

GRADUATION CHECKLIST



This checklist is geared toward a student bound for a traditional college. Remember that you make the requirements for your student, not your state, but looking at what other students nearby do can help you keep your expectations in line with what's practical and expected by colleges. Customize this checklist by filling in the blanks with your homeschool in mind.

Total Credits Required: _____

Most states require between 20-24 total credits. A credit is completing study of an accepted body of information or spending 120 hours in study.

English

Most colleges want to see four years of English. You can be creative in your choices of how to present and explore this subject as long as you cover a variety of literature and essay formats.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> English 9: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> English 12: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English 10: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English 11: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

Math

Most colleges want to see four years of math taken during high school. The math credits listed below are a minimum for graduation in many states. If some were taken before high school, list them in a separate transcript section and complete four years of math during high school for a college bound student.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Algebra I | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geometry | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Algebra II | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
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Social Studies

Three years of social studies credits is the minimum in most states. Most colleges want to see a world history and a U.S. history. These can be a survey or a more specific topic. Some states also require state history and/or civics.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> World History: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> US History: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government/Civics: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
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Science

Three years of science credits is the minimum in most states. Most colleges want to see a biological science and a physical science. These can be a survey or a more specific course. Nearly all colleges require at least two sciences that included labs. STEM oriented students should have at least four full years of science.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Biology | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physics | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
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Foreign Language

Most colleges want to see at least two years of the same foreign language and preferably three.

Electives

Students should have at least 6-9 elective credits in addition to their core subjects. These can include arts, vocational, or technology classes. They can also include courses in the sciences or humanities that you may list above.

Non-Credit Requirements

Some states have additional requirements for graduation, such as community service hours or particular testing. Remember, you can set your own requirements for your homeschool.

Important Notes

NINTH GRADE OVERVIEW



Student:

School Year:

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Extracurricular Activities	Awards and Commendations

College Planning Timeline Tips:

- Start the college discussion. Talk with your student about whether college is in their future and what it will take to get there.
- Discuss whether it's time to start prepping for college tests like the SAT or ACT or even time to take the test for the first time.

TENTH GRADE OVERVIEW



Student:

School Year:

Course	Grade	Credits
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Extracurricular Activities	Awards and Commendations

College Planning Timeline Tips:

- Continue the college discussion. Visit colleges or discuss long term goals.
- Strongly consider taking the SAT or ACT for the first time if a student hasn't yet.
- Look at the requirements of your student's potential colleges and compare to your high school plan. Make any adjustments now.

ELEVENTH GRADE OVERVIEW



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School Year:

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Extracurricular Activities	Awards and Commendations

College Planning Timeline Tips:

- Take the SAT, ACT, and any other tests, such as the SAT subject tests this year.
- Make a college short list. Your student should have a couple of safety, meet, and reach schools they're considering by the end of this year.
- Double check the requirements of those colleges and make sure your student will have the credits they need.

TWELFTH GRADE OVERVIEW



Student:

School Year:

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Extracurricular Activities	Awards and Commendations

College Planning Timeline Tips:

- Last chance to take standardized tests like the SAT in the fall.
- Give your student plenty of time to work on applications and essays.
- Compile your records so you can create a transcript, include course descriptions, write the school profile, and write the counselor letter.

GOAL SETTING



Goal setting can be a good way to move forward and set your own goals instead of getting stuck on those of others.

Ninth Grade Goals

Tenth Grade Goals

Eleventh Grade Goals

Twelfth Grade Goals
