



H.O.P.E.

Homes of Prayerful Education



High School Frequently Asked Questions

1. Will my child get a diploma?

Yes. If you have met the [SC state minimum requirements](#), you will be allowed to issue a diploma.

2. Will my child get a transcript?

You will be responsible for creating your child's transcript, and keeping it up-to-date. Currently Ann Hazelwood is offering transcript services for a fee.

3. Can my child get into college using a homeschool transcript?

If you have kept your records up-to-date, the transcript you provide should be sufficient for most colleges and universities. Please check with the college admission policies of the college of your choice. Most colleges and universities readily accept homeschoolers, however, there are some exceptions.

4. What do I teach?

Curriculum Requirements for a South Carolina High School Diploma

The student must earn a total of 24 units of credit in state-approved courses. Your child may earn more than the total number of 24 credits at the completion of 12th grade. I strongly recommend checking with the college your child may be attending prior to his senior year. This will insure that he meets their entrance requirements.

The unit requirements are distributed as follows:

Subjects	Units Required
English/Language Arts	4.0
Mathematics	4.0
Science	3.0
U.S. History and Constitution	1.0
Economics	0.5
U.S. Government	0.5
Other Social Studies	1.0
Physical Education or Junior ROTC	1.0
Computer Science (Incl. keyboarding)	1.0
Foreign Language or Career and Technology Education*	1.0
Electives	7.0

Total †‡	24
* For a student in a College Prep program to meet the state high school diploma requirements, one unit must be earned in a foreign language (most four-year colleges/universities require at least two years of the same foreign language); for a student in a Tech Prep Program, one unit must be earned in a Tech Prep Program, one unit must be earned in Career and Technology Education.	

5. Where do I get Curriculum?

You must purchase your own curriculum. HOPE does not provide, nor sell, curriculum.

The following publishers offer complete curricula for each grade level. You can purchase all or portions of their products depending on your child's needs.

Abeka www.abeka.com 1-877-A BEKA BOOK

Bob Jones www.bjup.com 1-800-252-4348

Alpha Omega Publications www.aop.com 1-800-622-3070

Sonlight www.sonlight.com 1-303-730-6292

Apologia (science) www.apologia.com 1-888-524-4724

Curriculum Express: www.curriculumexpress.com

Homeschool Resource Distributors:

Christian Book Distributors www.christianbook.com 1-800-247-4784

Rainbow Resource Center www.rainbowresource.com 1-888-841-3456

The Book Peddler www.the-book-peddler.com

6. What do I do about a driving permit and Driver's Ed?

Getting a Permit -

Please take with you the following documents:

-The student's birth certificate - must be 15

-The student's Social Security Card

-Proof of residency - any recent utility bill or tax documentation

-Proof of homeschooling - HOPE will supply this to you at the beginning of the school year.

Depending on when you go to get your license, the DMV may request a more recent letter, contact [Ann Hazelwood](mailto:Ann.Hazelwood@hope.edu). Please allow at least 1 week notice for Ann to get this form for you!!

Getting a License -

<http://www.dmv.org/sc-south-carolina/teen-drivers.php>

You will need the following form completed to get a driver's license. You do not have to complete part 2. <http://www.scdmvonline.com/DMVNew/forms/pdla.pdf>

Insurance discounts -

Driver's Ed: This varies with insurance companies, but the majority of them require that you have a certified driving instructor teach your child or you may not receive the insurance credit. However, the tuition for a private driving school is approximately the same amount as the Driver's Ed discount.

Good Student Discount (10-15%) If your insurance company offers a good student discount, you can use your semi-annual progress report as proof for this discount.

7. What do I do about courses I don't feel comfortable teaching?

Many publishing companies offer video courses that can be used with more difficult subjects.

CHOICE offers classes for high school credit through our [ETC](#) Classes.

High School juniors and seniors are also eligible to take college courses for credit. See question 13 below for more information.

Online courses are also available at:

- [Hewitt Homeschooling](#)
- [Carolina Homeschooler](#)
- [The Potter's School](#)

8. What do I need to know about grading?

High school students' grades must be reported as numerical grades (not letter grades) for transcripts for college applications and for class ranking purposes. The SC legislature approved a Uniform Grading Scale that is used to determine the student's grade point average for all the completed high school level courses. The information can be found on the SC Dept of Education website. Calculating the GPA is fairly complex. HOPE will do this for you when I make your transcript. I also calculate all seniors' GPAs for the class ranking, as well as juniors' GPAs for Junior Marshall's.

The South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy provides for different course levels depending on the difficulty of the work done. Courses with more difficult work may be given honors level status and will receive a higher score when converted to the uniform grading scale.

9. What counts towards class ranking?

In calculating the GPA for class ranking, only classes considered as high school level classes are included. For example, Pre-Algebra is not considered a high school level course. Taking Pre-Algebra in 9th grade will count as a math for that year, but it is not counted toward graduation credits or the student's GPA. This is the [SC Grading Policy](#) for completing the class ranking for the scholarship money.

