

HOMESCHOOL GRADUATION GUIDE FOR PARENTS

HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC PLAN

To complete high school, home education students should earn at minimum the core 18 high school credits. This program, as designed, satisfies high school graduation as a homeschooler and meets admission requirements to a Florida University, College or Vocational School.

- 4 Credits English (*English 1-2-3-4*)
- 4 Credits Math (*Algebra 1, Geometry and any other 2 Math Credits*)
- 3 Credits Science (*Biology and any other 2 Science Credits*)
- 3 Credits History (*World History, US History, US Government (.5), Economics (.5)*)
- 2 Credits World Language (*2 Levels of Same Language*)
- 2 up to 8 General Elective Credits (*any course(s)*)

Note: Once the student has satisfied their high school requirements, the parent may proceed to officially graduate their homeschooled student.

HOME EDUCATION GRADUATION PROCESS FOR PARENTS

Homeschool students do not receive a paper diploma from FLVS Flex or the District Homeschool Office. Per the Florida Home Education Law, once a student has satisfied their high school home education program, the parent officially graduates their child.

See **Florida Home Education Law:**

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=1000-1099/1002/Sections/1002.41.html

Parents are advised to follow the 3 Steps below.

STEP 1: PARENT CREATES AN OFFICIAL HOMESCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

Parents are advised to create their own official home school transcripts. In it, parents log all courses / credits earned by their student (FLVS, At-Home Curriculum OR Any local high school program the student attended).

A sample **Home School Transcript** template is included in the Resource Section.

-This home school transcript may be given to Colleges / Universities at the time of application.

-To learn more about Homeschool Transcripts, visit:

<http://www.hslda.org/highschool/academics.asp#transcripts>

STEP 2: PARENT OFFICIALLY GRADUATES THEIR CHILD

The parent, via the Notarized Home Education Affidavit, attests that their child has completed high school as a homeschooler and therefore officially graduates their child. The Notarized Home School Affidavit is what officially graduates the student per Florida Homeschool Law.

A sample **Parent Homeschool Affidavit** is included in the Resource Section.

Recommendation:

-Parents are advised to complete the Home School Affidavit AFTER the student has completed their last high school course.

-The day you notarize is the student's *Official Homeschool Graduation date*.

-Parents are advised to make two or three original Notarized Affidavits: Keep one for your personal records, use one for the College Admissions Office (if an original is needed) and have one for 'just in case'.

-A copy of the affidavit may be provided to future employers as proof of High School Homeschool Graduation

STEP 3: NOTIFY THE DISTRICT HOMESCHOOL OFFICE OF GRADUATION

Submit to your District Homeschool Office the Homeschool Termination form. In addition, parents may provide a *Copy Only* of the Notarized Parent Affidavit.

A sample Homeschool Termination Form is included in the Resource Section.

HOW TO APPLY TO COLLEGE / UNIVERISTY

Home education graduates apply to college just like everyone else, with transcripts and test scores. During the College Admission process, provide the College / University office the following items:

- Notarized Official Homeschool Transcripts (*provide in a sealed envelope*)
- Notarized Home School Affidavit (*provide a copy or original*)
- Test Scores (SAT or ACT or PERT)

Note:

-When applying to college/university be sure to identify yourself as a Homeschool Graduate

-Florida Community Colleges and Vocational Colleges have guaranteed admission to all Home Education Graduates.

-To view GPA and SAT/ACT admission requirements for Florida's 12 State Universities

visit: <https://www.floridashines.org/go-to-college/get-ready-for-college/average-university-freshmen-profile>

RESOURCES

HOMESCHOOL GPA

FLVS Flex is a course provider thus does not calculate GPA for students. However, students/parents are encouraged to calculate their GPA. Homeschooled students applying for scholarships or college admission, keep in mind, the university or scholarship granting institution will re-calculate the student's homeschool GPA.

Parents may use this Online GPA Calculator: <http://everyday-education.com/free-gpa-calculator/>

When calculating GPA - - **input EACH (semester) Final Grade earned** on high school credit classes taken with FLVS and/or Any other school / entity.

