



FREE HIGH-SCHOOL PLANNING GUIDE

Florida Homeschool High School Roadmap

A planning guide for credits, transcripts, dual enrollment, Bright Futures, and graduation records—without pretending every student needs the same path.

Inside this resource

- ☐ Four-year planning map
- ☐ Course and credit tracker
- ☐ Transcript checklist
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Created by a homeschool parent. Built for Florida families.

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BEGIN WITH THE DESTINATION

Plan backward from the student's likely next step

Possible destination	Research now	Revisit
Florida public university	Current admission course expectations, testing, foreign language, application timeline	Every semester
Florida college / AA path	Placement, dual enrollment, program prerequisites, transfer pathway	Each term
Career/technical program	Program entry requirements, industry credentials, apprenticeship options	Twice yearly
Military/service academy	Recruiter or academy rules, testing, fitness, documentation	Early in high school
Employment/entrepreneurship	Portfolio, work samples, certifications, references, financial literacy	Quarterly

Parent-issued records

Florida home education students do not receive a state high school diploma simply by completing a home education program. Parents should maintain clear course, credit, grade, and completion records and verify the exact documentation requested by each destination.



Draft the full high-school picture

Area	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English				
Mathematics				
Science				
Social studies				
World language				
Electives/CTE				
PE/health				
Community/service				
Testing/milestones				



Track credits and evidence

Course	Year	Credit	Grade	Provider/source	Evidence saved



TRANSCRIPT

Build the record before applications begin

- ☐ Student legal name and contact information
- ☐ School/program name selected by the parent
- ☐ Course titles organized by academic year
- ☐ Credits attempted and earned
- ☐ Final grades and grading scale
- ☐ Cumulative GPA method stated consistently
- ☐ Expected or actual completion date
- ☐ Parent/administrator signature and issue date
- ☐ Separate supporting records for dual enrollment, FLVS, tests, certifications, or outside providers

Transcript decisions

Grading scale

Credit method

GPA method

Transcript update date

Supporting records folder



DUAL ENROLLMENT

A valuable option with institution-specific steps

Florida's Department of Education states that home education students may participate in dual enrollment. Current statewide eligibility guidance lists a 3.0 unweighted high-school GPA for college-credit courses or a 2.0 unweighted GPA for career dual enrollment, along with institutional and placement requirements. A participating institution enters into a home education articulation agreement with the student and parent.

- ☐ Confirm current eligibility with the college's dual enrollment office.
- ☐ Request current home education verification/affidavit steps from the district.
- ☐ Review placement-test and prerequisite requirements.
- ☐ Ask how textbooks/materials are handled.
- ☐ Map each course to the student's high-school plan and intended degree.
- ☐ Save the college transcript and articulation documents.

College contact notes

Institution

Coordinator

Deadline

Testing

Materials

Next action



Protect eligibility by planning early

The current Bright Futures handbook says home-educated students must meet general requirements and, for the home-education route, be registered with the district for grades 11 and 12. It also directs students to submit the Florida Financial Aid Application during the final year and no later than August 31, plus meet current test-score and service/work-hour requirements.

Verify current numbers

Test-score thresholds, award amounts, eligible activities, documentation, and deadlines can change. Use the current Bright Futures handbook and the student's online account—not a static checklist—as the controlling source.

- Confirm district home education registration for both grades 11 and 12.
- Read the current Bright Futures handbook before grade 11 planning.
- Create a service/work-hours documentation folder.
- Plan SAT/ACT/CLT testing with time for retakes if appropriate.
- Submit the Florida Financial Aid Application in the final year by the current deadline.
- Track application and award status in the official account.



COMPLETION

Close the home education program carefully

Florida law says the parent files a written notice of termination with the district superintendent upon completion of the home education program, together with the required annual evaluation, within 30 days of termination.

- ☐ Complete final course records and grades.
- ☐ Issue and sign the final parent transcript.
- ☐ Prepare any parent-issued completion affidavit needed by the receiving institution.
- ☐ Complete the final annual evaluation unless an official exception or alternate rule applies.
- ☐ File the notice of termination and evaluation within the statutory timeframe.
- ☐ Save proof of submission and preserve the portfolio for the required retention period.

Completion file

Completion date

Final evaluation

Termination filed

Final transcript issued

Portfolio retention date



SOURCES

Use the current official version

[2026 Florida Statute 1002.41 — Home education programs](#)

[Florida Department of Education — Home Education](#)

[Florida Department of Education — Parent Resources](#)

[Step Up For Students — 2026–27 PEP Resources](#)

[Step Up For Students — Current Purchasing Guides](#)

[Florida Virtual School — FLVS Flex Homeschool](#)

[Florida Department of Education — Dual Enrollment](#)

[Florida Student Financial Aid — Bright Futures Handbook](#)

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