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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.

Notes:

# Electives for the High School Journey

## 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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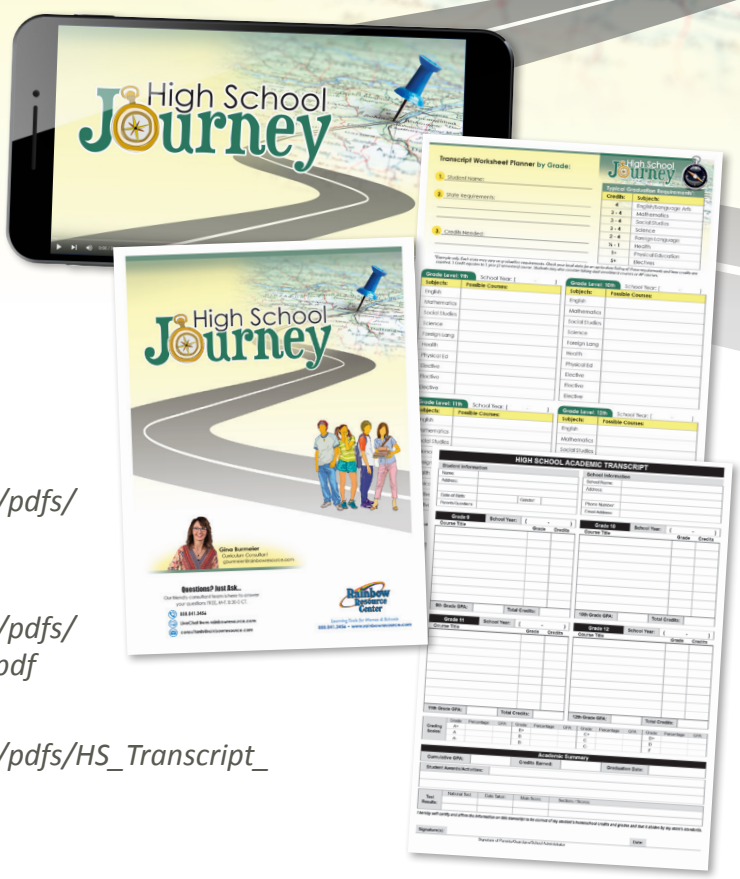
## What is NOT an elective?

- 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/0TypwIngwKE*
- The **High School Journey** Handout: *https://www.rainbowresource.com/pdfs/handouts/HighSchool_Journey.pdf*
- **High School Transcript Worksheet**: *https://www.rainbowresource.com/pdfs/HighSchool_Transcript_Worksheet.pdf*
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