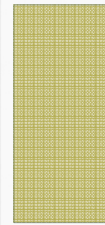


# PREPARING YOUR CHILDREN FOR COLLEGE

A HOMESCHOOLERS GUIDE TO SUCCESS



## TONIGHT'S AGENDA

- Motivation
- Developing a 4-Year High School Plan
- Record Keeping
- Assigning Credits
- Testing
- Four Year or Community College
- Additional Resources

## MOTIVATION FOR PARENTS THE HIGH SCHOOL YEARS ARE IMPORTANT!

- *Teens are making important, life-changing (spiritual) decisions.*
  - By God's design, PARENTS are to help their teen navigate these decisions.
  - Your teen's relationship with Christ is more important than academics.
- *It's not uncommon for the parents to think that they need to send their teen to a "regular" school to help their chances of getting into college.*
  - You don't need to know Calculus~that's what DVD's are for! ☺
  - Do you have a Biblical conviction to homeschool? Then trust God to get them into college.
- *It's not uncommon for your teen to communicate that they want to go to "regular" school for high school.*
  - Socialization?!
  - You are still the parents; Stick with your convictions!

## DEVELOPING A HIGH SCHOOL PLAN

YOUR CHILD IS UNIQUE

<b>GENERAL COLLEGE PREP</b> For college-bound students—meets minimum requirements for many colleges		
<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>SUGGESTED CREDITS</u>	<u>SUGGESTED COURSES</u>
ENGLISH	4	Composition, literature, rhetoric, creative writing, speech/communication, journalism, debate
MATH	3-4	Algebra 1 and 2, geometry, pre-calculus/ trigonometry, calculus, AP calculus
HISTORY	3-4	<i>Essentials:</i> world history, American history, United States government; <i>consider:</i> economics, geography, constitutional law
SCIENCE	3-4	Physical science, general science, earth science, biology, chemistry, physics
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	3-4	French, Spanish, Latin, German, Russian, etc. ( <i>At least two years of the same language is preferred.</i> )
PHYS. ED	1-2	<i>Many options are available.</i>
FINE ARTS	1-2	Art, music, drama, photography, etc.
ELECTIVES	5	Practical arts, life skills, Bible, computer skills
TOTAL CREDITS	24-28	

<b>RIGOROUS COLLEGE PREP</b> For students applying to a highly selective college		
<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>SUGGESTED CREDITS</u>	<u>SUGGESTED COURSES</u>
ENGLISH	4+	Composition, literature, rhetoric, creative writing, speech or communications, journalism, debate ( <i>AP or college courses are strongly recommended.</i> )
MATH	4+	<i>Essentials:</i> algebra 1 and 2, geometry, precalculus or trigonometry, calculus; <i>consider:</i> AP calculus, statistics, accounting
HISTORY	4+	<i>Essentials:</i> world history, American history, United States government; <i>consider:</i> geography, sociology, psychology, political science, constitutional law, etc. ( <i>AP courses are strongly recommended.</i> )
SCIENCE	4+	Physical science, biology, chemistry, physics, anatomy, microbiology ( <i>AP courses recommended.</i> )
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	3-4	French, Spanish, Latin, German, Russian, etc. ( <i>At least two years of the same language is preferred.</i> )
PHYS. ED	1-2	<i>Many options are available.</i>
FINE ARTS	1-2	Art, music, drama, photography, etc.
ELECTIVES	5	Practical arts, life skills, Bible, computer skills
TOTAL CREDITS	26-30	

## SAMPLE FOUR YEAR PLAN (RIGOROUS COLLEGE PREP)

- English-4 credits
  - Abeka Literature
    - Themes in Literature
    - World Literature
    - American Literature
    - English Literature
- Math
  - Saxon
    - Algebra I
    - Algebra II
    - Advanced Math-1 ½ - 2 years
    - Calculus (optional)

## SAMPLE FOUR YEAR PLAN-CON'T

- History
  - Bob Jones
    - Geography
    - World History
    - U. S. History
    - American Government & Economics
- Science
  - Apologia
    - Biology
    - Chemistry
    - Physics
    - Advanced Chemistry or Advanced Physics or Human Anatomy
- Foreign Language, Fine Arts, Phys-Ed, Electives

## ASSIGNING CREDITS

Methods for determining credit for a course:

- 150 hours earns one credit for an academic core course (such as History or English)
  - 50 minutes/day, five days a week for 36 weeks equals 150 hours for core courses
- 180 hours for a one credit lab science course
- Dual Enrollment/AP
  - One-semester college course can be converted to a yearlong, one-credit high school course. Some AP courses are yearlong so they would count as one full credit.

