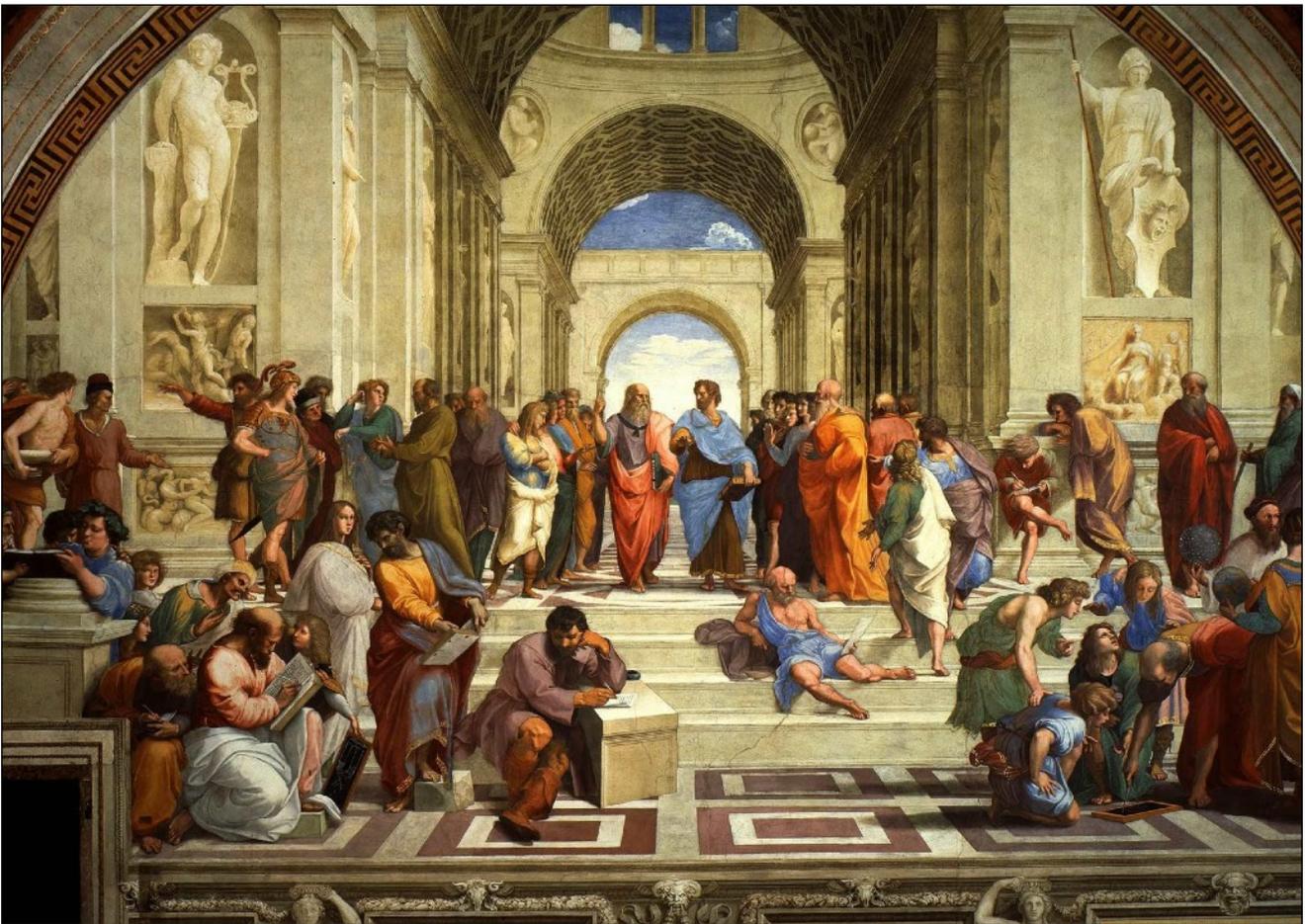

MEMORIA PRESS ONLINE ACADEMY

High School Diploma Program

An Overview



Docere, Delectare, Movere

To Teach, To delight, To move

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The Basics

High School is an important time in the life of every student and family, and every parent wants to make the right decision for their student. Since 2006 we've provided high-quality, live online classes for homeschool students all over the world. Our Online Academy ensures that students are supported with evenly paced courses, engaged by knowledgeable instructors, and challenged by a rigorous curriculum.

Starting in the 2017-18 school year, we will accept applications for our High School Diploma Program. Most students entering the diploma program will probably be entering in the 9th or 10th grade. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis, in which case we will require a comprehensive homeschool transcript after we obtain the results of the Entrance Exams. For the 2017-18 school year all entrance exams must be taken by February 28, 2017.

The High School Diploma Program is a challenging yet *doable* program, to which any hard-working student is welcome to apply. To graduate students must maintain a certain level of academic excellence throughout the program, complete specific course requirements as well as required testing.

