

# Developing a Plan for High School: Sample Four-Year Plans

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## Workshop Outline

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## Recommended Resources

### General HSLDA Links

- Home School Legal Defense Association: [www.hsllda.org](http://www.hsllda.org)
- HSLDA's Homeschooling Thru High School webpages: [www.hsllda.org/highschool](http://www.hsllda.org/highschool)
- Watch these short informative high school videos to learn more about high school at home: <https://hsllda.org/content/highschool/videos.asp>
- To sign up for free monthly *Homeschooling Thru High School* email newsletters: <https://hsllda.org/content/highschool/newsletter.asp>
- For HSLDA members: contact Diane Kummer, Stacey Wolking, Joyce Blankenship, and Carol Becker—HSLDA High School Consultants—at [highschool@hsllda.org](mailto:highschool@hsllda.org) or phone 540-338-5600

### E-books & Recordings

- *Develop a High School Plan* provides information to help you chart your way as you consider course options for your teen: <https://store.hsllda.org/develop-a-high-school-plan-pdf-download-p831.aspx>
- *Simplify Recordkeeping and Transcripts* covers in-depth details on both recordkeeping and transcripts: <https://store.hsllda.org/simplify-your-recordkeeping-and-transcript-pdf-download-p848.aspx>
- *High School at Home: Turning Possibilities into Reality* <https://store.hsllda.org/11-7-2015-high-school-at-home-turning-possibilities-into-reality-symposium--recorded-event-p817.aspx>

### Transcripts & Recordkeeping

- "High School Recordkeeping: Let's Simplify the Process" [www.hsllda.org/highschool/Newsletters/2016/February.asp](http://www.hsllda.org/highschool/Newsletters/2016/February.asp)
- "Transcript Preparation: You Can Do This!" [www.hsllda.org/highschool/Newsletters/2016/november.asp](http://www.hsllda.org/highschool/Newsletters/2016/november.asp)
- "Streamline the Grading Process" [www.hsllda.org/highschool/Newsletters/2016/october.asp](http://www.hsllda.org/highschool/Newsletters/2016/october.asp)
- "Three Proven Methods to Evaluate High School Credits" [www.hsllda.org/elert/archive/elertarchive.aspx?7642](http://www.hsllda.org/elert/archive/elertarchive.aspx?7642)
- "Let's Calculate a Grade Point Average" [www.hsllda.org/highschool/Newsletters/2016/May.asp](http://www.hsllda.org/highschool/Newsletters/2016/May.asp)
- "The Inside Track on Lesson Planning" [www.hsllda.org/highschool/Newsletters/2016/september.asp](http://www.hsllda.org/highschool/Newsletters/2016/september.asp)
- "Let's Be Honest about Honor Courses" <http://www.hsllda.org/elert/archive/elertarchive.aspx?7595>
- Course Descriptions Examples [www.hsllda.org/highschool/academics.asp#CD](http://www.hsllda.org/highschool/academics.asp#CD)
- Sample Transcript Forms [www.hsllda.org/highschool/academics.asp#transcripts](http://www.hsllda.org/highschool/academics.asp#transcripts)
- Fast Transcript Service <http://store.hsllda.org/high-school-transcript-service-p262.aspx>

### Honors

- National Honor Societies (for homeschoolers): <https://hsllda.org/highschool/academics.asp#nationalhonorsocieties>
- "High School Awards: Showcase Your Teens' Specialties" <https://hsllda.org/content/highschool/Newsletters/2017/February.asp>
- "The Heart of Volunteering: Ways to Engage Your Teens" <https://hsllda.org/content/highschool/Newsletters/2017/august-The-Heart-of-Volunteering-Ways-to-Engage-Your-Teens.asp>

### Planning

- "Your Teen's High School Plan: An Opportunity to Customize" [https://hsllda.org/content/highschool/Newsletters/2018/March-your-teens-high-school-plan.asp?utm\\_source=HSLDA%20email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Newsletter](https://hsllda.org/content/highschool/Newsletters/2018/March-your-teens-high-school-plan.asp?utm_source=HSLDA%20email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter)
- "The Pros and Cons of Different Course Options" <https://hsllda.org/content/highschool/Newsletters/2017/july.asp>