## 5 YEAR HIGH SCHOOL PLAN OR "GAP YEAR"?

### 5 YEAR PLAN

- Students continue to receive discounts for homeschoolers.
- Allows student more time to mature in their focus.
- Students can take more "advanced" subjects.
- More time to mature before entering a public education setting

### GAP YEAR

- Student can be fully dedicated to ministry, home business, etc.
- Student can work full time, saving money to pay for college
- More time for personal interests
- More time to mature before entering a public education setting

# RECORD KEEPING

MAKE IT WORK FOR YOU!

## SOFTWARE AND PRINTABLE FORMS

- Homeschool Tracker Software
- Edu-Track Software
- Donna Young Printables & Resources

## HOMESCHOOL TRACKER SOFTWARE

- Homeschool Tracker
  - **PC Version**
    - \$49-includes all program features; full technical support via email and live chat from their website.
    - no charge for updates and the software never expires.
  - **Online Subscription Plans:**
    - One Year - \$60
      - One Administrator account
      - One additional Teacher account
      - Up to 10 Students
      - Full Technical Support
    - One Month - \$7.50
      - All features enabled
      - No obligation to continue
      - All data transfers if you continue
      - Full Technical Support

## EDU-TRACK SOFTWARE

- Cost:
  - \$59-PC version
  - \$20-For Handhelds (PC version also required)
  - \$15-1-year unlimited upgrades (web download only)
  - \$25-Bound Help manual (200 pages) - eHelp is free



## DONNA YOUNG PRINTABLES

- Cost = Free
  - Printable Worksheets
  - Homeschool Planners
  - Household Planners
  - Calendars
  - Handwriting Lessons

## LESSON PLANS

- Personalize for both student and parent
- Create a system you can maintain
  - Daily, weekly or monthly?
- Make them reusable
- Include ALL course work!
  - Living History Days
  - Orchestra
  - Volunteer Work
  - Etc.



<http://donnayoung.org/f12/planner-06-9>

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Subj/Course	Mon (12-Dec)	Tue (13-Dec)	Wed (14-Dec)	Thu (15-Dec)	Fri (16-Dec)
Foreign Language; Rosetta Stone Spanish Level 1	U2L2 & U2L3 Pronunciation	U2L2 & U2L3 Vocabulary	U2L2 & U2L3 Grammar, Worksheet 2.3.2	U2L2 & U2L3 Reading	U2L2 & U2L3 Writing
History; History 11- US History	Lesson 62, pp. 218-222	Lesson 63, pp. 222-225	Lesson 60, Quiz #13-U.S. Presidents	Lesson 65, pp. 225-228	
Literature; Literature 11- American Literature	Lesson 45, pp. 171-174	Lesson 46, pp. 176-178			
Math; Calculus	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	
Music; Harp	Harp Practice		Harp Practice	Harp Practice	Harp Practice

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#### Assignments

Date Due from 1/17/2012 through 1/17/2012 -- Grouped By Date Due

Course, PLC	Time	Done
Tuesday, January 17, 2012		
English Comp II-LeTourneau University; Online Assignments	3:00	Jan 17
Rosetta Stone Spanish Level 1; U3L2 Core Lesson, Worksheet 3.2.1	0:45	Jan 17
Oboe Practice; Oboe Practice	0:30	Jan 17
BJU Government; Chapter 9 Test	0:30	Jan 17
Calculus; Lesson 45	1:30	Jan 17
Economics; Quiz #1-pp. 3-18	0:30	Jan 17
Woodshop; Wood working		Jan 17

This report shows all assignments for a single day.

