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## What is an elective?

An elective is an academic course that is not in a required subject area. You can choose electives in your student's area of interest.

# What elective requirements apply to you?

- Refer to HSLDA.org for current and accurate information concerning state-specific requirements.
- Some universities have elective requirements too. Do you know them?
- Planning on 1-3 electives per year is common.

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# Benefits of high school electives:

- You get to choose electives to study.
- Pave a way to a future career.
- Provide practical life skills.
- Rounds out student's education.

## What qualifies as an elective?

- Ready-made curriculum (you purchase)
- D.I.Y. curriculum (you create)
- Components of an elective:
  - Learning
  - Doing
  - Showing

# Options and flexibility:

- At home or in a group.
- Electives requiring specific equipment work well in groups.

## Calculating a half or full credit:

- ♦ 60 hours = ½ credit
- ◆ 120 hours = full credit

# Documenting your electives:

- Title & description of the course.
- List materials used.
- Names of mentors or educators involved.
- Dates and times spent on the course.

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#### What is NOT an elective?

- Extra-curricular activities:
  - Are "outside of" the curriculum and are not considered academic.
  - Not listed on transcript and documented separately.

#### **Additional Resources:**

- Gina's High School Journey Video: https://youtu.be/OTypwIngwKE
- The High School Journey Handout: https://www.rainbowresource.com/pdfs/ resources/HighSchool\_Journey.pdf
- High School Transcript Worksheet: https://www.rainbowresource.com/pdfs/ resources/HighSchool\_Transcript\_Worksheet.pdf
- High School Transcript fillable PDF:
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   HS\_Transcript\_Template\_Fillable.pdf



