



Earn a Regionally Accredited Diploma while Homeschooling with Citizens

One of the challenges that comes with homeschooling is finding a partner school that offers accredited classes. Citizens accepts transfer credits from homeschool students and provides them with an opportunity to earn an accredited diploma.

Through the use of transfer credit, a student can earn high school credit while being taught by the parent. Then the student takes 5-6 courses at home during their high school years with Citizens High School and they will be qualified* to earn a regionally accredited high school diploma that is accepted at all colleges and universities in the United States. The process is actually quite simple:

STEP ONE: Map out your high school courses with the [Best Future Finder](#), so you know which courses you will need to take as well as select electives that will match your interest and goals.

The screenshot displays the 'Credits Selected' section on the left, listing completed courses with green checkmarks: 4 of 4 English, 4 of 4 Mathematics, 3 of 3 Social Studies, 3 of 3 Science, 1 of 1 Fine Arts, 2 of 2 Foreign Languages, 1 of 1 Physical Education, and 5.5 of 6 Electives. The main area shows a grid of course options with credit values and question marks:

English	Mathematics	Social Studies
1.0 Credit, 1.0 Credit, 1.0 Credit, 1.0 Credit	1.0 Credit, 1.0 Credit, 1.0 Credit, 1.0 Credit	1.0 Credit, 1.0 Credit, 0.5 Credit, 0.5 Credit
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Using the Best Future Finder is free and requires no commitment. Simply go to <https://citizenshighschool.com/bff/> then select a program that you might be interested in such as the career diploma or the college bound diploma. Then you will go through the application selecting the courses you have already completed, the required courses you still need to take, and the electives that you are interested in. Once you are done you can save the plan to your profile or email a copy to yourself or a friend.

STEP TWO: Select the curriculum that you will be using at home.

Now that you have the course plan in place, you will need to select your curriculum provider(s). While there are many excellent homeschool curriculum providers for high school, you may want to check out our [Homeschool for High School curriculum](#), which gives access to our accredited curriculum but is taught by the parent.



STEP THREE: Document your learning as you go through your courses

As your student progresses through each course, it is essential that you provide documentation so that the transfer credit can be earned. If you are using CHS curriculum, you simply need to document the final grade that was earned in each course and the name of the course. This can be easily done through the use of our [Homeschool Admin Manager](#) which allows the parent to track grades, develop a transcript, track assignment due dates and events, and communicate with the school among other tasks.

If you are not using CHS curriculum, you need to make sure that you document and provide evidence of the following information.

1. Name of the Course
2. Name of the Textbook and ISBN number or link to the online course
3. Gradebook with final grade in the course
4. Work samples from each completed course.

STEP FOUR: Select the 5 – 6 courses that you want to take using CHS faculty

To earn a diploma from CHS, per accreditation regulations you must take 25% of your studies in courses taught by CHS faculty. If you are looking to earn an 18-credit hour diploma that means 5 courses and if you are looking to earn a 24-credit hour diploma you will need to take 6 courses with CHS. You can take these courses at any time during your studies. Some students choose to do them all in a calendar year while others do 1-2 courses a year.

Tip: The best courses to choose are electives or courses that the parent or guardian does not feel comfortable teaching.

STEP FIVE: Once you have completed all of the homeschool, parent taught courses; submit the Homeschool Evaluation Form to earn credit

Simply complete the Homeschool Evaluation Form which can be found at <https://citizenshighschool.com/admissions/transfer-credit/> and email it to studentservices@citizenshighschool.com. Once the evaluation form is received, a state-certified teacher will review the form and issue credits for the courses that have been completed. These courses will then be added to the courses that were completed using a CHS faculty member.

By combining the credits that were transferred into the school while homeschooling to the courses taught by our faculty it will equal the number of credits required to graduate. Additionally, by using our Best Future Finder, you will know with confidence that your student is taking the correct courses to satisfy our graduation requirements.

To learn more give us a call or send us an email to studentservices@citizenshighschool.com and we would be happy to set you up to earn a high school diploma while still homeschooling your student.