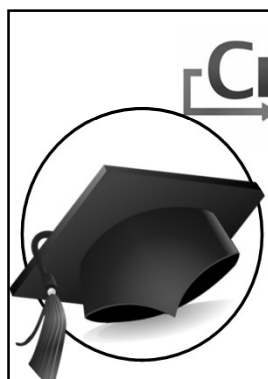


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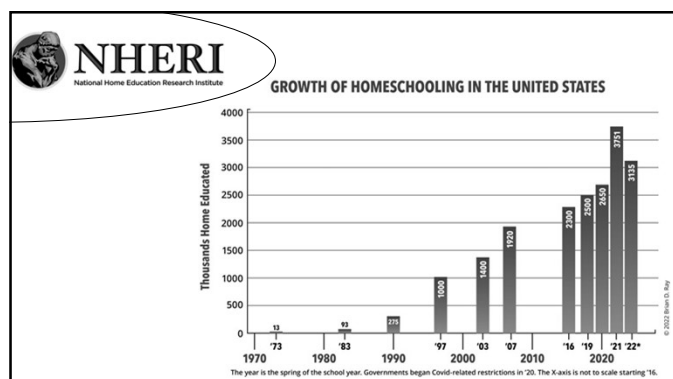
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- 01 IDENTIFY YOUR WHY
- 02 BUILD A COMPREHENSIVE MULTI-GRADE PLAN
- 03 INCLUDE STUDENT INSPIRED LEARNING

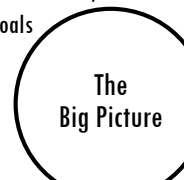


01 Identify your Why



Why are YOU Homeschooling?

1. Faith integration into education, decisions, relationships
2. Develop healthy family and peer relationships (time together)
3. Parent guidance through teen years (moderate outside noise)
4. Individualized education focused on interests / goals
5. Efficient use of time, flexible scheduling
6. Involvement in real-world education
7. Foster critical thinking, build resilience



The Big Picture

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What are YOUR Challenges?

1. Time
2. The cost
3. Lack of information — resources, career, college-prep
4. Am I doing enough?
5. Feeling ill-equipped to teach high school level
6. Student's emotions or attitude

Face,
don't fear,
your challenges

Our Why

Graduate Equipped...

To graduate creative, resourceful, critical thinkers
who love the Lord and are positioned to act on His Call.

Parent Perspective:

“Follow our plan until you have something better.”



02 Build a Comprehensive Multi-Grade Plan

Elementary

Day-to-Day Planning

- ◆ Love of Learning
- ◆ Three R's
- ◆ Play & Experiences

Secondary

Comprehensive Plan

- ◆ Pass the Baton
- ◆ Keep Good Records
- ◆ Skills & Experiences

Parent: Facilitates

Student: Self-directed learner

Graduating Your Homeschool Student

- YOU set your student's graduation requirements
- YOU prepare your student's transcript
- YOU sign your student's diploma

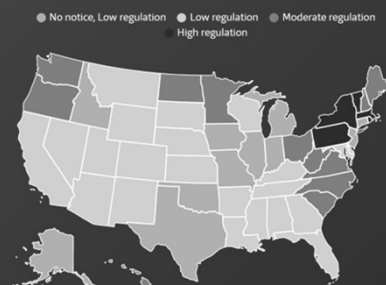


Iowa Homeschool Laws (hslsda.org)

Iowa Homeschool Law At a Glance

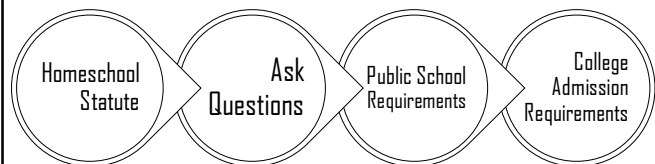
- Options for Homeschooling: Five
- School Required for Ages: 6-16
- Notification Required: Yes, except options 1 and 2
- Teacher Qualifications: No
- State Mandated Subjects: No, except option 1
- Assessment requirements: No, except option 4
- Immunization requirements: Yes, except options 1 and 2

