

Record Keeping, Transcripts and Plans for Homeschool High School Students

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Record keeping in High School: Your direct involvement should decrease but your record keeping increases!

Requirements

*The beauty of (homeschooling) is that we are totally free to not only teach the content within these areas as we see fit, but also to define whatever graduation requirements we would like. Additionally, we are *not* getting a diploma from the state, therefore we do not need to meet *any* type of state requirements for such a diploma - the home educating family determines the 'graduation' requirements and bestows a diploma (or not) at their discretion. -John Russell, CHEC Yahoo group April 2006*

Missouri Graduation Requirements

Communication Arts-4 credits
Math--3 credits (4 for college prep)
Science-3 credits (one lab for college prep)
Social Studies-3 credits (1 Amer History, ½ unit Govt)
Health-½ credit
Phys Ed-2 credits
Fine Arts- 1 credit
Practical Arts-1.0 credit
Electives-7 credits include ½ credit personal finance, 2 foreign language for college prep
Total 24 units

College Entrance Requirements from www.collegeboard.com

English: 4 years
Math: 3-4 years (Algebra I & II, Geometry)
Science: 3-4 years with labs (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
Social Studies: 3 years (1 year Amer History, ½ year Govt. ½ year Econ & ½ year World history)
Foreign Language: 2 years in same language; more for mission majors
Fine Arts
Computer skills
College level/AP/Independent study

Plan of Study

Fill in your Plan of Study in pencil! Classes you have finished and classes you plan to take

- Does your plan at least meet Ohio Graduation requirements?
- Does it meet college entrance requirements?
- Does it prepare you for your future career?
 - Engineers need 4 years science & math
 - Nurses need biology & chemistry labs
- Does it fit God's plan for your life (so far)?

Transcripts

Summary of classes and grades used primarily for college admission
Easy to read, uncluttered, one page
Avoid acronyms
Use common educational language

May include brief list of extracurricular activities
Include test scores (SAT/ACT)
Consider adding signature line if an outside evaluator is used

Transcript Examples

<http://www.hslda.org/highschool/academics.asp#transcripts>
<http://www.thehomescholar.com/record-keeping-samples.php>

Assigning Grades

Averaging-average quizzes, tests, homework, labs, etc

Determine percentages before beginning course

Example: homework 10%, quizzes 40%, tests 50%

Final Grade = (average homework score*.10)+ (average quiz score* .40)+ (average test score * .50)

Point System-award grade based on points earned

Example: Read 3 plays 30 points each, write 2 essays 50 points each, see 3 plays 30 points each

Completion of goal. Example: Pass drivers ed or lifeguard test

Sample GPA Calculation

Algebra 1 1 cr. A $1.0 \times 4 = 4.0$

Physical Sci 1 cr. B $1.0 \times 3 = 3.0$

Geography $\frac{1}{2}$ cr. A $0.5 \times 4 = 2.0$

Am. Gov't $\frac{1}{2}$ cr. A $0.5 \times 4 = 2.0$

Lit/Comp 1 cr. A $1.0 \times 4 = 4.0$

Spanish 1 1 cr. B $1.0 \times 3 = 3.0$

Phys Ed $\frac{1}{2}$ cr. B $0.5 \times 3 = 1.5$

Art Apprecn $\frac{1}{2}$ cr. B $0.5 \times 3 = 1.5$

Total credits: 6 cr. Total quality points: 21 pts.

Total quality points (21) divided by total number of credits (6) = 3.50

Honors class grading: A is worth 5 points, B is worth 4 points, etc..

Cumulative GPA= Total points for all years/total credits for all years

How to Design a Class

Types of classes

Content based: When the content is covered, you're finished. Ex: History, Math, "testing out"

Goal based: When you've reached the goal, you are finished. Ex: Foreign language. Points based

Time based: When you've put in the time, you're finished. Example: Music lessons, Phys Ed

One credit = 180 hours in public school = 120 hours for a home schooler (we're more efficient!)

Resources

Setting the Records Straight by Lee Binz, <http://TheHomeScholar.com>

Senior High: A Home Designed Form + U+ La by Barbara Shelton

Home School, High School and Beyond by Beverly L. Adams-Gordon

www.everyday-education.com *Transcripts Made Easy* ebook and more by Janice Campbell

www.upperlevelhomeschool.com 13 week course via email \$45