies for effective collaboration. They will also assess their personal strengths and learn how to apply them in professional settings.

Computer Programming & Robotics (1 Credit)
Students will learn to code with Blocks, JavaScript, and Python while developing problem-solving and computational thinking skills. They will explore algorithms, pseudocode, and game design, creating interactive projects and programming VEX virtual robots to complete challenges. In the second semester, students will apply their skills to program physical robots for hands-on competitions like Robo-Soccer and the Dynamic Wall Maze. This course blends coding, robotics, and creativity, preparing students for future careers in technology and engineering.

Microsoft Word (.5 Credit)
This course prepares students for the Microsoft Word Certification, equipping them with essential word processing skills. Students will learn to create, format, and edit documents efficiently while exploring advanced features such as templates, tables, mail merge, and collaboration tools. This course provides hands-on practice to build proficiency and confidence in using Microsoft Word for academic and professional settings.

Special Education

Academic Assist (Pass/Fail)
This course provides individualized support for students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan, focusing on their unique learning needs. Attendance and completion of work in Academic Assist are mandatory, and the course is graded on a Pass/Fail basis. Students will work closely with an Intervention Specialist to determine the appropriate level of support needed for academic success. The course is designed to help students develop essential skills, complete coursework, and meet their educational goals in a structured, supportive environment.

Transitions (Pass/Fail)
This course is designed to help students develop the skills needed for a successful transition from high school to adulthood. Areas of focus include career exploration, job readiness, independent living skills, financial literacy, and post-secondary planning. Students will learn practical life skills such as resume building, interview techniques, budgeting, time management, and workplace etiquette. Through hands-on activities and real-world applications, this course prepares students for future education, employment, and independent living.

Career Technical Education

GOAL Digital Academy's Career-Technical Education (CTE) programming provides students with the opportunity to gain real-world skills, industry certifications, and hands-on experience in various career fields. Designed to prepare students for high-demand industries, our CTE courses help bridge the gap between academic learning and practical career readiness.

Through a combination of career-focused coursework, hands-on projects, and potential work-based learning experiences, students can explore pathways in fields such as

healthcare, technology, business, and skilled trades. Many courses also offer industry-recognized credentials, giving students a competitive edge as they enter the workforce or pursue further education.

CTE Courses

Visual Design

CT Visual Design 1 (1 Credit, 1 Credential, 4 Points) Semester Course
CT Visual Design 2 (1 Credit, 1 Credential, 4 Points) Semester Course
CT Visual Design 3 (1 Credit, 1 Credential, 4 Points) Semester Course
CT Visual Design 4 (1 Credit, 1 Credential, 4 Points) Semester Course

This course introduces students to the fundamentals of graphic and video design using industry-standard Adobe software, including Photoshop, Illustrator, Premiere Pro, and After Effects. Students will develop skills in image editing, vector illustration, video production, and motion graphics while working on real-world design projects. Through hands-on experience, students will prepare for Adobe certifications, including:

- Visual Design using Adobe Photoshop
- Graphic Design & Illustration using Adobe Illustrator
- Digital Video using Adobe Premiere Pro
- Visual Effects & Motion Graphics using Adobe After Effects

By the end of the course, students will have a strong foundation in digital media design and a portfolio showcasing their creative and technical abilities.

CT Digital Photography & Media (1 Credit) Full Year
This course combines digital photography, graphic design, and 21st-century business skills to prepare students for careers in creative industries. Students will develop technical and creative skills in photo editing, image manipulation, composition, and visual storytelling. In addition to mastering design principles and digital workflows, students will explore career opportunities, brainstorming techniques, and the business aspects of art, including marketing and entrepreneurship.

CT Business

CO Retail (.5 Credit, 1 Credential, 6 Points) Semester Course
CO Customer Service (.5 Credit, 1 Credential, 6 Points) Semester Course
CO Warehouse (1 Credit, 1 Credential, 3 Points) Semester Course
CO Business of Retail (.5 Credit, 1 Credential, 6 Points) Full Year
CT Productivity Tools (1 Credit, 3 Credential, 9 Points) Full Year

This course provides students with a comprehensive understanding of key business areas, including sales, customer service, logistics, and entrepreneurship. Students will

explore real-world business concepts, earning industry-recognized certifications in retail, customer service, logistics, and small business management. The course is designed to prepare students for careers in business operations, supply chain management, and entrepreneurship. Areas of study include:

- Retail and Customer Service – Earn certifications in Rise Up Customer Service & Sales and Rise Up Retail Industry Fundamentals
- Logistics & Supply Chain Management – Gain knowledge and certification in CLTD Logistics (Certified in Logistics, Transportation, and Distribution)
- Entrepreneurship & Small Business – Learn the essentials of starting and managing a business
- Technology & Business Software – Earn Microsoft Certifications to enhance workplace efficiency

Projects, real-world applications, and career-focused learning will help students develop the skills necessary for success in today's business environment.