Each student graduating will earn 28 credits. Students will take five online classes and two other classes. These two might include other online classes, additional Memoria Press Online Academy classes (extra cost), local co-op classes, community college classes, or homeschool classes taught by the parent. To award credit for these classes, some minimal documentation is required. For example, a small sampling of quizzes, mid-terms, exams, or essays that we will ask you to upload to an electronic folder. Below is a specific breakdown of what is required for graduation:

Latin:	4 credits (one of which must be a translation class)
Math:	3 credits
Science:	3 credits
History:	4 credits
Writing:	2 credits
Literature:	3 credits
Logic:	2 credits
Electives:	7 credits

Total Credits: 28

Application

Parents and students interested in the diploma program should fill out the application online. The application includes a \$25 application fee and an entrance test. Submission of an application and entrance test is not a guarantee of acceptance into the program. You will receive a confirmation email after your application and entrance exam are received. When a decision is made about your student's acceptance into the program, you will be notified by the Director.

Costs

Costs are kept to a minimum and a payment plan is available. The yearly cost per student is:

Application Fee:	\$25
Enrollment Fee:	\$200 per student
5 Live Online Classes:	\$2500
2 Non-MP or Homeschool Class:	\$0*
Books	Book fees separate; Can be obtained from any seller

*minimal documentation required; we do not determine curriculum for these classes

Consultation

Once you have registered to take the Entrance Exams and have filled out the application information, you should have your student take the entrance exams. For the 2017-18 school year all entrance exams must be taken by February 28, 2017.

If a student is not accepted into the diploma program because of his or her score on the Entrance Exam, this in no way means that the student cannot take individual courses through Memoria Press Online Academy. Students are still free to take any and all courses that they choose and we urge you to do so. If a student is not accepted into the High School Diploma Program for the 9th grade year you may apply again for the 10th grade year.

Maintaining Good Standing

Students must maintain an overall average of 85% (B) for all courses each year enrolled.

Testing Requirements

There are several rigorous testing requirements. Students are required to take all of these assessments to graduate. Families must arrange to take these tests locally and have the scores reported to Memoria Press Online Academy by (1) scanning the documents or (2) having these directly reported to us (our College Board code is 564 for AP Exams).

PSAT: Taken during the Fall of the junior year. Many students also take the PSAT their sophomore year to get a feel for what the test is like. Scores from this test are used to determine National Merit Scholars (only scores from the junior year). The PSAT code varies by state.

SAT or ACT: SAT is taken during the Spring of the junior year. The SAT high school code homeschool students is 970000. The ACT is taken during the Fall of the senior year. The ACT school code for homeschool student is 969-999. With both tests, the scores are sent directly to the student's home.

Advanced Placement: One AP Exam for an AP class taken through the Online Academy.

Accreditation, College Board, and NCAA

Memoria Press Online Academy is accredited by the *Classical Latin School Association*. Accreditation is meant to help our students earn an accredited high school diploma while simultaneously receiving a rigorous classical education. In conjunction with the Classical Latin School Association, we select our curriculum, teachers, and academic standards. We also use standards of excellence and general testing to ensure MPOA Diploma Program students are exceeding all requirements that a college or university would expect.

Memoria Press Online Academy is also a College Board approved Online Provider of Advanced Placement courses. Our school code is 564. Any class you see with the AP designation is College Board approved.

Memoria Press Online Academy also has most of the core courses approved by the NCAA. These courses can be used toward a student's NCAA eligibility for colleges and universities.

State-By-State Breakdown of Graduation Requirements

While we have done much of the legwork in designing our program, please ensure that you follow all of your state's laws and guidelines for homeschooling. Many states have high school graduation requirements that universities use (among other things) when evaluating applicants. The Diploma Program was designed and organized to meet or exceed the requirements in all 50 states and is completely consistent with the homeschooling law in all 50 states. We designed our program this way in the event your student decides to attend a university in your state of residence. If you already know where your student may want to attend university or college, see the institution's website for their specific expectations from homeschool applicants. Please note that occasionally standards change from state-to-state and you must follow all applicable homeschooling laws and stay aware of this information.

Each state has its own high school graduation requirements. In some states no requirements exist, only guidelines. In other states there are minimums and other requirements are determined locally. Remember, you are still technically considered a homeschooled student in your state, but you are simultaneously in a High School diploma program with Memoria Press Online Academy; you do not have to pursue everything someone in a public or private school may pursue in your state. That is the part of the freedom of homeschooling! But you will be able to see what universities will expect from high school graduates, and rest assured that our diploma program exceeds these academic requirements in every respect. Please note as well that some states require state-specific testing requirements as well (i.e. MA, NY, PA, RI, VT). The main goal here is to provide some information so you can see the broad categories and any specifics your state uses. See the link below.

[See this link for state-by-state requirements from HSLDA.](#)

Specific Subject Notes and Credit Requirements for Graduation

Credits from 7th and 8th grade: Practices on accepting high school credit from grades 7 and 8 vary by state and institution. It is our position that some courses taken in grades 7 and 8 can be considered for high school credit. If a student is accepted into the diploma program we will consider these classes or coursework on a case-by-case basis, up to a maximum of 6 credits for grades 7 and 8. Naturally, we can more effectively evaluate classes that were taken with MPOA during grades 7 and 8. Generally speaking, no course work prior to 7th grade will be accepted.

