

Planning High School Courses

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"Helping parents homeschool high school"

Plan Your High School Courses

College preparation for the college bound AND the non-college bound

Always be prepared! Teenagers change their minds, and academic preparation can't hurt

Cover Core Classes and Capture Delight

Core subjects may look different for each family - cover core every year

Delight Directed Learning: reduces burnout, improves cooperation, and makes learning meaningful

Colleges call delight directed learning "Passion" and it looks different for each child within a family.

Required Classes: Some classes are required for graduation but not covered every year

Cover Every Year	Cover as Needed
<p><u>English: 4 years</u> Reading and writing for 1-2 hours per day</p> <p><u>Math: 4 years</u> At their level, and include senior year</p> <p><u>Social Studies: 3 to 4 years</u> US history, world history, government, & economics</p> <p><u>Science: 3 years with at least 1 lab science</u> Often biology and chemistry, with labs at home</p>	<p><u>Foreign Language: 2 to 4 years</u> Focus on one language to meet the requirement</p> <p><u>Physical Education: 2 years</u> PE can include exercise or health education</p> <p><u>Fine Arts: 1 year</u> Music, art, theater, or dance - or a combination</p> <p><u>Electives: Enough for 22 to 24 total credits</u> Demonstrate a passion. What drives you crazy?</p>

High School Electives

Electives Required by State Law: electives if they don't fit into subject areas: occupational education

Electives Required by Parents: e.g. auto mechanics, critical thinking, Bible, personal finance

Electives Acquired from Delight Directed Learning: e.g. what do they do for fun

Electives can be a class and also an activity - it's possible to repeat similar electives every year

Determine credit value: 1 credit is 120-180 hours or more, ½ credit is 60-90 hours or more

Homeschooling High School during a Family Crisis

Cover core classes if at all possible: math, English, social studies, science

If you can't cover the core, try to finish math, and include reading and journaling.

Plan ahead for a crisis, and "plan around" the crisis year if possible.

Cover your subjects from their beginning. Only drop classes for a true emergency.

Getting Teens to Work – Expect and Accept That Maturity will Occur Gradually

Focus on natural consequences - remember direct "if-then" statements.

Encourage them to work independently - change and growth occurs gradually over 4 years

Resources

The Gold Care Club: budURL.com/GoldCareClub

Free Online Transcript Class: BudURL.com/TranscriptClass

Book: [The HomeScholar Guide to College Admission and Scholarships](#)

EBook: [Planning High School Courses: Charting the Course Toward High School Graduation](#) Coffee Break Book

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