

Home Study Assistance Guidelines for Grades 9-12

Home schooling at this level is much more of a challenge as you must make sure you are meeting the overall requirements for graduation. Outlined below are the requirements for graduating under our Home Study Assistance Program.

1. **Graduation Requirements:** Students who are registered with the RBCS Umbrella will work towards a **Northwest Florida Christian Education Association (NFCEA) Home Study Degree**, not a Rocky Bayou Christian Academy Diploma. The NFCEA Diploma requires successful completion of 24 credits in the following subject areas:
 - 4 English:** major concentration in composition and literature
 - 4 Mathematics** (one of which must be Algebra 1),
 - 3 Science with two labs**
 - 3 Social Studies** (American History, World History, Government ½ credit, Economics ½ credit)
 - 4 Bible** (1 Bible credit is required for each year a student is under the RBCS umbrella. For example, if a student enters in their junior year, they will only be required to complete 2 Bible credits.)
 - 1 Physical Education**
 - 6/5* Electives** or more depending on # of Bible credits received

*Please note that if you desire a **Bright Futures' Scholarship**, 2 of your electives need to be in one Foreign Language (see next page for additional info)*

This chart shows the typical sequence of RBCA regular track high school courses
We can provide you with a sequence of the advanced track high school courses if needed.

<u>Subj</u>	<u>Ninth</u>	<u>Tenth</u>	< >	<u>Eleventh</u>	<u>Twelfth</u>
Bible:	Old Testament	Tools and Techniques		New Testament	Harmony of Gospels or Systematic Theology
English:	English I	English II		English III	Eng IV
History:	Amer History	World Hist		US History	Govt/ Econ
Literature:	Amer. Lit	Span or Latin I		British Literature	Phil/Apologetics
Science:	Physical Science	Biology		Chemistry	<i>Varies</i>
Math:	Algebra 1	Geometry		Algebra II	Integr. Math/ Pre-Calculus
Electives:	Physical Ed	Phys Ed		Span or Latin II	Span/Lat III

2. **Record Keeping:**
 - a. **Course List:** Please submit a course and curriculum list at the beginning of each school year which follows a plan for graduation requirements.
 - b. **Attendance:**
 - A one credit class requires 150 hours of class time/two semesters

A one/half credit class requires 75 hours of class time/one semester
A one quarter credit requires 35 hours of class time/half semester
One School Day = minimum 5 hours per day
School Year: 180 days, two semesters, four quarter.

c. **Grade Reports**

Grades will be submitted at the end of each quarter or semester

d. **Annual Achievement Testing** will also be required. **Students must show continual improvement to remain under the RBCS umbrella program. We can provide assistance in identifying learning challenges.**

3. **Christian Service Hours:** all students will be required to complete a minimum of 50 hours of Christian Service. (Bright futures applicants need 75 hours.)
10 hours in 9th grade, 10 hours in 10th grade, 15 hours in 11th grade, and 15 hours in 12th grade
Note: A minimum of 15 hours must be completed in student's senior year.

4. **Transcripts:** RBCS will provide you with a NFCEA transcript indicating the courses, grades, and credits which your child has earned. For students interested in the Bright Futures Scholarship program, a numerical grade will be used for any class where grading can be verified by a source other than the parent as teacher. For example, a student taking on line or dvd courses, or taking on-campus classes would earn a numerical grade for the course. A course taught only by the parent will be assigned a pass/fail grade. A student must earn numerical grades in a minimum of 7 credits during their Junior and Senior years. Petitions can be made for exceptions. A GPA will be based only on the classes where a numerical grade is assigned. Credits received through Pass/Fail grades are not averaged in with the student's GPA score..

IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The **"Bright Futures" Scholarship Program** for Florida Residents is also available to home schooled students. ***"Bright Futures" credit requirements are greater than the NFCEA Diploma requirements.*** There are 3 levels of scholarships available:

- a. **Florida Academic Scholars Award:** Maximum award for tuition and fees to a Public Institution or a fixed amount to a Private Institution. Requires a 3.5 GPA, 15 college preparatory courses **including 2 Foreign Languages**; a score of 1270 on SAT I or a 28 on the ACT, and **75 hours of Community Service**.
- b. **Florida Medallion Scholars Award:** Awards tuition and fees to a Public Institution or a fixed amount to a Private Institution. Requires a 3.0 GPA, 15 college prep courses **including 2 Foreign Languages**, and an overall score of 970 on the SAT I or 20 on the ACT. No Community Service hours are required.
- c. **Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award:** Awards 75% tuition of fees to a Public Institution or a fixed amount to a Private Institution. Requires a 3.0 GPA, 15.5 core credits including 3 Vocational Job-Preparatory or Technology Education Program credits. No community Service hours are required.

Please check the Bright Futures' website
www.MyFloridaEducation.com/brfuture/
for current information on scholarships.