Please note: If for some reason a student has taken some of these classes previously (e.g. First Form Latin or some Classical Composition at a younger age) then there are some adjustments and substitutions that can be made.

Latin: Must complete four years of Latin, one of which must be a translation class. If First Form Latin is taken in 9th, SFL must be taken the following summer. Students in 9th grade with no Latin background are advised to take Henle Latin I, Units 1-5. 4 credits.

Math: Pre-Algebra should be completed prior to 9th grade, but if taken in 9th grade it will not count for credit. Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II are required for graduation. 3 credits.

Science: No specific classes required. Parental requirements take precedence. 3 credits.

History: Must take Classical Studies I and II, American, European, or World History. 4 credits.

Literature: English Literature III: The Divine Comedy is the only required class for Literature. Beyond this requirements take precedence. 3 credits.

Logic: Must take Logic I & II, Material Logic, and Classical Rhetoric. 2 credits.

Writing: Must take either Foundations for Composition and High School Composition I or High School Composition I and II. 2 credits.

Electives: These credits can be used to satisfy specific requirements, or also to add extra science and math classes or any other classes a student wishes to take. 7 credits.

***AP:** Must take at least one AP class and the exam that corresponds to this class.

Diploma Worksheet

7th Grade Classes - 3 classes maximum can be counted toward Diploma			
Subject	Course Title	Credit	Notes
Latin			NLE tests are optional but encouraged. NLE Intro can be taken if student is taking Second or Third Form.
Math			
Science			
History			
Literature			
Writing			
Logic & Rhetoric			
Homeschool/Non-MP Class			
Homeschool/Non-MP Class			

Notes:

8th Grade Classes - 3 classes maximum can be counted toward Diploma			
Subject	Course Title	Credit	Notes
Latin			NLE tests are optional but encouraged, and you should take whatever NLE level is appropriate.
Math			
Science			
History			
Literature			
Writing			
Logic & Rhetoric			
Homeschool/Non-MP Class			
Homeschool/Non-MP Class			

Notes:

Diploma Worksheet

9th Grade Classes			
Subject	Course Title	Credit	Notes
Latin			NLE tests are optional but encouraged, and you should take whatever NLE level is appropriate. If applicable, an AP class and exam.
Math			
Science			
History			
Literature			
Writing			
Logic & Rhetoric			
Homeschool/Non-MP Class/Elective			
Homeschool/Non-MP Class/Elective/ Extra MPOA class			

Notes:

10th Grade Classes			
Subject	Course Title	Credit	Notes
Latin			NLE tests are optional but encouraged, and you should take whatever NLE level is appropriate. If applicable, an AP class and exam.
Math			
Science			
History			
Literature			
Writing			
Logic & Rhetoric			
Homeschool/Non-MP Class/Elective			
Homeschool/Non-MP Class/Elective/ Extra MPOA class			

Notes:

Diploma Worksheet

11th Grade Classes			
Subject	Course Title	Credit	Notes
Latin			PSAT is taken in the Fall semester. Homeschool code for the test varies by state and can be found here . If applicable, an AP class and exam.
Math			
Science			
History			
Literature			
Writing			
Logic & Rhetoric			
Homeschool/Non-MP Class/Elective			
Homeschool/Non-MP Class/Elective/ Extra MPOA class			

Notes:

12th Grade Classes			
Subject	Course Title	Credit	Notes
Latin			Take the SAT or ACT this year.
Math			
Science			
History			
Literature			
Writing			
Logic & Rhetoric			
Homeschool/Non-MP Class/Elective			
Homeschool/Non-MP Class/Elective/ Extra MPOA class			

Notes:

Diploma Totals

Course Requirements	7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Latin (4 credits)						
Math (3 credits)						
Science (3 credits)						
History (4 credits)						
Literature (3 credits)						
Writing (2 credits)						
Logic/Rhetoric (2 credits)						
Electives (7 credits)						

Testing Requirements	7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
PSAT						
SAT or ACT						
AP Exam						

Other Requirements	Yes	No
All tests scores mailed or reported to MP?		
Overall grade average of B in all classes (85%)?		

Latin: Must complete four years of Latin, one of which must be a translation class. If First Form Latin is taken in 9th, SFL must be taken the following summer. Students in 9th grade with no Latin background are advised to take Henle Latin I, 1-5.

Math: Pre-Algebra should be completed before 9th grade, but if taken 9th grade it will not count for credit. Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II are required for graduation. More Mathematics courses may be taken with electives.

Science: No specific classes required. More Science courses may be taken with electives.

History: Must take Classical Studies I and II, American, European History, or World History.

Literature: No specific requirements. Parental requirements take precedence.

Logic: Must take Logic I & II, and Classical Rhetoric.

Writing: Must take High School Composition I-III.

Electives: Can be used to satisfy specific state, parental requirements, additional Math and Science classes, or other classes the students and parents wish to take.

AP: Must take at least one AP class and the exam that corresponds to this class.