## REPORT CARD

- Grades serve as motivation for your student to take his studies seriously
- Determine at the beginning of the course what percentage of the grade each section will receive.
  - For English composition course, you may want to break down a paper grade as follows: Content—60%, Grammar/Mechanics—30%, Effort—10%.
  - History course, let your child know ahead of time that 50% of the test will be multiple-choice, 25% short-answer, and the last 25% an essay
- Letter grades are suitable for core academic subjects such as English, history, science, math, and foreign language.
- Elective courses that don't lend themselves to testing, quizzes, papers, etc., you may simply want to give your child a pass/fail grade
  - Pass/fail grades are not calculated into a grade point average.

### Report Card

Willowbrook Christian Academy  
6211 Crestbrook Drive  
Morrison, CO 80465

Year: 2011-2012  
Student: [REDACTED]

Tel: 303-697-1615  
Todd A. Girkins, Principal  
Joan E. Girkins, Teacher

Grade: 12

Subject - Course	T1	T2	YR
<b>Core Subjects</b>			
Economics		A (93)	A (93)
English		B+ (89)	B+ (89)
English Comp II-LeTourneau			A+ (98)
English Comp I-LeTourneau	A+ (98)		
Government	A- (90)	A (93)	A- (92)
Math	A (94)	A- (91)	A (93)
Science			
Saxon Physics	A (94)	A (93)	A (94)
<b>Elective Subjects</b>			
Community Service			Pass (100)
Living History Day			Pass (100)
Foreign Language			
Rosetta Stone Spanish Level	A- (91)	A (93)	A- (92)
Music			
Oboe Practice	Pass (100)	Pass (73)	Pass (87)
Woodshop	Pass (100)		Pass (100)
Woodshop	Pass (100)		Pass (100)

Term	Start	End
T1	8/1/2011	1/15/2012
T2	1/16/2012	6/30/2012

Attendance	Present	Absent
T1	95.5	0.0
T2	84.0	4.0

Report Card can show letter grades, percentage or both as well as Pass/Fail.

## ATTENDANCE

- Good records satisfy Colorado Law
  - 172 days, averaging four hours per day
- Keep track regularly!
- Include number of hours & days
- You can use either actual or projected hours

### Attendance

8/1/2011 to 8/30/2012

Willowbrook Christian Academy  
6211 Crestbrook Drive  
Morrison, CO 80465  
Tel: 303-697-1615

Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	Hours	Days
Jun 2011	/	/	/			/	/	/	/					/	/	/	/				/	/	/				/	/			14:15	8.5	
Aug 2011																						P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	37:15	8.0
Sep 2011	P	P					P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	137:15	21.0	
Oct 2011				P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	112:15	21.0	
Nov 2011	P	P	P	P				P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	P				P	P	P	99:00	20.0
Dec 2011	P	P				P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	/							54:30	16.5	
Jan 2012				P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P					P	P	P	P		P	P	107:15	21.0	
Feb 2012	P	P	P				P	P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	-			P	P	P	P				P	P	P	123:00	20.0	
Mar 2012	P	P				P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	99:30	22.0	
Apr 2012		P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	P	P		P		112:00	21.0	
May 2012	P	P	P	P			P	/	/	/	/						P	P													45:45	9.0	
Jun 2012					-	-																									0:00	0.0	
Total Present:																															942:00	188.0	
Total Absent:																																4.0	

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CHEC allows parents to send this report to satisfy their requirements for Attendance Records.

## TRANSCRIPTS

- Cumulative Report cards for 4 years
- Accomplishments
- PSAT/SAT/ACT Test Scores
- Total Credits Earned
- Volunteer Work
- Awards
- Jobs

