


Homeschool High School and Beyond



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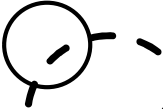
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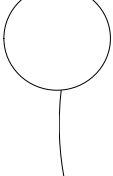
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- 01 IDENTIFY YOUR WHY
- 02 BUILD A COMPREHENSIVE MULTI-GRADE PLAN
- 03 INCLUDE STUDENT INSPIRED LEARNING

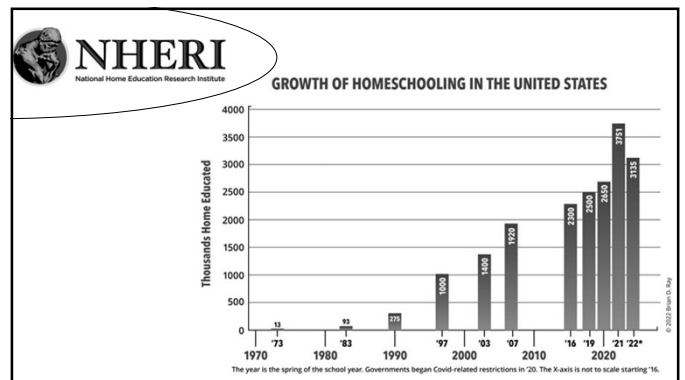
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01 Identify your Why



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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

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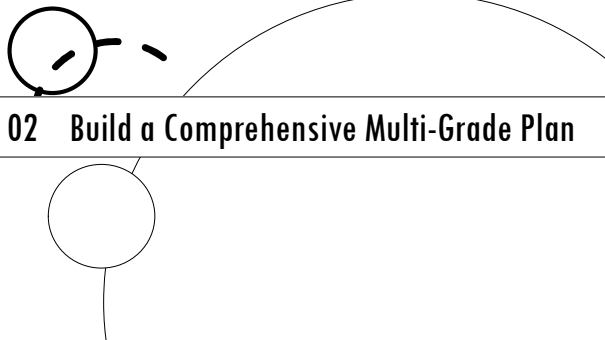
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Our Why

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

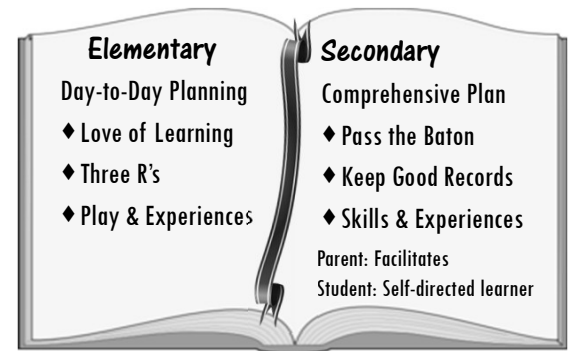
Parent Perspective:
“Follow our plan until you have something better.”

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02 Build a Comprehensive Multi-Grade Plan

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<p>Elementary</p> <p>Day-to-Day Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Love of Learning ◆ Three R's ◆ Play & Experiences 	<p>Secondary</p> <p>Comprehensive Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Pass the Baton ◆ Keep Good Records ◆ Skills & Experiences <p>Parent: Facilitates Student: Self-directed learner</p>
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Graduating Your Homeschool Student

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



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Minnesota Homeschool Laws (hslsda.org)

Minnesota Homeschool Law At a Glance

No notice, Low regulation
 Low regulation
 Moderate regulation
 High regulation

- > Options for Homeschooling: **One**
- > School Required for Ages: **7-17**
- > Notification Required: **Yes**
- > Teacher Qualifications: **Yes**
- > State Mandated Subjects: **Yes**
- > Assessment requirements: **Yes**
- > Immunization requirements: **Yes**

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Minnesota Statute 120A.22 Subd 9

