

How does my home-schooler receive high school credit?

Dalat recognizes home schooling as a valid form of education. The effectiveness of this one-on-one instruction varies, depending upon the student, the subject matter, and the grade level. It is our goal to clearly communicate the expectations for accepting high school transfer of credit for home-schooled courses. This is done as a service to encourage home-schooled students and to provide accountability in meeting high school standards. With that purpose in mind, the guidelines for transferring credit and grades to Dalat High School are as following:

The maximum number of credits is to be determined by the high school counselor. Clearance of more than 7 credits in one school year requires the approval of the high school principal. The student must have earned a minimum of seven credits as a student attending Dalat in order to receive a Dalat High School diploma.

Dalat accepts the credits on an official transcript from a nationally accredited institutions such as the following Distance Learning Programs: University of Nebraska, Northstar, and University of North Dakota. If the curriculum is not nationally accredited/accepted (e.g. **A Beka**, A.C.E, Bob Jones, etc.), the following are criteria for high school courses:

- A. The portfolio should include the following:
 1. Course goals and objectives
 2. Logbook of time spent on the course. Format should include:
 - date
 - activity/assignment
 - time spent
 3. Folder of sample assignments, projects, journals, tests, and other work that applies to a particular course.
- B. A formal or informal test administered by Dalat may be necessary for high school credits to be accepted for some courses where the student's portfolio is deemed insufficient.
- C. Some organizations offer record-keeping services for home schooling curriculums. We strongly advise home schoolers to take advantage of this service, especially at the high school level. It will prove well worth the time and cost. A copy should be presented at the time of application.
- D. A home-schooling evaluation form will be completed by Dalat's counseling center for each year of high school work prior to admission. This form will also be used for computing transfer of credit. (**Note:** The school reserves the right to not grant credit for undocumented work.)

Only grades received on an official transcript from a nationally accredited institution (such as the University of Nebraska) will be included in the student's cumulative GPA. Grades given without an official document from an accredited institution will be listed as "Pass" or "Fail" on the transcript and thus will not be included in the student's cumulative GPA. Only the grades the student earned at Dalat or other accredited institutions will be a part of the student's GPA.

A total of **24** high school credits are required to graduate from Dalat. These credits must meet the requirements of those listed in the Student and Parent Handbook. The school reserves the right to require some classes to be taken at Dalat. An example would be English 12.

In some cases, the school may grant provisional credit for a course dependent upon the student's accomplishment in a course at Dalat. For example, a student may be granted a credit of Spanish I (done in home schooling) providing he earns a C or higher in Spanish 2 at

Dalat. Condition for the provisional credit will be so noted on the student's Transfer Credit worksheet and filed in the student's cumulative folder.