CT Information Technology
CO IT Fundamentals (1 Credit, 1 Credential, 6 Points) Semester Course
CO PC Pro (1 Credit, 1 Credential, 6 Points) Semester Course
CO Networking (1 Credit, 1 Credential, 6 Points) Semester Course
CO Security+ (1 Credit, 1 Credential, 6 Points) Semester Course
CT Productivity Tools (1 Credit, 3 Credential, 9 Points) Full Year

This course provides students with a foundational understanding of the rapidly growing IT industry, covering essential concepts in computer hardware, software, networking, cybersecurity, and IT support. Students will develop problem-solving and technical skills while preparing for industry-recognized certifications, including:

- IT Fundamentals+ Certification – Introduction to basic IT concepts and skills
- A+ Certification – Core skills in hardware, software, troubleshooting, and IT support
- Network+ Certification – Networking principles, infrastructure, and security
- Security+ Certification – Cybersecurity fundamentals and risk management
- Microsoft Certifications – Proficiency in Microsoft technologies for workplace applications

Through real-world problem-solving and career-focused projects, students will gain the technical expertise needed for entry-level IT positions and further studies in information technology.

CT Health Sciences

CT Health Science (1 Credit, Prep for STNA) Full Year
Anatomy & Physiology (1 Credit, Prep for STNA) Full Year
CO STNA (1 Credit, 1 Credential, 12 Points) Semester
STNA Prep (1 Credit, Taken with CO STNA) Semester

This course provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary for careers in healthcare while preparing them for the State Tested Nurse Aide (STNA) program. Students will study Anatomy & Physiology, Health Science, and complete an STNA Prep class to develop essential medical skills and patient care techniques. Through hands-on learning, real-world applications, and healthcare industry training, students will gain the foundational knowledge required for entry-level healthcare positions and further education in the medical field.

CT Agriculture
CT Ag Food & Natural Resources (1 Credit) Full Year
CT Animal Science (1 Credit) Full Year

This course introduces students to Agricultural and Environmental Systems, focusing on sustainable practices and responsible animal management principles. Students will explore the impact of agriculture on the environment, food production, and natural resource management while developing hands-on skills applicable to the industry. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to earn Microsoft Certifications, enhancing their technical proficiency for careers in agriculture and agribusiness. Through real-world applications and career-focused learning, this course prepares students for future opportunities in the agricultural sector.

Work Based Learning

Career Based Instruction Anchor
CBI Anchor 1 (1 Credit) Full Year
CBI Anchor 2 (1 Credit) Full Year
CBI Anchor 3 (1 Credit) Full Year
CBI Anchor 4 (1 Credit) Full Year

This course prepares students for the workforce by developing essential job skills and earning Ohio's Work Ready Seal, demonstrating readiness for employment. Designed for students in grades 9-12, the Anchor Class provides resources to help students gain real-world work experience while earning work-study credits toward graduation. Students will learn how to obtain a work permit, conduct job searches, create resumes,

and navigate technology and social media in a professional setting. Additional topics include workplace safety, teamwork, communication skills, customer service, ethics, legal concerns, and entrepreneurship. Through hands-on learning and career-focused projects, students will build the confidence and skills needed for success in the workplace and beyond.

Jobs for America's Graduates
JAG 1 (1 Credit) Full Year
JAG 2 (1 Credit) Full Year
JAG 3 (1 Credit) Full Year
JAG 4 (1 Credit) Full Year

The JAG Program is a four-year course designed to prepare students in grades 9-12 for success in the workforce and beyond, followed by a yearlong support program after graduation. In 9th and 10th grade, students focus on developing essential life and career skills, including leadership, self-esteem, decision-making, study habits, and career exploration. In 11th and 12th grade, the focus shifts to school-to-work transition, job acquisition and retention, independent living skills, and real-world success strategies. After graduation, the instructor provides continued support, ensuring students receive guidance as they navigate their next steps into the workforce, higher education, or independent living.

Credit Recovery

(Powered by Accelerate Education)

Credit Recovery courses provide high school students with the opportunity to retake and pass previously failed courses to stay on track for graduation. These comprehensive courses are available on a case-by-case basis and are designed to help students master essential content at their own pace. Students interested in Credit Recovery should speak with their School Counselor to explore available options and create a plan for academic success.