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START: Understand the Requirements



Grades 7-12
High School: not just grades 9-12, but ALL high school-level courses

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COURSES & CREDITS

**STARTING
with
Academics**

CORE
Math • Science
Social • English

ELECTIVES
Health/PhyEd • Fine Arts
Languages • Electives

MATH 3-4 credits

High School-LEVEL courses

- Algebra 1 (even if prior to grade 9)
- Geometry
- Algebra 2
- Optional: Statistics • Pre-calc • Calculus

Transcript: document highest 3-4 math credits
STEM-college students: 4 math

SCIENCE 3-4 credits + 2 Labs

- Physical —or— Earth/Integrated
- Environmental (optional but popular — biological science)
- Biology
- Chemistry • Physics • Astronomy (physical science)

Recommend: Minimum 1 biological and 1 physical science.
STEM students: 4 science

SOCIAL STUDIES 3+ credits

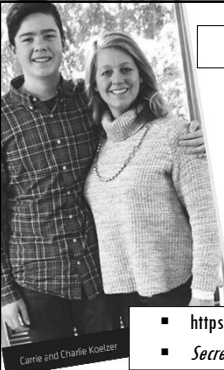
- 1 US History
- .5 Government and Citizenship / Civics
- 1 World History and Geography
- .5 Economics
- Optional: Psychology, World Religions, etc.
- TIP: Align English and Social Studies Literature

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ENGLISH 4 credits

- Grade 9: Literature & Composition
- Grade 10: Literature & Composition
- Grade 11: College Comp (PSEO) + Speech (PSEO)
- Grade 12: College-degree specific

Skills-Based Learning vs Content-specific



#1 Employment Skill: Effective Communication

TABLE TALKS: Inform * Impact * Opinion
Summarize * Understanding * Critical Thinking

- Age-level Current Events: *God's World News*
- Marketplace- Trade Magazine: *Enterprise Minnesota*
- Interest or Nature: *MN Conservation Volunteer*

- <https://CreditsBeforeCollege.com/enterprise-minnesota-table-talks/>
- Secrets of World Changers* by Dr. Jeff Myers, Summit Ministries

ELECTIVES 2-8 credits

.5 Health / .5 Phy Ed

1-2 Fine Arts; Career and Technical Ed

0-4 World Language (it depends!)

2-7 Electives: Worldview/Biblical Studies, Personal Finance, Career Exploration, Carpentry, CPR, Computer Application, Creative Arts, Entrepreneurship

TIP: Computer Skills @ gcfglobal.org

Total Credits
22 - 28

Reminders

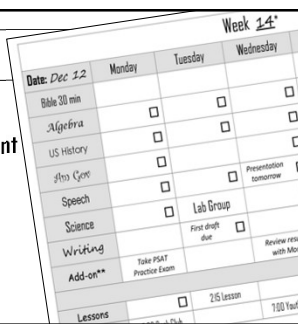
You are homeschooling for a reason ...

- HISTORY (Character)
- SCIENCE & MATH (Order and Reason)
- ENGLISH (Ambassadors for Christ)
- FINE ARTS (God is creative)

- To the best of your child's ability. YOU determine the standards for your child.
- Character over Curriculum
- Wisdom over Grades
- Don't get distracted from YOUR WHY

Keep on Schedule

- HS credits awarded upon completion
- Teach accountability, time management
- Assign target dates
- Require student "Week Planner"
- Limit screen time to encourage real-world learning



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03 Include Student Inspired Learning

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(1) Mastery vs. Exposure

- ✓ Based on Career & College Goals
- ✓ Dive deep into targeted subjects and interests
- ✓ Expose and broaden understanding for others

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(2) Learning Style

- Target Your Student's Learning Style
- Vark-Learn.com**
"Study smarter, not harder!"



