

High School Planning: Your Goals This Year

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Middle School Train for High School, grades 7-8, ages 12-13

- Purpose for parents: learn about high school and practice record keeping.
- Purpose for children: remedial work if needed and accelerate into high school if ready

Freshman Year Think about College: grade 9, begin at age 14-15

- Provide a college prep plan - teenagers can change their mind
- Focus on core classes: English, math, history, and science
- Learn to homeschool high school
- Keep high school records: transcript and reading list
- Beyond the basic: make a plan for foreign language, learn about high school testing, begin course descriptions and activity list begin to look at colleges
- Read from [The HomeScholar College Bound Reading List](#)

Planning Guide for College Preparation	
English	4 years
Math	3-4 years
Social Studies	3-4 years
Science	3 -4 years
Foreign language	2-4 years
P.E.	2 years
Fine arts	1 year or more
Electives	As needed
Total credits: 20-24 or more	

Sophomore Year Prepare for College, grade 10, begin 15-16

- Begin foreign language, and plan a rigorous courses
- Take the PSAT for practice in October
- Keep high school records including transcript, course descriptions, reading, activity list
- Beyond the basic: Visit colleges. Learn about high school tests. Choose between the SAT and ACT. Begin formal test preparation. Decide on subject tests and take them if needed or helpful. Research the possibility of dual enrollment and learn about college financing, scholarships, and the FAFSA.

Junior Year: Find a College, grade 11, begin at age 16-17

- Junior year is pivotal with many specific tasks. Careful planning leads to great success!
- Research colleges. Go to a college fair. Compare college statistics. Visit colleges in the spring.
- Take college admission tests. Take the PSAT/NMSQT in October. Decide between the SAT or ACT. Study for the test that is best for your child with real tests. Take the SAT or ACT twice in the spring. Take subject tests if needed in the spring
- Complete all high school records: transcript, reading list, course descriptions, activity and awards lists
- Beyond the basic: Learn strategies to save money on college. Learn about the college admission process to get big scholarships. Emphasize test preparation, replacing other schoolwork or workbooks. Consider dual enrollment, subject tests, and CLEP or AP exams. Plan ahead for college admission by practicing essays and applications. Teach important life skills for independent living.

Senior Year: Apply for College, grade 12, begin 17-18, normal graduation ages 18-20

- Apply to 4-8 colleges, "Reach Fit and Safety" both public and private schools.
- Fill any academic gaps. Repeat tests if needed
- Complete the FAFSA in October.
- Finalize high school records. Provide a diploma. Plan a graduation celebration.
- Beyond the basic: Expect 3 waves of scholarships 1) scholarships based on SAT or ACT and GPA, 2) Scholarships based on FAFSA and financial need, 3) scholarships for merit or special application

Expect Dramatic Changes during High School: maturity happens over time, not immediately

- Plan for college, career with college preparation. We homeschool our children, we launch or adults.

Resources

[Free Class] The 12 Keys to High School Success Free Workshop HomeHighSchoolHelp.com/Freebies
For Beginners: The High School Solution: www.HighSchoolSolution.com
For Transcripts plus Course Descriptions: www.ComprehensiveRecordSolution.com
Coordinating Reference Book: [The HomeScholar Guide to College Admission and Scholarships](#)