English Language Arts

CR English 9 (.5 or 1 Credit)
CR English 9 is an integrated curriculum that develops skills in literature, informational text, writing, speaking and listening, and language study. Students engage with thematic units that connect literacy to real-world experiences, emphasizing vocabulary development and grammar skills. Writing assignments include narrative, expository, and

persuasive/argumentative essays, focusing on clear reasoning and supporting details. Semester A emphasizes collaborative discussions, peer review, and authentic assessments that apply learned skills to real-world scenarios. Semester B deepens literary analysis, comparative world literature studies, and multimedia presentations. Students will also develop research skills, learning to evaluate, integrate, and present information effectively across multiple formats.

CR English 10 (.5 or 1 Credit)
CR English 10 builds on the skills from English 9 with a greater emphasis on independence and critical thinking. Students engage in thematic units covering literary analysis, informational text, writing, speaking and listening, and language study. Writing assignments in Semester A include fiction, expository, persuasive, and analytical essays, focusing on evidence-based reasoning. Speaking and listening lessons emphasize collaborative discussions, peer review, and informative presentations. Semester B deepens literary analysis and research skills, guiding students through the evaluation, integration, and presentation of information in both written and multimedia formats. Each unit concludes with a real-world assessment, applying learned skills to practical scenarios.

CR English 11 (.5 or 1 Credit)
CR English 11 is an American Literature course, exploring key literary works and historical documents from 1600 to the present. Organized chronologically, each unit provides historical context and themes relevant to the literature of its era. Students refine skills in literary and informational text analysis, writing, speaking and listening, and language study. Semester A covers foundational works and writing in narrative, reflective, persuasive, and analytical modes, emphasizing evidence-based reasoning. Semester B focuses on 20th- and 21st-century literary movements, evaluating evolving styles, techniques, and multimedia communication. Writing instruction includes research skills, rhetorical analysis, and oral/multimedia presentations. Each unit concludes with a real-world assessment, applying learned skills to practical scenarios.

CR English 12 (.5 or 1 Credit)
CR English 12 explores major works of literature through thematic units focused on self-identity, relationships, alienation, choice, and mortality. Each unit includes poetry, short stories, and novels, encouraging students to reflect on these themes through writing and cross-disciplinary projects. Required readings include Jane Eyre, The Grapes of Wrath, The Alchemist, The Metamorphosis, and Hamlet, along with two novels from the You-Choose list, featuring classics like 1984, Brave New World, and Frankenstein. This course develops critical thinking, literary analysis, and writing skills, preparing students for college and beyond.

Mathematics

CR Algebra 1 (.5 or 1 Credit)
This course reviews foundational algebra skills before introducing more complex concepts. Semester A covers linear models, inequalities, statistics, functions, transformations, sequences, and systems of equations. Semester B focuses on exponential and quadratic functions, graphing, and real-world applications while comparing linear, exponential, and quadratic growth. Additional topics include geometric sequences, polynomials, factoring, radicals, piecewise functions, and rational expressions. The course concludes with a comprehensive review, reinforcing key algebraic concepts.

CR Algebra 2 (.5 or 1 Credit)
This course expands on expressions, equations, functions, and inequalities, emphasizing real-world applications and problem-solving. Semester A focuses on function modeling and graphing, helping students analyze and interpret graphs. Semester B builds on these concepts, preparing students for trigonometry, pre-calculus, and advanced probability and statistics.

CR Geometry (.5 or 1 Credit)
This course explores geometric relationships, measurements, and reasoning with real-world applications. Semester A covers line segments, angles, two-dimensional figures, similarity, triangles, and trigonometric ratios. Semester B expands on these concepts, focusing on quadrilaterals, circles, transformations, area, and volume of two- and three-dimensional objects. Deductive and inductive reasoning are emphasized throughout, enhancing problem-solving skills.

CR Integrated Math 1 (.5 or 1 Credit)
In this course, students develop a strong foundation in algebra, geometry, and number systems. They will simplify expressions, solve linear equations and inequalities, graph equations, and work with monomials and polynomials, including factoring and completing the square. Students will analyze the properties of real numbers, justify mathematical procedures, and evaluate the validity of results. Geometry topics include calculating perimeter, area, volume, and surface area, along with an introduction to basic trigonometric functions using right triangles. Through problem-solving and real-world applications, students will strengthen their mathematical reasoning skills.