Willowbrook Christian Academy - Transcript					
Name: [REDACTED]			Willowbrook Christian Academy		
Parent/Guardian: Todd & Joan Girkins			6211 Crestbrook Drive		
Email: ocforever1@gmail.com			Morrison, CO 80465		
School Entrance Date: September 2008			303-697-1615		
Projected Graduation Date: [REDACTED]			Todd A. Girkins, Principal		
			Joan E. Girkins, Teacher		
9 ** 2008-2009					
Subject	S1	S2	YR	CU	GPA
Community Service					
Living History Day	Pass	Pass	Pass	0.25	
Total				0.26	
History					
History 9-World Geography	A-	A	A	1.00	4.00
Total				1.00	4.00
Literature					
Literature 9-Themes in Literature	A	A+	A	1.00	4.00
Total				1.00	4.00
Math					
Algebra 1	B+	B+	B	1.00	3.00
Total				1.00	3.00
Musio					
In One Accord Orchestra	Pass	Pass	Pass	0.25	
Oboe Lesson	Pass	Pass	Pass	0.25	
Oboe Practice	Pass	Pass	Pass	0.25	
Piano Lesson	Pass	Pass	Pass	0.25	
Piano Practice-30	Pass	Pass	Pass	0.50	
Total				1.60	
Physical Education					
Physical Education	Pass	Pass	Pass	0.50	
Total				0.60	
Science					
Biology	B+	A-	A-	1.00	3.75
Total				1.00	3.75
10 ** 2009-2010					
Subject	S1	S2	YR	CU	GPA
Community Service					
Living History Day	Pass	Pass	Pass	0.25	
Total				0.26	
History					
BAU World History	A	A	A	1.00	4.00
Total				1.00	4.00
Literature					
Literature 10-World Literature	A-	A-	A-	1.00	3.75
Total				1.00	3.75

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Name: [REDACTED]					
10 ** 2009-2010 (continued)					
Subject	S1	S2	YR	CU	GPA
Math					
Algebra 2	B	B+	B+	1.00	3.50
Total				1.00	3.50
Musio					
Cherry Creek Training Orchestra	Pass	Pass	Pass	0.25	
Cherry Creek Youth Symphony	Pass	Pass	Pass	0.25	
In One Accord Orchestra	Pass	Pass	Pass	0.25	
Oboe Lesson	Pass	Pass	Pass	0.25	
Oboe Practice	Pass	Pass	Pass	0.25	
Total				1.25	
Physical Education					
Garden for Neighbor	Pass	Pass	Pass	0.25	
Walk Neighbors Dogs	Pass	Pass	Pass	0.25	
Total				0.50	
Science					
Chemistry	B+	B+	B+	1.00	3.50
Total				1.00	3.50
11 ** 2010-2011					
Subject	S1	S2	YR	CU	GPA
Community Service					
Living History Day	Pass	Pass	Pass	0.25	
Total				0.26	
Computer Programming					
Beginning Programming Class	Pass	Pass	Pass	0.25	
Visual Basic	Pass	Pass	Pass	0.50	
Total				0.76	
Foreign Language					
Rosetta Stone Spanish Level 1	A-	A-	A-	1.00	3.75
Total				1.00	3.75
History					
Bob Jones US History	A-	A	A-	1.00	3.75
Total				1.00	3.75
Literature					
Christian Classics Study Guide	A-	A+	A	1.00	4.00
Total				1.00	4.00
Math					
Saxon Advanced Math	A-	A-	A-	1.00	3.75
Total				1.00	3.75
Musio					
Oboe Lesson	Pass	Pass	Pass	0.25	
Oboe Practice	Pass	Pass	Pass	0.25	
Total				0.50	

