

Home School Families with High School Students:

As your student enters high school, your choice of an organized course of study will be important should you choose to enter public high school later. To issue a high school diploma, public school districts must follow an educational program set by the State of Montana, which includes required units of coursework and credit hours. Choosing to home school without an accredited high school curriculum could be problematic. For this reason, it is recommended you discuss your schooling options with a high school administrator or guidance counselor. Please note that each high school has its own policies regarding part-time attendance, graduation requirements, credits for correspondence, distance learning, and online courses. The HiSet (High School Equivalency Test, call 406.522.6012 for information) is Montana's source of a high school graduation equivalence test.

A high school diploma is not granted from home school. Online learning providers may offer transcripts and diplomas that potentially fit the need of higher education and work applications. Each school or workplace may have different policies regarding diplomas or transcripts.

Some Distance Learning Providers:

Acellus Academy www.acellusacademy.com
Apex Learning www.apexlearning.com
BYU Independent Study <http://elearn.byu.edu>
Edmentum www.edmentum.com
Florida Virtual School www.flvs.net
Greenways Academy <http://greenwaysacademy.com>
Imagine Learning www.imaginelearning.com
Innovations Online Education, Inc. www.innovationsonlineed.com
Montana Digital Academy www.montanadigitalacademy.org
Nelson Academy of Agricultural Sciences www.allagonline.com

Montana graduation requirements: 10.55.905

- 1 As a minimum, a school district's requirements for graduation shall include a total of 20 units of study that enable all students to meet the content standards and content-specific grade-level learning progressions.
- 2 In order to meet the content and performance standards, the following 13 units shall be part of the 20 units required for all students to graduate:
 - a- 4 units of English language arts
 - b- 2 units of mathematics
 - c- 2 units of social studies
 - d- 2 units of science
 - e- 1 unit of health enhancement, with 1/2 unit each year for two years
 - f- 1 unit of arts
 - g- 1 unit of career and technical education
- 3 Units of credit earned in any Montana high school accredited by the Board of Public Education shall be accepted by all Montana high schools.
- 4 In accordance with the policies of the local board of trustees, students may be graduated from high school with less than four years enrollment.

Home School Resources that may be helpful:

Montana Coalition of Home Educators www.mtche.org