CR Integrated Math 2 (.5 or 1 Credit)
This course builds on previous math concepts, emphasizing the application of probability, statistics, functions, and geometry to real-world problems. Students will expand their understanding of polynomial, rational, and radical functions, deepen their study of right triangle trigonometry, and refine their problem-solving skills. Through mathematical modeling and contextual problem-solving, students will integrate their knowledge of functions and geometric principles, preparing them for advanced math courses.

CR Practical Math (1 Credit)
This course strengthens students' foundational math skills while applying concepts to real-world situations. In Semester A, students review arithmetic with whole numbers, fractions, decimals, and integers. They explore the order of operations, equation-solving strategies, and inequalities. Semester B focuses on ratios, rates, percentages, and their practical applications. Students also work with linear equations, interest calculations, and geometry concepts such as area, surface area, and volume. The course concludes with interpreting scatterplots, reinforcing problem-solving skills for everyday use.

Social Studies

CR American History (.5 or 1 Credit)
This course explores the discovery, development, and growth of the United States, analyzing the geographical, economic, and political factors that shaped the nation. Semester A covers early American history, from Indigenous cultures and European colonization to the American Revolution and the early 20th century, emphasizing historical analysis and research skills. Semester B examines the Great Depression, World War II, the Cold War, the Civil Rights and Women's Rights Movements, and America's rise as a global superpower, concluding with current events and modern conflicts. Through historical inquiry, students will gain a deeper understanding of America's past and its impact on today's world.

CR American Government (.5 or 1 Credit)
This course provides an in-depth study of the history, structure, and principles of American government. Students will explore the origins of democracy, the U.S. Constitution, and the roles and responsibilities of each branch of government. Emphasis is placed on how the Constitution shapes government functions and impacts citizens' lives. The course concludes with a project-based unit, allowing students to apply their knowledge to a real-world issue of interest.

CR World History (.5 or 1 Credit)
This course develops historical analysis skills while exploring key events that shaped civilizations. Semester A covers early history, from hunter-gatherer societies to the Enlightenment, examining intellectual, spiritual, and political movements that influenced global interactions. Semester B focuses on the Industrial Revolution, European colonization, World Wars, the Cold War, and modern independence movements, emphasizing connections between historical events and their impact on the modern world.

CR Psychology (.5 Credit)
This course explores human thought and behavior, introducing key theories, research, and terminology in psychology. Students analyze why people think and act the way they do, critically evaluating psychological concepts and current research. Topics are presented through interactive lessons, assignments, and assessments, encouraging deeper exploration and application of psychological principles.

CR Sociology (.5 Credit)
This course introduces the study of society, exploring individuals, groups, and organizations through a sociological lens. Topics include social structures, inequality, gender, race, and social institutions, with a focus on controversies surrounding social change. Students will analyze real-world issues and complete projects that encourage critical thinking and exploration from a sociologist's perspective.

Science

CR Physical Science (.5 or 1 Credit)
This course introduces students to scientific methodology, physics, and chemistry. It focuses on the physical properties of matter and their real-world applications. Through readings, labs, and hands-on activities that connect science to everyday life, students will develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

CR Biology (.5 or 1 Credit)
This course introduces students to key biological concepts, including cells, heredity, and organism interdependence, while emphasizing scientific inquiry and real-world applications. Semester A focuses on the scientific method, cell biology, genetics, and ecological interactions, using interactive modules, labs, and multimedia resources. Semester B explores population dynamics, mutualism, predation, evolution, and biochemistry, highlighting the connections between organisms and their environments. Students engage in self-check activities, quizzes, and unit exams, with teacher feedback provided throughout the course.

CR Chemistry (1 Credit)
This course explores the principles of chemistry, focusing on the properties, structure, and interactions of matter. Semester A introduces the scientific method, atomic structure, the periodic table, chemical bonding, and formula writing. Semester B builds on these concepts, covering chemical reactions, stoichiometry, gases, thermochemistry, kinetics, equilibrium, acids and bases, organic chemistry, and biochemistry. An algebra background is recommended due to the mathematical components of the course.

CR Earth Science (.5 or 1 Credit)
This course explores Earth's dynamic systems and their interactions over time. Semester A covers the universe, stars, planets, Earth's systems, climate, weather, and energy flow, using real-world data, labs, and simulations to develop critical thinking skills. Semester B focuses on plate tectonics, geological processes, Earth's history, and human impact on the environment, encouraging students to analyze natural hazards and resource conservation. Assessments include quizzes, projects, and semester exams, aligning with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and real-world applications.

