

Churchville Christian School

Questions For High School Level Students

Q: What constitutes a credit? A credit represents approximately 120 hours of work, equating to 40-45 minutes per day over a span of about 180 school days.

Q: How many High School credits are normal for a year? Normal is 7-10 credits per year. For core subjects (English, Math, Science and Social Studies) most students earn one credit in each of these per year. The normal for Art, Music, Physical Education, Health and other electives varies from a quarter credit and up depending on the amount of time spent. Please see High School Graduation requirements at the CCS website, at the downloads.

Note: Students that are on a college-bound track may consider following the Maryland High School Requirements as they differ slightly with the CCS requirements to graduate. *Please search online for Maryland High School Graduation requirements.*

Q: How do you add credits for Dual Enrollment classes at a Community College?

Example, if a student is taking English 101 at a community college and earns 3 college credits for a semester, a full (**ONE**) High School Credit could be awarded for High School Credit, college transcripts are required to be sent to CCS with the Graduation Application.

Q: What if the whole textbook/course was not finished? Partial credit (.25, .5, .75) may be awarded for the amount done. The balance may be awarded when (and if) it is finished, however please see the first part of the question section to determine if, according to the amount of time you put in, the entire credit can be awarded. Just because you did not finish the entire book does not mean you did not do a full year's worth of work (*Example to parents – Did you EVER finish a textbook in high school? But you did receive a whole credit.*)

Q: I didn't use a textbook. How do I determine the credit to give? You must use your best judgement here. If the student worked consistently on something, award a reasonable credit amount. (*For example, a student spends several hours each week searching the family ancestry online and using library resources, etc. If approximately 60 hours have been spent on this research, I would then award .5 credit in Genealogy, as an elective.*)

Q: Report Cards? Most families choose not give letter grades for classes until the High School years, using a Pass or Fail system only. CCS generates High School transcripts from the high school Credit Reports that are submitted after each High School year. The earliest we can begin the High School transcript is after the 8th grade year. It is common for Algebra 1 or a Foreign Language to be taken for High School credit in the 8th grade. At times other classes taken in the 8th grade could be considered High School level also, this is usually decided by the curriculum the student is taking.

Q: What about a High School transcript, how to obtain one? To obtain a transcript you must submit a High School Credit Report listing the courses completed that year, including the final grade and the credits earned. (This form can be downloaded on CCS Website). High school transcripts will be based on the credit information on the High School Credit Report form, please mail the credit report with the annual renewal and portfolio review form. Transcripts are completed on a first come first serve basis, however we attempt to expedite the 11th grade transcripts when possible as they are often needed for college applications. A transcript will be available whenever you need one for entering or transferring schools, applying for scholarships, etc. A completed credit report must be received at least four weeks before a request for a transcript can be fulfilled.

Note: There is no fee for transcripts for years enrolled with CCS, if you would like previous years added that the student was not with CCS, please include \$10.00 per school year that you would like to add.

Q: How do I take the College Admissions Tests? You can also register online at www.collegeboard.org. Please use the School Code 210380 on your registration.

Q: Can I obtain a High School Diploma? Yes, but it is not required, there is a \$45.00 fee. Graduates may apply for a High School Diploma upon completion of all required credits and requested within 12 months of active enrollment. NOTE: Diplomas issued by CCS are not accredited by the State of Maryland Board of Education, however CCS graduates are continuously enrolled in Colleges and University's across the United States every year. It is quite common for homeschool students to be dual enrolled at a Community College during their high school Years. This is one way to complete your high school English, Math, Science, and Social Studies requirements, many of the Community Colleges offer a generous tuition discount for a Dual Enrollment Student. (Note: CCS transcripts are generally accepted, except in rare cases.)

Q: Is there a graduation ceremony? Not at this time, an average of 150-175 students graduate with CCS each year, due to the travel distance we do not have a central graduation ceremony. However, we get emails each year from groups that offer our graduates to participate in graduation ceremonies, please email our office in the spring to inquire. Other options may include a dinner/party with family and friends or participation in a Church graduation ceremony.

Q: How do I get a copy of my High School Transcript? The High School students' transcripts will always be available upon request, please email the request with the full name as registered with CCS. A copy of the transcript will be emailed to you at no charge. Please note: *(If a student has completed High School level work with CCS and a High School Credit Report was submitted, a transcript will be available)*. Sealed transcripts are provided at no cost for active CCS families. For inactive families, if a sealed transcript needs to be sent via U.S. Postal Service, there is a fee of \$8.00, payable on our website.