

Homeschooling High Schoolers Resource List

And What About College by Cafi Cohen

Christian Home Educator's Curriculum Manual, Jr./Sr. High School (vol.2) by Cathy Duffy

If you can only buy one book, then this is the one to buy!! This book will answer most of your questions and give you direction as far as curriculum choices, record keeping, etc.

College Admissions: A Guide for Homeschoolers by Gelner

This is a journal of how one home school family prepared for and gained admittance to college.

Homeschooling for Excellence by Colfax

This is the story of how and why the Colfax family raised and educated their three oldest sons at home. All three of these boys went on to attend either Yale or Harvard.

Homeschooling The Teen Years by Cafi Cohen

Cafi homeschooled her two children all the way through high school using a little bit of everything, so she speaks from experience about teaching teens at home.

Home School, High School, and Beyond by Beverly Adams-Gordon

Helps the student determine goals, and chart a course through high school, keeping good records as they go along.

Hot House Transplants by Matt Duffy

Interviews of fifteen home school graduates who have successfully gone on to college, careers, and marriages. They share the ups and downs of home schooling, the pros and cons, and how home schooling changed their lives forever.

Independent Study Catalog by Peterson

A guide to locating correspondence courses and schools. Available from Lifetime Books.

Real Lives: Eleven Teenagers Who Don't Go to School by Grace Llewellyn

Real life stories written by these eleven teens about how and why they pursued a very non-traditional high school education at home. Available from Lowry House Publishers, P.O. Box 1014, Eugene, Oregon 97440-1014.

Senior High: A Home-Designed Form-U-La by Barbara Edtl Shelton is a 350-page guide to home schooling through the high school years for those seeking a real-life, non-traditional education. It gives step-by-step instructions for formulating your own, independent program of study. The book is written from a religious perspective.

The Home School Manual by Ted Wade

Answers general home schooling questions. It has several chapters exclusively pertaining to the high school years. This book has lots of "how to" information. If you have never home schooled before and would just be starting, this is the best book to buy for general home schooling information.

The Home Schooler's High School Journal is a version of The Home Schooler's Journal for high school aged students to use by themselves. It organizes record keeping pages to keep track of credit hours earned in each subject area.

What if I decide to enroll my student in a public high school after home schooling them for part of their high school years?

Students enrolling in public school after being schooled at home for a time may have come from the following backgrounds:

- 1) They never attended a public high school and are coming in after completing some of their high school years at home.
- 2) The student was previously enrolled in a public or private high school and at some point was withdrawn from that institution to home school them.

Whatever the reasons for homeschooling in the first place, the length of time spent in the home school, or the grade level the student enters the public school system, when students enroll in public school they are all treated the same. At that point, the goal of the public school is to find proper placement for the student. It is the public school's conviction that if the student completed a good course of study, then they should be able to demonstrate that they learned the material involved.

Every school district handles the matter of placement differently. Some school districts have written policies concerning this matter, and some do not, but all school districts DO have a policy. In general, the individual counselor involved has the authority to interpret district policy concerning each newly enrolled student. Sometimes placement is determined by the student's performance during the first quarter of the public school enrollment. Sometimes the student is given a formal or informal test over material studied in certain areas. Sometimes both methods are used.

The school district can decide to **accept the work done at home or reject the work done at home**. Since home schools are not accredited, the public schools are not bound by law to accept any of the work the student has completed at home. They generally DO accept most of the courses taken in a home school. The area where home school families generally run into trouble is in skill areas (English, mathematics, ...) or courses which require a prerequisite. These are the types of courses the high school counselors scrutinize for approval.

Every public high school and every school district deals with this problem differently. If you are hoping to withdraw your student from public or private school, home school them for a time, and then enroll them in the public school sometime before graduation; *you would be wise to check out your local school district policy first*. If not, when you enroll your student in public school, things might not work out as easily as you hoped.

Warning: Students who did poorly in public high school, often do poorly once they re-enter public high school. Even though they made up the classes they were missing while at home school, the public school might not accept all of the work they did at home, simply because the student cannot demonstrate that they have mastered the course work they studied at home.

On the next page is a copy of the Kentucky Department of Education's Statutes, Regulations, and Procedures for dealing with home school transfers.