All students who submit grades in 9th – 12th grades will be included in the class ranking. For more information about the Uniform Grading Scale, [click here](#).

10. What is a College Prep (CP) course?

College Prep courses use standard high school textbooks and are the standard high school level courses. The student must complete the majority of the text. You may use a combination of curriculum or unit studies but be careful to research what the public school work for the class involves and plan to meet or exceed that level. High school college prep course standards can be found at [the SC DoE website](#).

11. What is an Honors (H) course?

Honors courses are advanced courses offered in the core subject areas (science, math, history, English.). They are also offered in the third level of any other course except for Physical Education (eg. Spanish 3 could be designated as honors). The requirements for honors courses are greater than for college prep courses. Textbooks and/or other course materials must be differentiated and more

rigorous than those used in college prep courses. An honors course must have a published syllabus that verifies that it is sufficiently beyond the college prep requirements

12. What is an Advanced Placement (AP) course?

Advanced Placement courses are taught at college level using college level textbooks. AP courses have pre-requisites at the high school level. (For instance, to take AP Biology, a student would need to have completed high school biology and chemistry.) Home schoolers may call a course AP if they meet the requirements for that course set out on the [AP website](#). Homeschoolers may take any AP exam - even if they have not taken an AP level course. Successful completion of an AP exam does not allow you to call the course AP. The course must meet the AP requirements.

13. What is the difference between Dual Credit and Dual Enrollment?

Dual Credit or Dual Enrollment courses are those taught at a local college. The student is given credit for both the high school (1 unit) and college level (typically 3 hours). Some of the local colleges which offer dual enrollment classes are [Southern Wesleyan University](#), [Tri-County Tech](#), [Anderson University](#) or [North Greenville University](#) and [Piedmont Tech](#). You must supply the college with a current transcript. Some colleges require the ACT or SAT to be taken prior to acceptance, others have an entrance exam of their own. You are responsible for any fees incurred with dual enrollment. To receive proper credit on the high school transcript, please submit a copy of the college transcript. Only credit bearing courses are eligible for dual credit. Remedial courses and courses which do not list credit earned will not be accepted. If your child fails a credit college course, this will be reported on the high school transcript. Dual Credit courses receive a higher credit point than typically college prep courses.

14. What about the PSAT and SAT?

High School students are encouraged to take the SAT or ACT exams. Many colleges require them for entrance. They are also used to determine scholarship eligibility. Home school students are not required to take end of year state exams. Some curriculum publishers offer exams for purchase for their courses.

SAT- If you are interested in registering for the SAT please contact the College Board for a registration packet. www.collegeboard.com

PSAT - Please click [here](#) for more info about the PSAT.

15. How do I find out about scholarships?

You may find available scholarships at www.scholarship.com or checking the reference section of your local library.

Homeschoolers are eligible for the [Palmetto Fellows Scholarship](#). Click here for [eligibility requirements](#). In order to be eligible through HOPE, you need to join HOPE by the beginning of your junior year.

For information on the LIFE Scholarship, [click here](#).

HOPE does not allow members to join more than one accountability association! If you do this, you will be disqualified from scholarship eligibility, and will lose your membership in both CHOICE and HOPE.

Here is a very helpful [College Resource Manual](#) and [website](#) to help your child prepare for college.

16. What types of electives does my child need?

This is where you get to be creative as you build upon your child's interests and strengths. You can create a course that meets your child's needs. A 1-**semester** course equals about 90-100 physical hours. These hours can be spent reading a book on the subject, writing a report on the subject, creating a project or actual participation. Keep track of the hours spent on the activity and you have met the requirement. If you need help on what to include, check out a high school catalog with course descriptions. Here are some suggestions:

- P.E. - any type of sports or lessons such as archery, tennis, etc.
- Home Economics - Planning a preparing meals, sewing, 4H programs, budgeting, child care
- Music - Lessons, practice, theory study, choral societies
- Foreign Language study
- Art - Lessons, self-taught programs, videos
- Theater - Play performances (attendance, actual participation on stage, behind the scenes)
- Bible Studies
- Carpentry
- Car Repair
- Computer Science

17. Will my child get to participate in a graduation ceremony?

Yes. CHOICE offers an annual Graduation Ceremony, typically held the second Saturday in May.

18. Can my child graduate with honors?

Yes. In order for your child to graduate with honors he/she must meet the following requirements:

- 3.5 grade-point average based on a 4.0 scale..
- test score of 1200 (SAT) or 26 (ACT) or 120 (Verbal/Math – PSAT)
- 90% on the composite battery on the IOWA, Stanford, or California achievement tests would also be accepted.

For more information, please visit the [National Home School Honor Society](#).

19. What if my child is ready for High School credit before 9th grade?

Students in 7th and 8th grade may earn high school credit for courses in core subjects (not including Electives or PE). Typically one may be earned in 7th grade and two in 8th grade and should be transferable to another school.

20. Can we participate in programs sponsored by the public school (sports, music, etc.)?

As of the 2012-2013 school year, home school students are eligible to participate in public school programs. [Click here for more information.](#)