

Homeschool for Success



High School Checklist

A checklist of goals to complete on the road from homeschool to college

Core Coursework

Math Requirements (4)

- Algebra I
- Algebra II
- Geometry
- 4th year (pre-calculus or higher)

English Requirements (4)

- Grammar & Composition
- Literature (American)
- 3rd year (British, World, Shakespeare, Drama)
- 4th year (Ap English)

Foreign Language (2 of the same)

- Foreign language year 1 (Read, Write, Speak, Listen)
- Foreign language year 2 (Read, Write, Speak, Listen)

Science (3)

- Biology w/ lab
- Another hard science w/ lab (chemistry, physics)
- Soft or hard science (psychology, environmental)

Social Sciences (3)

- U.S. history
- Your state history (if required) may be integrated
- Government, economics or civics (if required)

Electives (6) need at least **22** credits for graduation

- health & physical education
- fine arts – music, art, dance, theater, speech

Recommended

- Computer skills (e.g. Microsoft Office, Coding)
- Research skills (e.g. online & in print)
- Worldview training
- Writing intensive coursework
- Financial training (e.g. Financial Peace)
- Driver's Training
- Career Exploration
- AP coursework where college-ready
- Community college coursework
- Focused effort in areas of strength and interest
- Life skills (childcare, laundry, record-keeping, car care)

Experiences

- Internship
- Long-term service, volunteerism
- cross-cultural travel or service
- Leadership & responsibility
- College fair
- College visits (start Fall 11th grade)

Tests & College Entrance Requirements

- PSAT (Oct. 11th grade; possibly 10th as well)
- SAT I or ACT (Spring 11th, Fall 12th)
- CLEP (to make room in the schedule, not to demonstrate mastery)
- AP exams (May of year course is taken)
- College essay writing (begin summer between 11th-12th)
- Prepare high school records (summer between 11th-12th)
- College applications (submit Oct-Jan 12th grade, according to priority) Apply early admissions if sure this is your top pick.
- Request 3 letters of recommendation from most credentialed or respected individuals early senior year.

E-mail college admissions offices or consult college websites to confirm prerequisite high school coursework and other preferences.