

Frequently Asked Questions for High School Students

Answer: A credit is equivalent to approximately 120 hours of work. This compares to about 40 minutes per day for about 180 days of home instruction.

Question: How many credits are normal for a year?

Answer: The norm is 7-10 credits per year. For the CORE SUBJECTS (English, Math, Science and Social Studies) most students earn one credit in each of these per year. However, students may be able to earn more. The norm for Art, Music Physical Education, and other electives vary from a quarter credit (.25) and up depending on the amount of time spent. (See requirements for graduation at the CCS Website.)

Question: What if the whole textbook/course was not finished?

Answer: 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 who were in public School – Did you EVER finish a textbook in high school).

Question: I didn't use a textbook. How do I determine the credit to give?

Answer: You must use your judgement here. If the student worked consistently on something, you should award a reasonable credit amount. For example, the student may have spent several hours each week searching the family tree on the Internet. When finished, you may calculate the student has spent over 60 hours total. You could award a .5 credit in Genealogy (As an Elective)

Question: Awarding Grades or a Pass / Fail System.

Answer: Grades are not mandatory for any grade level in homeschooling. However, we do suggest awarding grades for high school work, as this allows for a final Grade Point Average (GPA) for the final transcript.

Question: What about a Transcript?

Answer: Each year the family should submit a High School Credit Report Form (available at the CCS Website) listing the courses completed that year, with the final grade and the credits earned. High school transcripts will be based on the credit information received on the High School Credit Report Form. This form can be

submitted annually upon completion of a high school year or one time at final graduation. The transcript will always be available upon email request.

Question: How do I take the College Admissions Tests?

Answer: Register online at www.collegeboard.org. Please use the school code of 210380 on your registration. The Scores can be emailed to CCS to be placed on the Transcript.

Question: Will I receive a High School Diploma?

Answer: CCS graduates can receive a high school diploma if they would like, but it is not required. However, the final transcript will always be available for the student after homeschooling is completed, provide the high school credit reports have been completed and sent to CCS for processing.

Question: What about attending College?

Answer: Many former CCS students attend colleges and universities both in and out of the state of Maryland. Most community colleges will allow homeschooling high school students to enroll in dual enrollment classes during high school years.

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This is an excellent way to complete your high school core subjects ahead of schedule, and possibly Graduate early if desired.

NOTE: One High School Credit can be awarded a (3) three credit college course.

NOTE: Financial aid may be available at the college you are considering attending.

NOTE: It is a rare instance when the CCS transcripts are not accepted at college or university.

Question: Is there a graduation ceremony?

Answer: We do not have a Graduation Ceremony. Because of the distance, it would be difficult to have a ceremony that would be convenient for all CCS families to attend.

Some options may include a dinner/party with family and friends or participation in a Church graduation ceremony.

NOTE: In the spring months CCS often receive email notices from several groups that welcome homeschool graduates to participate in a graduation ceremony. Please email CCS in the spring to get information.