

High School, Transcripts and College for Homeschool Students

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Record keeping in high school: Your direct involvement should decrease but your record keeping increases!

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 meet Ohio Graduation requirements? 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)

Transcript Examples

<http://www.hslda.org/highschool/academics.asp#transcripts>

<http://www.thehomescholar.com/record-keeping-samples.php>

Carol's Topp's high school transcript spreadsheet <http://tinyurl.com/kpmxypt>

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) + (avg quiz score * .40) + (avg 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

What colleges want

- Transcript
- ACT/SAT scores
- Grades match test scores
- Well rounded
- Interview

College Search Tips

- Read the student newspaper, college course guides, and dorm rules
- Eat in the dining hall. **Stay overnight!!!**

Resources

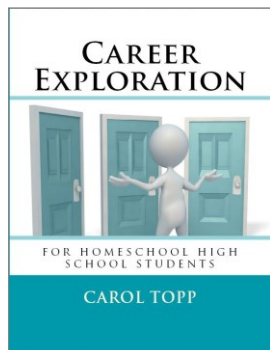
Setting the Records Straight by Lee Binz, <http://TheHomeScholar.com>

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

DollarsAndSenseShow.com 4-part podcast on career exploration and choosing a college



Career Exploration for Homeschool High School Students by Carol Topp

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