



High School Handbook

2010-2011

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Please make sure to read the member handbook as well!

High School is a very important time in your homeschooling journey. That is why at the beginning of the school year we will hold a meeting for high schoolers and their families. This will help you map out your high school years.

Planning

High school requires some planning. We are happy to sit down with you and do this. If you would like to do this on your own we have a planning sheet on the last page of this book.

Graduation Requirements

| | Basic Diploma | Advance Diploma |
|--|---------------|-----------------|
| | Credits | Credits |
| ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS | 4 | 4 |
| Four credits to include the equivalent of: | | |
| English 9 | 1 | 1 |
| English 10 | 1 | 1 |
| English 11 | 1 | 1 |
| English 12 | 1 | 1 |
| MATHEMATICS | 4 | 4 |
| Four credits to include the equivalent of: | | |
| Algebra I | 1 | 1 |
| Geometry | 1 | 1 |
| Algebra II with Trigonometry | | 1 |
| Math Elective(s) | 2 | 1 |
| SCIENCE | 4 | 4 |
| Four credits to include the equivalent of: | | |

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| Biology | 1 | 1 |
| A Physical Science | 1 | 1 |
| Additional Life and/or Physical Science | 2 | 2 |
| SOCIAL STUDIES | 4 | 4 |
| Four credits to include the equivalent of: | | |
| World Geography | 1 | 1 |
| World History | 1 | 1 |
| U. S. History | 1 | 1 |
| Government | | 0.5 |
| Economics | | 0.5 |
| History Elective | 1 | |
| PHYSICAL EDUCATION* | 1 | 1 |
| HEALTH EDUCATION | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| FINE ARTS | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| FOREIGN LANGUAGE | | 2 |
| COMPUTER APPLICATION | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| ELECTIVES | 6 | 4 |
| | _____ | _____ |
| TOTAL CREDITS | 24 | 24 |

In addition to the credits above in order to earn an Advance diploma the student must complete the following...

- Have at least once ACT score on file
- Have earned at least 7 service hours per year with CUMCHA

What is a credit?

A credit is finishing a basic high school text book or equivalent to 120-180 hours of work. For ½ of a credit it is usually around 75 hours worth of work. With electives you can count a number of things, such as volunteer work, internships, hobbies and working.

Credits are not determined by the school board but by the cover school, so if you have any questions please ask.

Graduation

Graduation is a very important time in the life of your child and you. We want to make it a very special occasion that they whole family will remember.

Our graduation fee is \$150 and includes the following...

- Cap
- Gown
- Tassel
- Diploma with cover
- 20 full color invitations
- Programs
- Slide Show
- 25 Guest
- Reception

We will give out a Senior packet at our first Senior meeting that will have all the details of the ceremony and things that you and your Senior should do this very important year.

Transcripts

We will provide, at no extra cost, 3 transcripts which we can send to schools for you. If you need more than 3 then each extra transcript will be \$3.50. It is up to you to provide us the information necessary for the transcript, so please give us as much info as possible. If your child attended another school during their high school years we will need the records from that school in order to complete the transcript.

Drivers License

In order to be able to test for your permit or drivers license you will need a form signed by the administrator stating you are enrolled in a school. This form is available on line or in my office, you can request one at anytime.

Work Permit

In order for your student to work you will need a work permit, depending upon the age I may have to sign off on this stating they are enrolled in school. You can find this on our website as well or in my office.

Work Credit

Students can earn up to ½ credit per semester while working. This counts only as an elective.

Service Hours

Students are required to earn 7 service hours per year in order to receive an Advance Diploma. We feel that this builds character and helps students interact with the outside world. This can be done through CUMCHA, their church, ect. All they need is a form signed by someone other than a parent.

ACT Testing

ACT testing is not required by us, but it is very suggested. We suggest that your child take the ACT their Freshman year if they are college bound. Why? This is to ease the testing nerves; it also puts them in the running for scholarships.

Testing Dates

| <u>Test Date</u> | <u>Registration Deadline</u> | <u>(Late Fee Required)</u> |
|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| September 11, 2010* | August 6, 2010 | August 7 – 20, 2010 |
| October 23, 2010 | September 17, 2010 | Sept 18 – October 1, 2010 |
| December 11, 2010 | November 5, 2010 | November 6 – 19, 2010 |
| February 12, 2011** | January 7, 2011 J | January 8 – 21, 2011 |
| April 9, 2011 | March 4, 2011 | March 5 – 18, 2011 |
| June 11, 2011 | May 6, 2011 | May 7 – 20, 2011 |

Please check out the ACT website for info on testing centers and cost of the test. www.actstudent.org

High school code is 969-999

Please make sure to provide us with a copy to include in your file.

More info at <http://www.actstudent.org>

Info on the SAT

I have always found that the ACT was enough of a test for us however if you want to add the SAT to your list here is a great site that provided some great info on that.

<http://www.collegeboard.com/parents/tests/meet-tests/21302.html>

Personality/Career Test

If your child is unsure of the path that they want to take then it may be hard to motivate them. These test provide insight to your child's talents and interest.

The Call - <http://www.thecallonline.com/>

The Call is a faith based career testing that helps your child see their gifts on screen. Sometimes you can't see the forest for the trees, if you know what I mean.

ASVAB - <http://www.asvabprogram.com/>

Career Direct - <http://www.careerdirectonline.org/>

