


FOUR YEAR PLAN www.homeschooldguidance.net

Subject 	9th Grade List specific classes	10th Grade List specific classes	11th Grade List specific classes	12th Grade List specific classes	Total (credits needed for college)
English					(4)
Social Studies					(3-4)
Math					(3-4)
Science					(3-4)
PE/ Health					
Foreign Language					(2)
Fine Arts					(1)
Electives (Driver's ed., religion, computers, internships, etc.)					
Total number of credits					(24)

Instructions for filling out the four year plan

1. **In the appropriate boxes, fill out all high school level classes that the student has taken so far.** (In the far left margin, list any classes taken in 7th and 8th grade that you believe were high school level classes.)
2. **Determine your home school's graduation requirements.** Other than classes, requirements might include skills you want your student to learn (e.g. computer skills, library research, good nutrition and health, First Aid/CPR, cooking, driver's education, basic car maintenance, personal finance, etc.) or a certain number of volunteer hours to earn, or even character qualities to achieve.

Fill in your graduation requirements classes based on when you think your student might take the classes.

3. Next, **plan out other classes that will prepare your student for whatever post-high school goal s/he has.** Refer to the typical plans for high school on this site for assistance.
4. **Add classes that your student may want to take because of interest or to further explore a subject/ career.**
5. As you and your student plan this future schedule, try to balance easy classes with hard ones, fun classes with challenging ones, and classes with a huge time commitment with those that don't require so much time. As you plan future classes, put the names in parentheses () to indicate that this class or time is a possibility and not cast in stone.
6. Course nomenclature: Make the classes that your student completes sound official and accurate to what was studied, without sounding pretentious. Rather than just English, use descriptive words like American Literature, Composition, Research Writing, etc. Learning about children and babysitting could be listed as Child Development and Practicum (providing of course, that the student really did read/study about the ways in which children develop and implemented that knowledge as s/he supervised children!)
7. Lastly, try to limit the number of classes to 6-8 per year.
8. Remember that college classes are more difficult and faster paced and so are given more high school credits. This is a typical formula: one semester 4 college credit class = 1 year of high school credit. (If the college uses the system of 1 credit per class that meets four times per week, then 1 semester college class = 1 year of high school credit.)