(3) Experiential Learning

Practical Applications

- ✓ Projects
- ✓ Teams and Clubs (robotics club)
- ✓ Real-World involvement and application
- ✓ "Husband skills"



Fostering Curiosity CreditsBeforeCollege.com/Be-Curious

(4) Time to Express Creative Energy

- | | |
|--------|-------------|
| Music | Hobbies |
| Food | Art |
| Sports | Photography |
| Build | Coding |
| Garden | Design |
| Video | Write |
| Invent | Experiment |



(5) Life Skills for Adult Role

1. Home Care and Repair — tools, painting, appliances
2. Money Management — budgeting, credit cards, paying taxes
3. Employment — resume, cover letters, job boards
4. Transportation — public transportation, uber apps
5. Personal well-being — first aid, gardening, keeping medical records
6. Citizenship — involvement, evaluate news sources, express opinion

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(6) Make Faith Personal

70% of high school graduates stop attending church.

Nones - 23% "What is your religious tradition?"

► Head Knowledge (fact) —

Learning *Surprised by Faith*, Don Beirle

► Heart Knowledge (experience) —

Prayer, music, friendship, participation in experiences

Worldview ~ Summit Ministries, Dr. Jeff Myers



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(7) Experiences to Bridge Education -> Vocation

College/Career Goals	HS Experiences	
Missions or Service	• International missions trip	
Employment	• Part-time job, team activities	
Travel / Experience	• Volunteering w/ other cultures	
Military / Reserves	• Civil Air Patrol, Scouts	
Apprenticeship	• Internship	
Bible Institute	• Toastmasters, Camp Leadership	
Technical College	• Computer skills, CPR, Robotics	
Community College	• Part-time job, internship	
4-Year University	• Personal finance course	

Choose Best over Busy

Does it check at least one box?

- ☐ Will you learn a new skill?
- ☐ Does it pay really well?
- ☐ Do you have the opportunity to be mentored or involved in something you are passionate about?
- ☐ Is it a stepping stone toward your future?

Build Your Plan

- Pencil in CORE gr 7-12
 - * Avoid missing subjects
- Teach it once across grades 7-12
 - * Opens up time to pursue other interests
- Bundle like-subjects
- Schedule electives, experiences, skills
- Involve your student

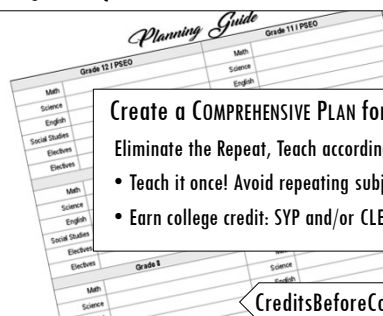


Adjust your Plan

Create a COMPREHENSIVE PLAN for gr. 7-12

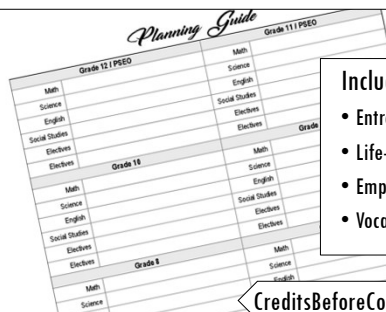
Eliminate the Repeat, Teach according to Worldview

- Teach it once! Avoid repeating subjects across grades 7-12
- Earn college credit: SYP and/or CLEP & DSST



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Customize your Plan!



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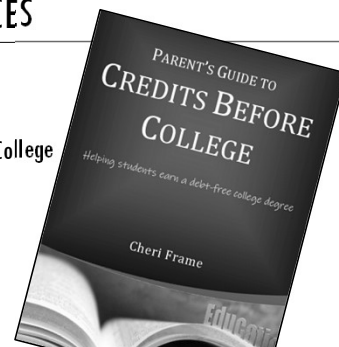
- Entrepreneurship Opportunities
- Life-skill experiences
- Employability skills
- Vocation-specific experiences

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Get Started RESOURCES

- ◆ Parent's Guide to Credits Before College

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Thank You!