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Name: _____					
11 ** 2010-2011 (continued)					
Subject	S1	S2	YR	CU	GPA
Science	A	A	A	1.00	4.00
Physics				1.00	4.00
Total					
Woodshop	Pass		Pass	0.50	
Woodshop				0.50	
Total					
12 ** 2011-2012					
Subject	S1	S2	YR	CU	GPA
Community Service	Pass		Pass	0.25	
Living History Day				0.25	
Total					
Economics		A	A	0.50	4.00
Economics				0.50	
Total					
English					
English Comp I-LaTouneau University	A+	B+	B+	1.00	3.50
English Comp II-LaTouneau University			A+	1.00	4.00
Total				2.00	3.75
Foreign Language					
Rosetta Stone Spanish Level 1	A+	A	A+	1.00	3.75
Total				1.00	3.75
Government					
B.U. Government	A+	A	A+	0.50	3.75
Total				0.50	3.75
Math					
Calculus	A	A+	A	1.00	4.00
Total				1.00	4.00
Music					
Orchestra Practice	Pass	Pass	Pass	0.25	
Total				0.25	
Science					
Spain Physics	A	A	A	1.00	4.00
Total				1.00	4.00
Woodshop					
Woodshop	Pass		Pass	0.50	
Total				0.50	
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Name: _____					
<b>Credits Earned</b>					
	9	10	11	12	Total
Community Service	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	1.00
Computer Programming			0.75		0.75
Economics				0.50	0.50
English				2.00	2.00
Foreign Language			1.00	1.00	2.00
Government				0.50	0.50
History	1.00	1.00	1.00		3.00
Literature	1.00	1.00	1.00		3.00
Math	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	4.00
Music	1.00	1.25	0.50	0.25	3.00
Physical Education	0.50	0.50			1.00
Science	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	4.00
Woodshop			0.50	0.50	1.00
TOTAL	6.25	6.00	7.50	7.00	26.75
<b>GPA</b>					
	9	10	11	12	Final
Cumulative	3.89	3.89	3.88	3.88	3.79
<b>Activities, Awards, Achievements, Volunteer Work, etc.</b>					
From	To	Narration			
Jun 16, 2011	Jul 16, 2011	Winner of the 2011 Christian Home Educators of Colorado (CHEC) Business Plan Contest			
Jul 10, 2010	Jul 16, 2011	"Fun-and-Be Your Own Boss Summer Camp" 2010 & 2011. Guest speaker at the Young American Center for Financial Education, "Fun-and-Be Your Own Boss Summer Camp"			
Jun 01, 2010	Aug 01, 2010	Celebration for Young Entrepreneurs. Finalist in the 2010 Celebration for Young Entrepreneurs. Young American Center for Financial Education			
Oct 01, 2009	Oct 26, 2011	Business Owner. October 2009-Present. Founder/CEO of Willowbrook Woodworking. www.willowbrookwoodworking.com			
<b>Standardized Testing Information</b>					
Test	Date	Score	Percentile	Location	
SAT	10/2011	1390		Dakota Ridge High School	
PSAT	Oct 2010	196	94	Front Range Christian School	
Stanford	May 2010	302	97	Morrison, Colorado	
Iowa Basic	Apr 2009	333	96	Morrison, Colorado	
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Include these topics on your transcript!

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Willowbrook Christian Academy - Transcript

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the information herein is complete and accurate.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Notarized/Witnessed by \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ (seal here)

Notary is optional

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## WHAT IS A CLEP TEST? (COLLEGE LEVEL ENTRANCE PROGRAM TEST)

- 33 exams in five subject areas
- Covers material taught in courses that student may take in their first two years of college
- Designed to correspond to one-semester courses, although some correspond to full-year or two-year courses
- Exams are approximately 90 minutes long, with the exception of College Composition, which is 120 minutes
- Mainly multiple-choice questions.
  - College Composition and a few other exams contain other types of questions and essays.
- Cost: \$77 test + \$15 fee = \$92 /CLEP test (\*)
  - \*Depending upon where you take the test

## ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF TAKING CLEP TESTS

### ADVANTAGES

- Costs less than taking a class in a classroom
- Students can work at their own pace
- Students can finish degree sooner
- Student can focus on one subject at a time

### DISADVANTAGES

- Not all colleges accept CLEP's
  - Colorado School of Mines
- Not all children test well after "cramming"
- Many students don't learn from "cramming"
- Grade does not affect overall college GPA

## ONLINE DUAL CREDIT GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- High school and home school students must be at least 16 years old
- Student must have a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Many online college programs teach subjects with Christian principles and values.
- Course Costs (LeTourneau University for example)
  - Online dual credit courses for high school students
    - \$120 per credit hour.
  - College Freshman
    - ENGL (1001) - \$202/Credit Hour
    - Math (1123) - \$202/Credit Hour

## ONLINE DUAL CREDIT CLASSES

### ADVANTAGES

- Costs less than taking the classes in college
- Finish degree sooner
- Student isn't exposed to as much inappropriate class content
- Students can study content over the course of a semester
- Student does not have the pressure of a pass/fail test

### DISADVANTAGES

- More expensive than CLEP'S
- Grade does not affect overall college GPA

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES

- Standardized courses that are generally recognized to be equivalent to undergraduate courses in college.
- Participating colleges grant credit to students who obtained high enough scores on the exams to qualify.
- AP tests are scored on a 1 to 5 scale as follows:
  - 5** – Extremely well qualified
  - 4** – Well qualified
  - 3** – Qualified
  - 2** – Possibly qualified
  - 1** – No recommendation
- Most colleges require a minimum score of 3 or 4 to receive college credit.

