

Overview of Kingdom Ministries Traditional Diploma Program

The traditional high school diploma program is designed to provide the flexibility that home school families desire while at the same time ensuring that the basic areas of classical education are covered so that students are prepared for post-secondary education. For Kingdom Ministries to grant a high school diploma the following minimum credit requirements must be met:

English*	4 credits
Fine Arts	1 credit
Mathematics	3 credits (requires Algebra 1, Algebra 2, and Geometry)
Phys. Ed.	1 credit
Science	3 credits (requires 2 lab sciences)
Social Studies	3 credits (requires one credit of U.S. History and ½ credit of U.S. Government)
Foreign Language	2 credits (in same language)
Technology	.5 credits
<u>Electives</u>	<u>3.5 credits</u>
Total	21 credits

* English courses are to include a strong writing component. In addition, students will write at least two research papers (at least 8 pages each) during the high school years, demonstrating correct use of references and bibliography

Prior to the start of each school year, the student and parents must complete a credit contract for each course proposed to meet the diploma requirements. The contract lists the strategies to be used (home-based instruction, tutors, community college, etc), the texts and materials employed, and evaluation techniques to determine the completion of the contract. The contracts are then reviewed by the Kingdom Ministries Board to make sure that they cover the material appropriate for each course. Courses are evaluated for both the quality of the content and amount of material to be covered (for example, courses must cover ¾ of an approved textbook / curriculum or log 120 hours in the course area). Once approved, the student is assigned a counselor outside of his or her family who ensures that the contract is followed and completed.

Since our students use different materials to meet diploma requirements we do not compute class rank. Grade point averages are assigned on a standard 4-point scale. Both unweighted and weighted averages are calculated, with the weighted average granting an extra point on the 0-4 scale for honors, advanced placement, or community college courses. Upon completion of the required credits with a minimum 2.0 GPA, a high school diploma is granted.

A file will be kept for each student in this program containing all high school credit contracts, an up to date four year plan, and a transcript of grades submitted throughout the high school years. Copies of these can be made for parents at any time. Transcripts are particularly useful for instances such as obtaining “good student” discounts on drivers insurance or proving enrollment in school. Copies of the transcript, contracts, etc., are also sent upon request to colleges. Kingdom Ministries’ Board members are glad to fill out college recommendation forms, guidance counselor forms, etc., as required on college applications.

The cost per family for high schoolers enrolled in this program is \$125 per year.