

EDU-P-5214 – GRADUATION POLICY

Fei Tian Academy of the Arts-Middletown (FTAA-MT) offers two types of diplomas: High School Academic Diploma and FTAA-MT Graduation Diploma.

High School Diploma

Students shall graduate from FTAA-MT by completing the required state and local requirements and at least one year of study at FTAA-MT. Students who have completed the requirements for a Regents diploma are qualified to receive an official high school diploma.

FTAA-MT Graduation Diploma

The FTAA-MT Graduation Diploma recognizes completion of both artistic achievement and academic studies. It is awarded to students who have proficiently completed the dance or music program in addition to completing the requirements for the high school academic diploma.

A student's graduation date is determined by the date when he or she can complete the above graduation requirements rather than by his or her grade level. It typically takes six years to complete the requirements, though some talented students may be able to complete them in four years.

Dance Graduation Requirements

For students who declare dance specialty, the following requirements must be met in order to graduate:

- Must complete all specified dance major courses or satisfy the related requirements of these courses.
- Must complete the 6th or highest year of all required dance courses. Generally 6 years are required, but more advanced students who do not enroll from first year dance must complete all remaining related curriculum through the 6th year and meet all prerequisites and associated standards.

- Required courses include Fundamentals of Classical Chinese Dance (CCD), Tumbling Techniques of CCD, CCD Shen Yun, Chinese Ethnic and Folk Dance, CCD Flexibility, and Classical Ballet.
- Maintain a 70% or higher grade average for all required courses.

Music Graduation Requirements

For students who declare music specialty, the following requirements must be met in order to graduate:

- To give recital longer than 20 minutes, which includes works from at least 2 different musical periods.
- Perform Music Theory at a 5th grade ABRSM level.

Grade Conversion

The table below summarizes the conversion of letter grade, traditional percentage grade, and grade point.

Letter Grade	Percent Grade	Grade Points	Carry Credits
A+	97-100	4.0	Yes
A	93-96	4.0	Yes
A-	90-92	3.7	Yes

B+	87-89	3.3	Yes
B	83-86	3.0	Yes
B-	80-82	2.7	Yes
C+	77-79	2.3	Yes
C	73-76	2.0	Yes
C-	70-72	1.7	Yes
D+	67-69	1.3	Yes
D	63-66	1.0	Yes
D-	60-62	0.7	Yes
F	0-59	0	No

Grade Point Average (GPA)

A student's GPA is computed by multiplying the grade points earned in each course by the credit completed in that course, then adding the products, and dividing the sum by the total number of credits completed.

Sum of all (grade point values x credits)	=	GPA
Sum of credits for all courses graded		

FTAA employs a yearly credit system: one unit (course credit) represents an accumulated length of study equivalent to one instructional period (45 minutes) per day, five days a week, for the duration of one school year.

Incomplete Grades

Students who have not been able to complete the requirements for a subject due to an extended absence or other extenuating circumstances must first get permission from the Director of the Academic Affairs and then meet his/her counselor to establish a time frame for submission of all missing assignments. In such cases, the report card will show an "I" for all incomplete work. When missing work is completed, the "I" will be replaced by the grade earned in the course. Students failing to make up incomplete work within the required timeframe will receive an "F" for all missing assignments, which will then be averaged into the semester's final grade.

Maintaining Good Standing

All students at FTAA-MT are expected to enroll in a minimum of five courses each semester, including dance and music courses.

A student's good standing at FTAA-MT and all financial awards provided to a student are contingent upon, but not limited to:

1. The artistic, physical, and aesthetic suitability as determined by the Dance and Music departments;
2. Satisfactory academic and artistic performance;
3. Observance of principal's rules and regulations; and
4. Timely payment of all applicable tuition and fees.

Loss of Good Standing

Serious, habitual, persistent, or flagrant violation of the rules and regulations of FTAA-MT, committed in concert with or as individual acts, is likely to lead to one or more of the following consequences:

1. Revocation in whole or in part of scholarships or services afforded to the student;
2. Revocation of privileges;
3. Suspension; and/or
4. Expulsion

The Director of Student Affairs shall consider the disciplinary history of a student prior to and after admission to FTAA-MT in evaluating and determining the consequences to be imposed when a student is found to have violated the principal's rules and regulations and/or New York State law.

Causes for Expulsion

A student can be expelled for any or all of the following reasons:

1. Failure to complete the minimum credit hours of a full-time student for one semester (unless a prior request is made to the Principal, in which case the period is extended to one year);
2. Unsatisfactory academic and/or artistic performance, such as failing one course per semester for two semesters;
3. Unethical or immoral behavior;
4. Violation of the principal's rules and regulations; and/or
5. Violation of any laws of the United States

Cross Ref: Parent & Student Handbook
Discipline Matrix
Code of Conduct
Student Admissions Policy
Student Admissions Regulation