## DUAL CREDIT VS. AP COURSES

### Dual Credit

- Each course is one semester long
- Credit counts for high school and college
- Cost = \$360 - \$420 (\*)
  - Free = Public Homeschool
- “Feedback” throughout the semester

\*LeTourneau University

### AP

- Each course is one semester long
- Credit counts for high school and college
- Cost = \$375 (\*\*)
- One-time test: Pass/Fail

\*\*HSLDA Course

## COMMUNITY COLLEGE DUAL CREDIT GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Students 16 - 21, enrolled in the 9th – 12th grade in a school district
- Demonstrate academic preparedness
  - Minimum ACT Scores
    - English: 18
    - Math: 19-23
    - Reading: 17
  - Minimum SAT Scores
    - Verb: 440
    - Math: 460
  - Or, complete the free, walk-in Accuplacer assessment at the college
- Grade received in each course will appear on the Student's official high school and college transcripts
- College course credits may transfer in congruence with Colorado GT Pathways or articulation agreements if the Student earns a "C" or better in the course
- Course Costs
  - If the student is enrolled in a public homeschool such as Home Option Program of Education: H.O.P.E, then the students' share of college tuition is paid by the school district if the classes count towards graduation.
  - If the student is enrolled in a private homeschool there is no discount in the tuition.

## COMMUNITY COLLEGE DUAL CREDIT

### ADVANTAGES

- Finish degree sooner
- Students can study content over the course of a semester
- Student does not have the pressure of a pass/fail test
- Grade does affect GPA
- Student could attend classes with a "Buddy"
- Public homeschoolers receive free tuition
  - HSLDA cannot help public homeschoolers with issues related to their school.

### DISADVANTAGES

- More expensive than CLEP'S
- Student is exposed to content in classroom
- "Adult" environment on campus
- For private homeschool students tuition is not discounted
- Loss of time due to commute.

# TESTING

DO YOU REALLY NEED TO TEST

## STANDARDIZED TESTS

- Consider having student take a standardized test every year from 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Student becomes familiar with testing environment
  - Format of standardized test is similar to SAT/ACT test
- Stanford Achievement Test
  - Untimed-Student can work at their own pace
  - Helps student build confidence if they aren't a "good tester"
- Iowa Basic Test
  - Timed
    - Student gets good practice taking timed tests, like the SAT/ACT

## PRELIMINARY SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (PSAT)

- Students take in Junior year of High School
- Cost = \$14
- Good practice for the SAT test
- Not mandatory for college acceptance
- Score determines if student qualifies for the National Merit Scholarship.

## SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT TEST (SAT)

- Standardized test for college admissions
- Intended to assess a student's readiness for college
- Requires three hours and forty-five minutes to finish
- Cost = \$50
- Possible scores range from 600 to 2400
  - Three 800-point sections (Mathematics, Critical Reading, and Writing)
- Taking the SAT or its competitor, the ACT, is required for freshman entry to many, but not all, universities in the United States.



## AMERICAN COLLEGE TESTING (ACT)

- Standardized test for high school achievement and college admissions
- Consists of four tests:
  - English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science Reasoning
- Four tests are scored individually on a scale of 1–36
- Composite score is provided which is the whole number average of the four scores
- Cost = \$35

## SCHOLARSHIPS

WHERE TO FIND THEM



## SCHOLARSHIPS

- Four Year College Academic Scholarships
  - **School of Mines**
    - **\$5,000 Freshmen Merit Scholarship (\$20,000 over four years)** Resident students must have either a minimum 3.75 GPA with a minimum 29 ACT/1300 SAT composite (reading and math only) score OR a 4.00 GPA with a minimum 27 ACT/1220 SAT composite. Both criteria must be met in order to be scholarship eligible. This scholarship is only valid if student enters School of Mines as a freshman.
  - **Colorado Christian University**
    - **\$11,000 Trustees' Scholarship (\$44,000 over four years)**-Recipients typically have a 3.8 GPA and an ACT score of 28 or SAT II composite score of 1,860. To maintain eligibility, students should maintain a cumulative 3.5 GPA at CCU and meet all student aid eligibility requirements.
- Community College Scholarships
  - **Red Rocks Community College**
    - Students submit one scholarship application. Red Rocks determines eligibility for the scholarship(s) and awards scholarships accordingly.
  - **Arapahoe Community College**
    - Student is responsible for researching available scholarships and applying for each individual scholarship. Several applications may be necessary.
- Transfer Student Scholarships
  - Academic scholarships are common and most are determined by student's GPA