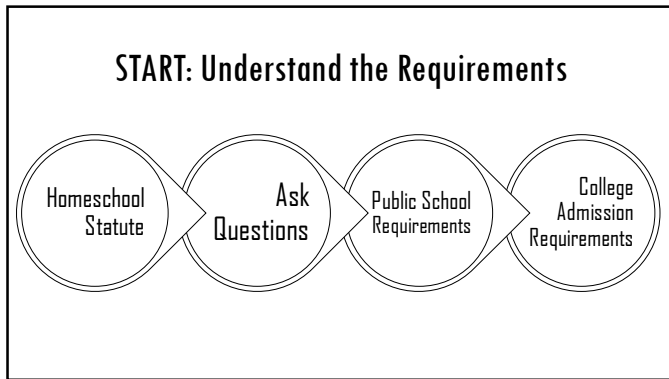
Instruction must be provided in at least the following subject areas:

1. basic communication skills including: reading • writing • literature • fine arts
2. mathematics
3. science
4. social studies including: history • geography • economics • gov't • citizenship
5. health • phy ed

NOTE: There are no specific requirements for how often or at what grade levels each subject must be taught. Look it up! <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/120A.22>

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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

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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

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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

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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

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#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

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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

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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

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Keep on Schedule

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



Date: Dec 12	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Bible 30 min		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Algebra	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
US History		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Phy Ed	<input type="checkbox"/>		Presentation tomorrow
Speech		<input type="checkbox"/>	Lab Group
Science		<input type="checkbox"/>	First draft due
Writing			Review r/w with Mom
Add-on**	Take PSAT Practice Exam		
Lessons		<input type="checkbox"/>	2:15 Lesson

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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!"



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(3) Experiential Learning

Practical Applications

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



Fostering Curiosity CreditsBeforeCollege.com/Be-Curious

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(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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(4) Time to Express Creative Energy

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



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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



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Choose Best over Busy

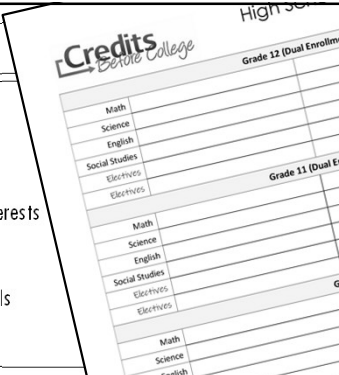
Does it check at least one box?

- 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?

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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



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Customize your Plan!



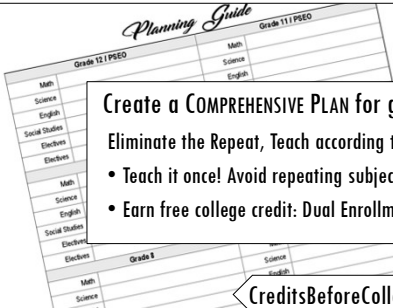
Include:

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

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Adjust your Plan



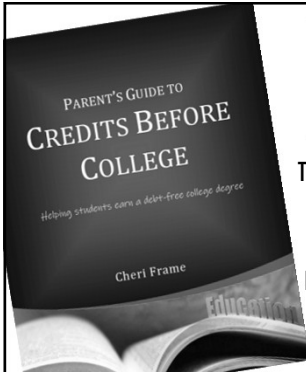
Create a **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN** for gr. 7-12

Eliminate the Repeat, Teach according to Worldview

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

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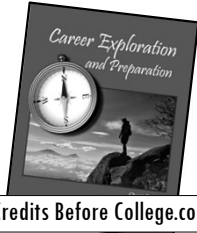
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Career Exploration *and* Preparation

- Grades 9-12
- Student Directed
- Minimal Parent Prep




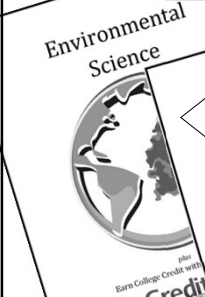
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- Ages 16+
- Comprehensive Online Assessment
- Personalized Consultation



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Curriculum for Grades 7-12, includes test-specific study



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