

# HIGH SCHOOL

## CHECK LIST

Your roadmap for homeschooling a struggling learner through high school



### GRADUATION LAWS

Graduation requirements for homeschooled students vary by state, with many states allowing parents to set these criteria themselves. However, some states have specific requirements, so parents should consult their state homeschool organization or the HSLDA for accurate information on graduation laws.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Maintaining records of your student's accommodations, curriculum modifications, and diagnostic tests is crucial, as these supports will likely be needed after high school. These records will help your student advocate for necessary accommodations in college, job training programs, and other testing or certification situations.

### ELECTIVES

When selecting electives for your high school student, consider their transition plan, gifts, and interests to enhance their learning experience beyond academic deficits. Thinking creatively about electives can significantly enrich their education, so explore diverse subjects to add to their transcript.

### TRANSCRIPTS DIPLOMAS & GRADUATION

Transcripts summarize your student's high school classes, credits, and grades on one page. Choose a format, download a template, and update it annually; once graduation requirements are met, complete the transcript, issue a diploma, and plan a graduation celebration.

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### TRANSITION

#### PLANNING

A transition plan is a 4-year outline detailing how specific school activities prepare a student for post-graduation life, with annual adjustments to refine the end goal. These plans, commonly used in public high schools for special education students, document how each instructional component aligns with achieving graduation goals.

### CORE SUBJECTS

Some states have required core subjects for homeschooled high school students, so check with your state homeschool organization for specifics. Also, review state laws for any allowances based on a student's cognitive abilities and possible substitutions in the transition plan for special needs students.

### LIFE SKILLS, WORK STUDY & VOLUNTEERING

Prioritize life skills related to your student's transition plan, turning them into full or half-semester classes if needed. Incorporate on-the-job learning and volunteering, documenting these activities in the transition plan and transcript for class credit, including how credit hours will be counted and graded.



Ensure to create duplicates of your student's transcript, diploma, IEPs, diagnostic tests, and therapy records and store them securely, as homeschoolers have sole ownership of these documents, and there are no replacements if they are lost or damaged.