## POTENTIAL "FULL RIDE" SCHOLARSHIPS

- **National Merit Scholarship**
  - Depends on your academic record, PSAT and SAT scores, extracurricular and leadership experiences, and an essay.
    - Three types of scholarships:
      - National Merit \$2,500 Scholarships
      - Corporate-Sponsored Merit Scholarships
      - College-Sponsored Merit Scholarships
- **Boettcher Foundation Scholarship**
  - Forty four-year Scholarships are offered and include the following:
    - FULL TUITION AND FEES
    - LIVING STIPEND: \$2,800/year to help defray the cost of room and board
    - BOOK ALLOWANCE
- **Daniels Fund Scholarship Program**
  - Four-year scholarship that applies toward the expenses of attaining a bachelor's degree at any nonprofit, accredited college or university in the United States.
  - Funding covers all or part of a student's required college expenses such as tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and other defined expenses. It is a supplemental — or "last dollar" — scholarship, covering the expenses that remain after all other scholarships and financial aid have been applied.

## ONLINE SCHOLARSHIPS

- College Board
  - Create a personal profile to find the most matches
  - More than 2,200 programs, totaling nearly \$6 billion
- FastWeb
  - Free scholarship matching service
- College Scholarships (.org)
  - The College Scholarships Foundation is the non-profit entity behind the scholarships provided here on this site. This foundation offers many varieties of funding such as traditional scholarships for minorities and women, while also introducing popular offers such as the First Ever Blogging Scholarship.
- Beware of "Sweepstakes" Scholarships
  - Companies "phish" for personal information
- Do not pay for a scholarship search. It should never cost money to get money.

## FOUR YEAR OR COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MAKING THE BEST DECISION FOR YOUR CHILD

## TWO YEAR VS. FOUR YEAR COLLEGE

- Admission/Test Requirements
- College Articulation Agreements
- Cost Comparison
- Buddy Strategy
- Targeting Your Freshman

## ADMISSION/TEST REQUIREMENTS

### COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- 100% of students accepted
- SAT or ACT Tests are not required for admission
- Free Acuplacer Test: Designed to help determine which class placements are most appropriate for a student, based on aptitude in college-level reading, writing, and mathematics.

### FOUR YEAR COLLEGE

- Acceptance based upon SAT or ACT test scores, high school GPA, etc.
- Once a student has earned 30 credit hours at a community college, SAT or ACT scores are not required in order to transfer to a four year university.

## ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

- Articulation agreements specify the number of transfer credits that a four year college will accept from a community college.
- Example: Red Rocks Community College has an "Articulation Agreement" with many 4 year colleges, including School of Mines.
  - A student who completes all of the prescribed Red Rocks coursework with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 and a grade no lower than "C" in any of the courses, may transfer the prescribed coursework upon admission to Colorado School of Mines.
- Articulation agreements does NOT mean the same as "Guaranteed transfer"

## COST OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND 4 YEAR UNIVERSITY (ASSUMES NO ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS)

- **Colorado School of Mines**
  - \$12,585 (\*) x 4 yrs = **\$50,340**
- **Colorado Christian University**
  - \$23, 520 (\*\*) x 4 yrs = **\$94,080**
- **Red Rocks Community College**
  - \$4,620 x 2 = **\$9,240** Total for 2 years

\*Assumes 30-38 credits each year

\*\*Assumes 24-36 credit hours each year

COST OF 4 YRS AT UNIVERSITY VS. 2 YRS.  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE + 2 YEARS AT UNIVERSITY  
(ASSUMES NO ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS)

