

Homeschooling High School

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High School Graduation Recommendations

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including:
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Journalism
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Mathematics – 4 credits

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Social Studies – 4 credits

US History since Reconstruction,
Government, Economics
World History Studies, &
World Geography Studies

Fine Arts – 1 credit

from one of the following:
Art I, II, III, or IV
Dance I, II, III or IV
Music I, II, III or IV
Theater I, II, III or IV

Physical Education – 1 credit

from one of the following:
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(100 min per week)

Elective Courses – 5 ½ credits

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Speech – ½ credit

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Advanced Measures – any 4 items of combination of the following:

- Original research/project that is: a) judged by a panel of professionals in the field of focus, b) conducted under the direction of a mentor and reported to an appropriate audience, and c) related to core requirements
- Test data where a student receives: a) a score of 3 or above on AP exam, b) a score of 4 or above on an IB exam, or c) a score on PSAT that qualifies student for recommendation or commendation
- College academic courses, including dual credit, with a 3.0 or higher GPA

Possible Electives:

Any core requirement courses listed above over and above the recommended credits

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| Junior ROTC | Driver's Education – ½ credit | Reading App & Study Skills - ½ credit |
| Analysis of Visual Media - ½ credit | Media Literacy-Speech – ½ credit | Literary Genres – 1 to ½ credit |
| Creative Writing– 1 to ½ credit | Research and Technical– 1 to ½ credit | Humanities – 1 credit |
| Practical Writing Skills– 1 to ½ credit | Public Speaking I, II, III – 1 to ½ credit | Communication App - 1 credit |
| Oral Interpretation I, II, III – 1 to 3 credits | Debate I, II, III – 1 to 3 credits | Journalism– 1 to ½ credit |
| Advanced Broadcast Journalism I, II, III– 1 to ½ credit | | Photojournalism – 1 to ½ credit |
| Psychology- ½ credit | Social Studies Research Methods - ½ credit | Sociology – ½ credit |
| Health 1, Grades 9-10 – 1 credit | Advanced Health, Grades 11-12 – 1 credit | Computer Science I & II – 1 credit |
| Desktop Publishing – 1 credit | Digital Graphics/Animation – 1 credit | Multimedia – 1 credit |
| Video Technology – 1 credit | Web Mastering – 1 credit | Career Preparation I & II – 2-3 |
| Advanced Journalism: Yearbook I, II, III/Newspaper I, II, III/Literary Magazine – 1 to ½ credit | | |
| Others: Chapter 130. Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career and Technical Education (see on-line) | | |

One Carnegie Credit equals 135-150 hours (180 days equals 1 credit; 90 days equals ½ credit)
 Completion of a high school text also constitutes 1 credit (or ½ credit if listed as such above)

High school courses taught on high school proficiency level and successfully completed prior to Grade 9 count toward graduation

Determining Grade Point Average:

Grade Point Scale for Home School Courses: A=4.0, B=3.0, C=2.0, D=1.0, F=0.0
 Grade Point Scale for IB or AP level Courses: A=5.0, B=4.0, C=3.0, D=2.0, F=0.0

First, list all of the courses with the letter assigned to it, and write down the value of each letter that you received. Next, you determine your credit hours and multiply the value of the letters by the credit hours, which will give you your grade points. Now take your grade points, add them, and then take the answer to that and divide it the total amount of attempted hours. That's it!

| Course | Credit | Grade | Points | Ttl Pts | |
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| English II | 1 | A | 4.0 | 4.0 | |
| Algebra II | 1 | A | 4.0 | 4.0 | |
| Chemistry with Lab | 1 | A | 4.0 | 4.0 | |
| American History | 1 | B | 3.0 | 3.0 | 18.5 / 5 |
| Dance | ½ | B | 3.0 | 1.5 | = 3.7 |
| Drivers Ed | ½ | A | 4.0 | 2.0 | GPA |
| Total for School Year | 5.0 | | | 18.5 | |