Physical Education & Health

CR Health (1 Credit)
This course equips students with the knowledge and skills for a healthy lifestyle. Semester A focuses on personal decision-making, teaching students how to find, evaluate, and apply reliable health information. Topics include nutrition, exercise, stress management, and mental health, with an emphasis on real-world application and discussion. Students will reflect on their choices and explore strategies for lifelong wellness.

CR Physical Education (1 Credit)
This course introduces students to exercise, physical fitness, and healthy lifestyle choices, emphasizing the benefits of physical activity and disease prevention. Students will explore fitness types, federal exercise guidelines, and the body's muscular, skeletal, cardiovascular, and respiratory systems. Topics include muscle function, movement, energy systems, and the psychology of exercise, helping students develop a deeper understanding of how the body responds to physical activity for lifelong health and wellness.

Electives

CR Financial Literacy (1 Credit)

This course provides students with essential financial skills and knowledge to navigate real-world money management with confidence. Covering fundamental principles such as budgeting, maintaining a checkbook, and organizing financial documents, students will develop practical strategies for managing credit, debt, and consumer choices. The course also examines how financial decisions impact relationships and lifestyle, preparing students for major life events like education, marriage, homeownership, and raising children. Additionally, it highlights the importance of long-term financial planning, including retirement. By the end of the course, students will be equipped to make informed financial decisions and manage their money responsibly.

CR Art Appreciation (.5 Credit)

This course explores the elements of art and principles of design, helping students understand how artists have used them throughout history. Students will analyze art movements, styles, and masterpieces, answering questions like why artists create art and what defines a masterpiece. Through historical exploration and critical analysis, students will develop a deeper appreciation for artistic expression and its impact on culture.

CR Career Planning (.5 Credit)

Career Planning equips students with the essential skills and knowledge to navigate the career planning process and develop a well-defined career path. Through research, self-discovery, and strategic exploration, students will examine key factors that influence career success and satisfaction. By engaging in a structured process of investigation, they will gain critical insights into their strengths, interests, values, and goals. Upon completion of the course, students will have built a comprehensive and practical college or career transition portfolio that showcases their skills, abilities, and aspirations, preparing them for future success.

Gifted Programming

At GOAL Digital Academy, all second and fifth grade students take the InView Cognitive Abilities Assessment, which identifies students with superior cognitive and creative thinking ability. Additionally, students take the iReady Diagnostic test twice per year in reading and math, which can be used to identify gifted students in these subject areas in second through eighth grade. For students in grades nine through twelve, the Renaissance Star assessments provide similar data.

Teachers are informed if their students perform at a gifted level and use this information, along with other classroom data, to guide instruction. Identification for Visual and Performing Arts Ability involves a two-pronged process in which students are evaluated using a checklist and performance rubric. Students in any grade may also be referred for gifted testing in Cognitive Ability, Creative Thinking, Math, Reading, Science, Social Studies, or Visual and Performing Arts. Identified students will undergo the same evaluation processes.

If special circumstances arise, GOAL Digital Academy will evaluate students using assessments from the approved vendor list provided by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE).

Services Provided in the Gifted Program

Elementary Students (Grades 2-5)

Gifted services at the elementary level are provided to students identified as gifted in math, reading, or cognitive ability. Services are integrated within general education classrooms through differentiated instructional practices.

Middle School Students (Grades 6-8)

Gifted services at the middle school level are provided to students identified as gifted in reading or math. These students receive support from a gifted specialist through the AIM elective course. Additionally, gifted and high-achieving eighth-grade students may take high school courses for credit, allowing them to establish their high school GPA early.

High School Students (Grades 9-12)

Gifted students in high school have access to Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses, as well as College Credit Plus (CCP) opportunities. Qualifications for these programs may vary and could require test scores and/or teacher recommendations.

College Credit Plus (CCP)

Earn College Credit While in High School!

GOAL Digital Academy offers students in grades 7-12 the opportunity to take college courses through College Credit Plus (CCP) during the 2025-2026 school year. This program allows students to earn both high school and college credit simultaneously, with tuition fully covered by GOAL as long as students successfully pass their courses.

Eligibility & Recommendations:

- Open to students in **grades 7-12**.
- GOAL recommends **strong academic performance** and a minimum **3.0 GPA**.
- Colleges may require a **placement test** for course eligibility.

How to Enroll:

1. Meet with a GOAL school counselor to discuss eligibility and requirements.
2. Complete and submit a Letter of Intent Form by March 28, 2025. (This form must be submitted each year, even if the student participated in CCP previously.)
3. Contact your school counselor to set up a required appointment.

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