SCHOOL OF MINES	COLORADO CHRISTIAN
• <b>\$50,340 = Total for 4 years</b>	• <b>\$94,080 = Total for 4 years</b>
• \$12, 585 x 2 yrs = \$25,170	• \$23,520 x 2 yrs = \$47,040
• \$25,170 + \$9,240 = <b>\$34,410</b>	• \$47,040 + \$9,240 = <b>\$56,280</b>
• \$50,340 - \$34,410 = \$15,930	• \$94,080 - \$56,280 = \$37,800
Attending 2 yrs at community college saves <b>\$15,930</b>	Attending 2 yrs at community college saves <b>\$37,800</b>

COST OF 4 YEAR UNIVERSITY  
(ASSUMES ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS)

Colorado School of Mines	Colorado Christian University
• Tuition=\$12, 585 -\$3,500 (Academic Scholarship) = \$9,085/Year	• Tuition=\$23, 520 -\$11,000 (Academic Scholarship) = \$12,520/Year
• \$9,085 x 4 yrs = <b>\$36,340</b> Total for 4 Years at School of Mines (*)	• \$12,520 x 4 = <b>\$50,080</b> Total for 4 Years at Colorado Christian (*)

\*Assumes student maintains 3.5 GPA each year to renew scholarship

### COST OF 4 YRS AT UNIVERSITY VS. 2 YRS. COMMUNITY COLLEGE + 2 YEARS AT UNIVERSITY (ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS)

#### SCHOOL OF MINES

- **\$36,340** Total for 4 yrs (\*)
- $\$12,585 \times 2 \text{ yrs} = \$25,170$  (\*)
- $\$25,170 + \$9,240 = \mathbf{\$34,410}$   
(2yrs Mines + 2 yrs Community College)
- $\$36,340 - \$34,410 = \$1,930$

Attending 2 yrs at community college saves a total of **\$1,930**

(\*) Room and board not included

(\*\*) Academic Scholarship is only available if you attend Mines for 4 years.

#### COLORADO CHRISTIAN

- **\$50,080** Total for 4 Yrs
- For transfer students:
  - $\$23,520 - \$8,000$  (Academic Scholarship) =  $\$15,520/\text{year}$
- $\$15,520 \times 2 \text{ years} = \mathbf{\$31,040}$
- $\$31,040 + \$9,240 = \mathbf{\$40,280}$   
(2yrs CCU + 2 yrs Community College)
- $\$50,080 - \$40,280 = \$9,800$

Attending 2 yrs at community college saves a total of **\$9,800**

### THE BUDDY STRATEGY

- Find another homeschooler to take a class with or have your child take a class with someone
- Discuss "issues" that come up in classroom
- Study partner
- Accountability
- Good distraction from college "atmosphere"
- Car pooling



## TARGETING YOUR FRESHMAN

- Mandatory “Freshman Success” Classes
  - “First Year Seminars touch on the transition to college, necessary academic skills, **personal development**, critical thinking, interacting with faculty and staff members, **building a sense of community**. They often cover study skills, time management, career planning, **relationships**, **ethical decision making**, **self-concept**, campus resources, **diversity**, academic advising, **wellness**, **values**, and the overall importance of higher education.”
- Class is required (you pay for it) though the credit does not count toward degree

## CONCLUSION

- “A man’s heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.” Proverbs 16:9
  - Pray for wisdom throughout your planning process!
- Be intentional in all of your planning
- Planning for college will prepare your child for whatever his future holds



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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- HSLDA Homeschooling Through High School
  - <http://www.hslda.org/highschool/>
- Record Keeping
  - <http://www.homeschooltracker.com/>
  - <http://donnayoung.org/index.htm>
  - [http://www.contechsolutions.net/products/eths\\_pc/](http://www.contechsolutions.net/products/eths_pc/)
- College Planning
  - <http://www.collegeboard.org/>
- LeTourneau University Dual Credit Program
  - <http://adults.letu.edu/dual-credit.asp>
- Scholarships
  - <http://www.nationalmerit.org/>
  - <http://www.boettcherfoundation.org/home/scholarships/>
  - <http://www.danielsfund.org/Scholarships/Index.asp>
  - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
  - <http://www.fastweb.com/>
  - <http://www.collegescholarships.org/>