COLLEGE ADMISSION EXAMS (SAT / ACT)

Students interested in applying to a State University must take the SAT and/or ACT exam. Students may register online, pay for the tests online, and choose a testing location near you as the test is given on paper/pencil in a face to face setting.

SAT: www.CollegeBoard.com

When filling out your SAT application be sure to denote your school as "Home School" and your high school code is 970000.

ACT: www.Act.org

When filling out your ACT application be sure to denote your school as "Home School" and your high school code is 969999.

NCAA CLEARING

Students planning to play sports in a University / College must apply to the NCAA prior to high school home education graduation. The application process should begin during the Junior year. For help with the NCAA eligibility process contact the **NCAA Help Center: 877-262-1492**

Note:

-NCAA accepts all FLVS high school credits at face value. This is the link to NCAA approved courses:
<https://web3.ncaa.org/hsportal/exec/hsAction?hsActionSubmit=searchHighSchool>. Input the FLVS Flex CEEB code (101541)

-To view a previously recorded FLVS Flex Advising on the NCAA visit:
<https://sas.illuminate.com/site/external/launch/nativeplayback.jnlp?sid=679&psid=2019-01-29.1541.M.4EECC3EF233B3158624EB2B446E253.vcr>

FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP

Florida Homeschooled students who are registered in the county for at least Grade 11 and Grade 12 are eligible to apply for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship.

This is a guaranteed scholarship, IF the student meets qualifications.

To learn more about the Florida Bright Futures please visit (page 4 and 9): <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/PDF/BFHandbookChapter1.pdf>

FINANCIAL AID

All home school students applying to College are advised to apply for need-based financial aid. Completion of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is essential in the college admission process. <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

FLVS TRANSCRIPT

FLVS Transcripts reflect only final grades / credits earned with Florida Virtual School.

To Print a Copy of the student's FLVS Transcript follow the below steps:

- Login to the Student Account
- On the top blue margin click "Student Records" > THEN click "Cumulative Academic Report"
- On center of white page click "Unofficial Transcript". This will list all courses completed and grades earned with FLVS

To Order an Official FLVS Transcript (with school seal and signature) visit our website

at: <http://www.flvs.net/myFLVS/counselor-office/Pages/TranscriptRequest.aspx>

-When using the Parchment system to request your Transcript, be sure to select "*Florida Virtual School*" as the high school transcript you want sent out.

For help ordering or printing the FLVS Transcript, contact our **Help Desk 407.513.3587**

OFFICIAL HOME EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

STUDENT INFORMATION	HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION
FULL NAME:	NAME OF DISTRICT OFFICE:
ADDRESS:	ADDRESS:
PHONE NUMBER:	PHONE NUMBER:
E-MAIL ADDRESS:	E-MAIL ADDRESS:
DATE OF BIRTH:	PARENT/GUARDIAN:
	PARENT E-MAIL:

ACADEMIC RECORD

ENGLISH / LITERATURE				MATHEMATICS			
Course Title	Credit Earned	Final Grade	Servicing Program	Course Title	Credit Earned	Final Grade	Servicing Program
Total Credits:		GPA:		Total Credits:		GPA:	
SCIENCE				SOCIAL STUDIES			
Course Title	Credit Earned	Final Grade	Servicing Program	Course Title	Credit Earned	Final Grade	Servicing Program
Total Credits:		GPA:		Total Credits:		GPA:	

ELECTIVES				ELECTIVES			
Course Title	Credit Earned	Final Grade	Servicing Program	Course Title	Credit Earned	Final Grade	Servicing Program
				Total Credits:		GPA:	

<p><u>ACADEMIC SUMMARY</u></p> <p>CUMULATIVE GPA:</p> <p>CREDITS EARNED:</p> <p>TESTING SCORES: SAT: ACT:</p> <p>DIPLOMA EARNED: HOME EDUCATION AFFIDAVIT</p> <p>GRADUATION DATE:</p>	<p><i>I do hereby self-certify and affirm that this is the Official Home Education Transcript and Record of _____ for the high school Academic Studies of Grades 9-12.</i></p> <p>Parent Signature: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>Notary Signature: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>AFFIX NOTARY SEAL:</p>
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