

## Graduate From Padre Pio Academy With a Seton Diploma!

### ***Did you know?***

Students who have completed Seton Home Study's credit requirements through PPA during grades 9-11 can graduate at the end of senior year with a Seton diploma if they enroll with Seton for 5.5 credits during their senior year at PPA.

### ***How does this work?***

The easiest way to earn the diploma is to follow PPA's schedule of courses (on the registration form) for each HS grade level. These are the same courses Seton requires for graduation, and enrolling full time at PPA each year keeps students on track to earn the diploma. Seton enrollment while attending PPA in grades 9-11 has benefits, but is only required during senior year if a PPA student would like to graduate with an accredited diploma.

Rising seniors can transfer their PPA high school credits to Seton on a transcript form at the time of Seton enrollment. A Seton counselor will review each student's transcript and recommend courses still needed to graduate with a diploma. Based on the recommendations, students can enroll in classes at PPA and Seton for senior year. For more information on transferring into Seton, please visit Seton's website page on High School Information: <https://www.setonhome.org/admissions/diploma-requirements/>

In addition, when students transfer into Seton during senior year, their PPA high school course credits and grades will be listed as an attachment to their official Seton transcript.

### ***What are the required courses for earning a Seton diploma?***

Seton offers three diploma levels, but most students follow the academic diploma requirements. For more information on all three Seton diplomas, please visit Seton's website page: [setonhome.org/diploma-requirements/](https://www.setonhome.org/diploma-requirements/).

The academic diploma requirements are listed below.

<b>English</b>	English 9, 10, 11, 12	American Literature		
<b>Math Option 1</b>	Algebra I	Geometry	1 additional math credit	
<b>Math Option 2</b>	Algebra I	Algebra II	Advanced Math	
<b>Theology</b>	Catholic Doctrine	Sacred Scripture	Sacraments and Morality	Catholic Apologetics
<b>Social Studies</b>	World History	American History	Economics 1/2 credit	American Government
<b>Science</b>	Biology	2 additional science credits		
<b>Language</b>	2 credits of the same language			
<b>Electives</b>	1.5 credits			

Note: Grammar is required for new Seton students who have not completed the Seton 8<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum. Families should consult with a Seton counselor to find out if their student needs to take this class. Currently, the Grammar course is not being offered at PPA.

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### ***Are there any PPA classes Seton will not accept as part of the 5.5 credits needed during senior year to earn the diploma?***

Yes, there are some exceptions. The required 5.5 Seton credits during senior year need to come from strictly Seton courses which may exclude some elective courses such as SAT Prep and Public Speaking. When taken prior to grade 12, elective classes will transfer to Seton and be counted in the overall high school graduation requirements.

### ***What if a student attends PPA part time?***

If a student is not fully enrolled each high school year at PPA, but wants to earn the diploma, the credit requirements would need to be completed at home or at another school. Courses completed outside of PPA may or may not count towards the Seton graduation requirements. Please contact a Seton counselor if you have questions about whether a course will count or not.

### ***What are the costs involved?***

Pursuing the diploma adds the Seton enrollment cost to the PPA tuition cost during senior year. PPA does not handle the Seton enrollment process or payments.

### ***Why should a student enroll in both Seton and PPA during senior year?***

If a student is serious about graduating with a Seton diploma, enrolling in PPA while enrolling with Seton during senior year will help the student to complete those required credits. In addition to Seton counselors, transcript and grading services, the student will benefit from a live class and teacher at PPA, and can receive guidance on assignments before submitting them to Seton for grading. This combined enrollment offers extra support to keep students on track to graduate with an accredited diploma.

### ***Why is a diploma important?***

A diploma adds an extra assurance for home-schooled students that their high school education has official documentation if it should ever be required.

### ***How do I get started?***

Let us help! We would be happy to walk you through the diploma process and provide guidance for course selection each year. Please contact Johanna Naccash for more information: [director@padrepiolearning.org](mailto:director@padrepiolearning.org).