

# High School Grades and Credits

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## Translate normal, natural homeschooling into the love language of colleges: grades and credits

### How to Determine High School Credits: think about swimming

- Credits are a measurement of how long and how hard the student worked
- Credit for high school level work at any age, or hours worked at high school age
- One credit: one hour per day, one whole textbook, too many hours to count, 120-180 hours
- Half credit: one half hour per day, one semester curriculum, 2 hours per week, 60-90 hours
- Be honest and include what they do, what they know, and what they produce

### How to Determine Grades: think about piano lessons and how to evaluate without tests

- Transcript grade is the sum of all your evaluations. How to estimate grades:  
Grade A: parent is not annoyed, child shows mastery not perfection, meets high expectations, high test scores, or the child loves the subject  
Grade B: parent is somewhat annoyed, child does pretty well, not worth an A, might have been a curriculum problem, but they should have done better  
Grade C: parent is very annoyed and even disappointed; child did not do very well at all, but kept going to the next level
- Not recommended: pass or fail grades, giving a D or F (repeat or remove the class instead)

### Grading Scale: grading scales vary, just choose one and be consistent

- Example 1: 97-100% = A+, 93-96% = A, 90-92% = A-, 87-89% = B+, 83-86% = B, 80-82% = B-, 77-79% = C+, 73-76% = C, 70-72% = C-, 67-69% = D+, 63-66% = D, 60-62% = D-, <60% = F
- Example 2: A=4.0, B=3.0, C=2.0, D=1.0, F=0
- Example 3: 93-100% = A, 85-92% = B, 75-84% = C, 70-74% = D, Below 70% = F
- Example 4: 90-100% = A, 80-89% = B, 70-79% = C, 60-69% = D, Below 60% = F

### GPA: How to Determine Grade Point Average

- Multiply each class: class grade x class credit = grade points for that class
- Add the grade points for all classes; divide by total number of credits = grade point average

### Detailed Grading Criteria: include what they do, what they know, and what they produce

Grading criteria using no tests

| Reading<br>-----1/3 grade----- |      | Participation<br>-----1/3 grade----- |      | Analysis<br>-----1/3 grade----- |      |
|--------------------------------|------|--------------------------------------|------|---------------------------------|------|
| Research                       | 100% | Discussion                           | 100% | Oral reports                    | 100% |
| Semester 1                     | 100% | Class                                | 100% | Compositions                    | 100% |
| Workbook                       | 100% | Experiments                          | 100% | Research Reports                | 100% |

Math grading criteria including tests:

| Tests<br>-----1/3 grade----- |     | Daily Work<br>-----1/3 grade----- |      | Midterm and Final<br>-----1/3 grade----- |     |
|------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|------|--|-----|
| Chapter 1                    | 89% | Chapter 1                         | 100% | Midterm 1                                | 79% |
| Chapter 2                    | 82% | Chapter 2                         | 100% | Midterm 2                                | 82% |
| Chapter 3                    | 94% | Chapter 3                         | 100% | Final Exam                               | 94% |

### Resources

[Free] Homeschool Parent Guide to Grades, Credits and Transcripts [HomeHighSchoolHelp.com/Freebies](http://HomeHighSchoolHelp.com/Freebies)

Book: [Setting the Records Straight: How to Craft Homeschool Transcripts and Course Descriptions](#)

Kindle Book: [Making the Grades: A Grouch-Free Guide to Homeschool Grading](#)

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