### Teaching High School

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- HSLDA Online Academy Courses <http://academy.hslda.org/courses/>
- Resources on English: [www.hslda.org/highschool/newsletter.asp#english](http://www.hslda.org/highschool/newsletter.asp#english)
- Resources on history and social studies: [www.hslda.org/highschool/newsletter.asp#history](http://www.hslda.org/highschool/newsletter.asp#history)
- Resources on math, science, and foreign languages: [www.hslda.org/highschool/newsletter.asp#math](http://www.hslda.org/highschool/newsletter.asp#math)
- “Dual Enrollment Options to Best Suit Your Teen” [www.hslda.org/highschool/Newsletters/2016/January.asp](http://www.hslda.org/highschool/Newsletters/2016/January.asp)
- “Developing Teens to Be Independent Learners” [www.hslda.org/elert/archive/elertarchive.aspx?7410](http://www.hslda.org/elert/archive/elertarchive.aspx?7410)
- “Study Skills: Your Teen’s Path to Future Success” [www.hslda.org/elert/archive/elertarchive.aspx?7474](http://www.hslda.org/elert/archive/elertarchive.aspx?7474)
- “Teaching Teens Time Management Skills”  
[www.hslda.org/highschool/Newsletters/2017/October-Teaching-Teens-Time-Management-Skills.asp](http://www.hslda.org/highschool/Newsletters/2017/October-Teaching-Teens-Time-Management-Skills.asp)
- “Making the Most of Both Electives and Extracurricular Activities” [www.hslda.org/elert/archive/elertarchive.aspx?7512](http://www.hslda.org/elert/archive/elertarchive.aspx?7512)

## Career Guidance

- “3 Essentials for Employable Teens” [www.hslda.org/highschool/Newsletters/2017/june.asp](http://www.hslda.org/highschool/Newsletters/2017/june.asp)
- “Guiding Your Teen to Explore Career Opportunities” [www.hslda.org/highschool/Newsletters/2017/January.asp](http://www.hslda.org/highschool/Newsletters/2017/January.asp)
- “Job Shadowing: Opportunities to Ignite Future Careers” [www.hslda.org/elert/archive/elertarchive.aspx?7251](http://www.hslda.org/elert/archive/elertarchive.aspx?7251)
- “Is Your High School Teen interested in Trade School or a Formal Apprenticeship?”  
[www.hslda.org/highschool/newsletter\\_November\\_2015.asp](http://www.hslda.org/highschool/newsletter_November_2015.asp)
- “Saluting the Military’s Homeschool Policy” [www.hslda.org/elert/archive/elertarchive.aspx?7536](http://www.hslda.org/elert/archive/elertarchive.aspx?7536)
- “Making the Most of Both Electives and Extracurricular Activities” [www.hslda.org/elert/archive/elertarchive.aspx?7512](http://www.hslda.org/elert/archive/elertarchive.aspx?7512)
- “Dual Enrollment Options to Best Suit Your Teen” [www.hslda.org/highschool/Newsletters/2016/January.asp](http://www.hslda.org/highschool/Newsletters/2016/January.asp)
- Blog: Create Enthusiasm with Life Skill Electives: <https://blog.hslda.org/2016/06/02/create-enthusiasm-with-life-skill-electives/>
- Career Aptitude Test Providers: [www.hslda.org/highschool/testing.asp#persaptcareer](http://www.hslda.org/highschool/testing.asp#persaptcareer)

## College Links

- “The College Search and Application Process” [www.hslda.org/highschool/Newsletters/2017/September-The-College-Search-and-Application-Process.asp](http://www.hslda.org/highschool/Newsletters/2017/September-The-College-Search-and-Application-Process.asp)
- “Scholarships and Financial Aid: Covering the Basics” [www.hslda.org/highschool/Newsletters/2017/april.asp](http://www.hslda.org/highschool/Newsletters/2017/april.asp)
- “The PSAT: A Litany of Choices for College-Bound Students” [www.hslda.org/highschool/newsletters/December\\_2015.asp](http://www.hslda.org/highschool/newsletters/December_2015.asp)
- “College Entrance Tests: Making Sense of the ACT, SAT, and CLT” [www.hslda.org/highschool/Newsletters/2016/December](http://www.hslda.org/highschool/Newsletters/2016/December)
- “The Benefits of AP® and CLEP Tests for College-Bound Teens” [www.hslda.org/highschool/Newsletters/2016/April.asp](http://www.hslda.org/highschool/Newsletters/2016/April.asp)
- “Dual Enrollment Options to Best Suit Your Teen” [www.hslda.org/highschool/Newsletters/2016/January.asp](http://www.hslda.org/highschool/Newsletters/2016/January.asp)
- “College Here We Come – The Application Process” [www.hslda.org/elert/archive/elertarchive.aspx?7177](http://www.hslda.org/elert/archive/elertarchive.aspx?7177)
- College Board Website: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- The Common Application: [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- SAT registration (970000 nationwide homeschool code): <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register>
- ACT registration (969999 nationwide homeschool code): [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)
- CLT registration: [www.cltexam.com](http://www.cltexam.com)

## Graduation

- Diplomas: <http://www.hslda.org/highschool/diploma.asp>
- “Celebrating Graduation” [https://hslda.org/content/highschool/Newsletters/2018/April\\_Graduation.asp](https://hslda.org/content/highschool/Newsletters/2018/April_Graduation.asp)