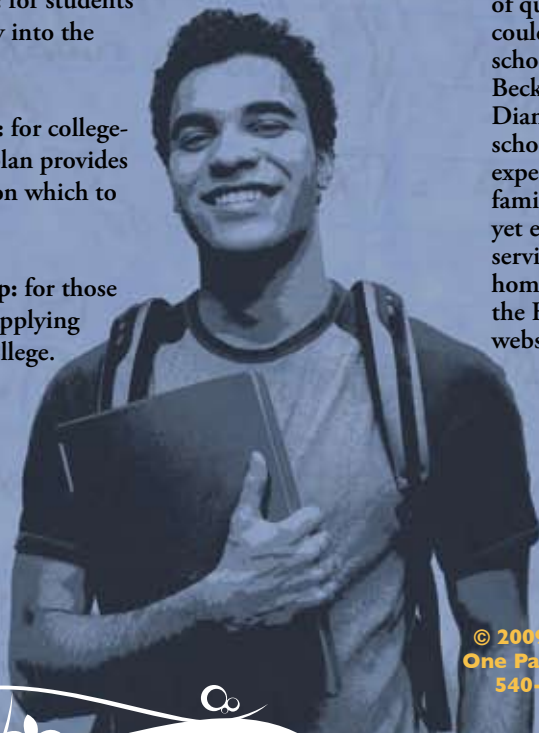


**Y**our child's post-high school goals and objectives are the primary considerations when planning out a high school program. Since he may not know with certainty what he will do upon graduation from high school, you will want to help him determine his interests, skills, and possible future vocational goals. Although a child may be thinking that college is not on the radar screen, remember that plans often change during the high school years. Therefore, it is beneficial to plan the high school program with college in mind so that at some point in the future, should your child decide to pursue college, he will be prepared.

In this brochure are several possible four-year plans for you to consider as you assess your child's future:

- **General High School:** for students planning to go directly into the workplace.
- **General College Prep:** for college-bound students, this plan provides a solid foundation upon which to build.
- **Rigorous College Prep:** for those students considering applying to a highly selective college.



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# DEVELOPING A PLAN FOR HIGH SCHOOL

SAMPLE 4-YEAR PLANS



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## GENERAL HIGH SCHOOL

(not college-bound)

Subject	Suggested Credits	Possible Courses
English	4 credits	Composition, American Lit, British Lit, World Lit, Rhetoric, Creative Writing, Speech/Communication, Journalism (Courses should stress grammar, vocabulary and analyzing literature.)
Math	3 credits	Algebra 1&2, Geometry, General Math, Consumer Math, Business Math, Accounting
History	2–3 credits	World History, American History, American Gov't
Science	2–3 credits	Physical Science, General Science, Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics
Foreign Language	2–3 credits	French, Spanish, Latin, German, Russian, etc. (2 years same language preferred.)
P.E.	1–2 credits	Physical education—many options available
Fine Arts	1–2 credits	Art, Music, Drama, Photography, etc.
Electives	5 credits	Practical Arts, Life Skills, Bible, Computer Skills, etc.
<b>Total Credits:</b>	<b>20–22 credits</b>	

## GENERAL COLLEGE PREP

Subject	Suggested Credits	Possible Courses
English	4 credits	Composition, American Lit, British Lit, World Lit, Rhetoric, Creative Writing, Speech, Journalism, Debate; also consider AP courses
Math	4+ credits	Algebra 1&2, Geometry, Trig, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, AP Calculus
History	3–4 credits	ESSENTIALS: World History, American History, American Gov't. CONSIDER: Economics, Geography, Constitutional Law, and AP courses
Science	3–4 credits	Physical Science, General Science, Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics. CONSIDER: AP courses
Foreign Language	2–4 credits	French, Spanish, Latin, German, Russian, etc. (2 years same language preferred.)
P.E.	1–2 credits	Physical education—many options available
Fine Arts	1–2 credits	Art, Music, Drama, Photography, etc.
Electives	5 credits	Practical Arts, Life Skills, Computer Skills, Bible, Church History, etc.
<b>Total Credits:</b>	<b>24–28 credits</b>	

## RIGOROUS COLLEGE PREP

(highly selective colleges/universities)

Subject	Suggested Credits	Possible Courses
English	4+ credits	Composition, Am. Lit, Brit. Lit, World Lit, Rhetoric, Creative Writing, Speech/Communication, Journalism, Debate; AP courses strongly recommended
Math	4+ credits	Algebra 1&2, Geometry, Trig, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, AP Calculus. CONSIDER: Statistics, Accounting, etc.
History	4+ credits	ESSENTIALS: World History, American History, American Gov't. CONSIDER: Econ, Geography, Sociology, Psychology, Political Science, Constitutional Law, etc. AP courses strongly recommended
Science	4+ credits	Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy, Microbiology; AP courses strongly recommended
Foreign Language	3–4 credits	French, Spanish, Latin, German, Russian, etc. (2 years same language preferred.)
P.E.	1–2 credits	Physical education—many options available
Fine Arts	1–2 credits	Art, Music, Drama, Photography, etc.
Electives	5 credits	Practical Skills, Bible, Church History, Computer Skills (proficiency important)
<b>Total Credits:</b>	<b>26–30 credits</b>	

(Check your state's homeschooling regulations and college admission requirements for any high school credit requirements. Keep in mind that colleges generally publish the minimum number of credits per subject. Admitted students will usually have earned more than the minimum. Elective courses showing educational benefit rather than life skills are preferable.)