
Harvest Time
Homeschool Umbrella
Program

High School
2009-2010
Handbook

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High School Information

GRADUATION:

There are two routes you can take in graduating from Harvest Time Christian School's Homeschool Umbrella Program: achieving a diploma from our school or passing your State GED.

HARVEST TIME DIPLOMA:

A diploma can be issued from Harvest Time Christian School, along with a "college acceptable" transcript, for those students who desire to pursue a higher education. Students wishing to follow this course will need to achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher in a high school curriculum that follows the State's credit requirements and score a minimum of 50% on the SAT or ACT. For your planning purposes, a sample curriculum has been included in this handbook.

STATE G.E.D.:

Minimum age and other requirements vary from State to State. Students wishing to pass the GED can contact their local GED center. Harvest Time Homeschool Umbrella Program cannot make these testing arrangements.

PSAT / SAT / ACT TESTING:

Students wishing to pursue a higher education will undoubtedly wish to take one or more of these tests. We recommend that students take the PSAT in the 10th and/or 11th grades, and the SAT or ACT in the 11th and/or 12th grades. These tests can be taken at any local participating public or private school. When taking these tests, your student will need to use our School Code Number. Contact us for more info on study guides and practice tests.

High School Requirements

Listed below are the State of Florida graduation requirements. The State of Florida guidelines are used since Harvest Time is based in Florida. We will work with parents on fulfilling these requirements using their chosen curriculum and teaching method.

When students are enrolled in grades 10-12, we will send a High School Credit Report to be filled out. Taking into consideration previously completed high school courses, this worksheet will indicate which credits are still remaining. This is not a transcript and will not reflect grades or attendance.

IMPORTANT: Seniors need to be registered with us no later than September 1st.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION:

For students desiring to graduate with a diploma, a minimum of **24 credits** must be successfully completed and a **minimum score of 50%** or higher on the 12th grade achievement test.

Required Subjects: (9th - 12th)

English	4 credits
Mathematics	3 credits
Science	3 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Personal Fitness	1 credits
Health & Life Management	1/2 credits
Performing & Practical Arts	1 credits
Electives	8 1/2 credits
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Total	24 credits

EXPLANATION OF BASIC REQUIREMENTS:

English: A combination of Grammar, Literature, Composition, Vocabulary, Research, and so on. Comprehensive Literature programs may earn an additional English credit.

Mathematics: Completing Algebra 1 is strongly encouraged in the basic plan. Other Mathematics include Consumer Math, Business Math, Applied Mathematics, Geometry, Pre-Algebra, Algebra 2, Trigonometry, and so on. Algebra 1 is required for students in or planning to dual enroll with a local college.

Science: Biology is required in the basic plan. Other Sciences may be Earth Science, Botany, Zoology, Astronomy, Chemistry, Physics, Oceanography, Creation Science, Anatomy, General Science, and so on.

Personal Fitness: Typically is Physical Education combined with Health. The first half credit of any Physical Education program is applied toward the Personal Fitness requirement.

Life Management Skills: Includes Home Economics, Money Management, CPR or anything else the parent chooses. Many parents use this course as an opportunity to discuss dating vs. courting, abstinence, sexually transmitted diseases, abortion, pregnancy, and so on.

Performing Arts: Consist of Chorus, Band, Art and Music Appreciation, Drama, Drawing, Dance, Sculpting, and so on.

Practical Arts: Consist of Computer, Drafting, Business, and so on. In the basic plan, the student may fulfill that credit with either Performing or Practical Arts, or they may use a combination of both.

Electives: These may consist of Driver's Education, Music, Drama, Foreign Language, Home Economics, work experience, vocational courses, volunteer work, activities in scouting, and so on.

COLLEGE PREP PLAN:

English	4 credits
Mathematics	3 credits
Science	3 credits
American History	1 credits
World History	1 credits
Economics	1/2 credits
American Government	1/2 credits
Health & Life Management	1/2 credits
Physical Education	1 credits
Performing & Practical Arts	1 credits
Foreign Language	2 credits
Electives	6 1/2 credits
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Total	24 credits

EXPLANATION OF COLLEGE PREP PLAN:

Mathematics: Algebra 1, Algebra 2, and any other upper Mathematics are required.

Science: Three Science courses are required. General Science is not part of the College Prep Plan. Two Sciences, must have lab. Most homeschool Biology, Chemistry, and Physics curriculum contain lab. In some cases Earth / Space Science will contain lab. Though helpful, attending separate lab class is not necessary. Other excepted Sciences are Marine Biology, Astronomy, and so on.

Foreign Language: Is strongly recommended in this plan. The majority of colleges and universities will not require Foreign Language if the child has successfully completed it in high school. This will save the family a considerable amount of money. Please note that it must be two years of the SAME language. Many colleges are now accepting American Sign Language as a Foreign Language.

SYSTEM OF GRADING:

A	=	100 - 94
B	=	93 - 85
C	=	84 - 76
D	=	75 - 70
F	=	69 - 00

Grade Point Average is determined by averaging the following point values for each letter grade.

	A	B	C	D	F
Honors:	4.08	3.08	2.08	NA	NA
Basic:	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	0

Testing Requirements

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- SAT I and II** -- a combined score of 1200 or better, for all subjects.
- ACT** -- Academic Diploma requires a composite score of 21 or better.
-- Basic Diploma requires a composite score of 18 to 20.
-- Vocational Diploma requires a composite score of 15 to 17.
- CPT (*College Placement Test*)** -- Academic Diploma requires a 92 or higher for all subjects.
-- Basic Diploma requires a 82 or higher for all subjects.
-- Vocational Diploma 72 or higher for all subjects.
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Other Information

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

Harvest Time Homeschool Umbrella Program can provide you with basic scholarship information, other sources include your public library, the Internet, or your local community college.

For Florida students, contact us if you are interested in the Bright Futures Scholarship information.

COMMUNITY SERVICE / VOLUNTEER WORK:

Concerning community service / volunteer work, one-half credit in Social Studies and / or half elective credit may be obtained by the completion of non-paid voluntary community service. Students choosing this option shall complete a minimum of 75 hours of service in order to earn the one-half credit in either category of instruction.

Credit may not be earned for service provided as a result of court action. Moreover, many scholarships require community service hours.

RECOGNITION OF EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

At Harvest Time we believe students should receive recognition of all activities. We may reward credit for participation in choir, dramatic presentations, music lessons, dance lessons, sport activities, and scouting activities. We also reward credit for driving lessons resulting in the obtaining of a driver's license.

When the parent submits the child's report, include activities and events the child has participated in that semester. Parents may list them on the back of the Report Card. For one-half credit the student needs to complete 60 -75 hours. For a full credit the hours would be 120 -150. Hours are not counted for academic courses. Credits will be rewarded when appropriate.

Elective subjects may not include more than a total of 9 credits of remedial and compensatory subjects, or 3 credits in practical home economics subjects.

Students entering a State supported University after the 1986 - 1987 school year must have 2 credits in a sequential foreign language. (This requirement is for State of Florida Universities. Check with colleges in your home State for similar requirements.)

CAREER AND EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT:

Local homeschoolers can contact HCC for Dual Enrollment opportunities at 813-253-7000. For non-local homeschoolers check your local Community College or University for Dual Enrollment opportunities.

APPRENTICE PROGRAMS:

Family and / or friends that own a business are excellent resources for an apprentice program. Examples of programs are: Automotive Fields, Veterinary Tech, Medical Tech, Computer Tech, Construction Fields, and so on.