



High School Credit FAQs

My child wants to enroll in a high school Spanish course through Homeschool Spanish Academy. How do credits work?

Great question! Our credit system is quite easy. In order to receive one high school credit, your student needs to complete one full level of our high school curriculum. Our high school curriculum is broken down into high school level 1, level 2, level 3, and level 4, roughly representing each year of high school.

Additionally, each level is broken down into two sublevels. For example, level 1 is broken down into levels 1A and 1B, level 2 is broken down into levels 2A and 2B, etc. Each sublevel represents one semester, which is 15 weeks. In other words, level 1A is the first semester of high school level 1 and level 1B is the second semester of high school level 1. A full school year, or sublevels A and B, would therefore last 30 weeks.

Each sublevel (1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, etc.) covers 14 lesson-topics.* Ideally, to stay on track, a high school student would complete the 14-lesson topics for each sublevel in one semester (15 weeks). This means the student would complete twenty-eight lessons in that particular level in 30 weeks, or one full school year.

What works best for most students is to register for two semester (15 weeks each) of 2 classes per week. We recommend that for each hour students spend in class, they spend an hour outside of class doing the homework and studying the material. This translates into 120 hours of work, which is the standard measure for completion of one high school credit.

Level #A (first semester) =
14 lesson-topics in 15 weeks
15 weeks of 2 classes/week = 30 hours in class
30 hours in class + 30 hours outside of class = 60 hours for one semester
60 hours for 1st semester + 60 hours for 2nd semester = 120 hrs in 1 yr
120 hours in 1 yr = 1 high school credit

*Please refer to a current high school syllabus for a breakdown of the 14 lesson-topics for each semester.

My child is currently enrolled in HSA's middle school Spanish program. How will this affect their progression in HSA's high school Spanish program?

That's great news! If your student is planning on enrolling in our high school course and has already taken middle school Spanish with us, that just means they're ahead of the game!

If your student finishes levels 1A, 1B, 2A, and 2B in middle school, for example, they would likely start in high school level 3A. It is important to note, however, that where your student begins in our high school program also depends on their level of proficiency upon entry. It is important for your student to review the concepts they learned in middle school over the break between their middle school and high school courses (if they take a break).

In the case that your student has summer vacation between their last HSA middle school course and their first HSA high school course, we would recommend our Summer School Passport program. This program provides your child with a fun and educational summertime activity that will allow them to practice their Spanish conversation and learn more about Latin American culture. Better yet, they will have a better chance of success when they commence high school in the fall!

How do I know the work that my son or daughter does will be applied to earning high school credit?

Your Homeschool Spanish Academy account includes a "Reports" section, where you can access current grade reports for your child. Grade reports include detailed records of class sessions with the teacher, homework assignments completed, and quiz and exam grades. With these reports, it is possible not only to track your son or daughter's progress in their high school course, but also to easily show proof of course completion.

To access report cards, log into www.HomeschoolSpanishAcademy.com and click on "My Classes". From there, click on "Reports" in the top task bar. You will be able to pull a grade report for either a current course or a past course.

If you are unable to see any of your son's or daughter's past courses, fear not! The information has not been lost. Simply select "All Programs" from the drop-down menu directly to the right of the "Reports" page header (the default will be set to "Current Only"). Then click "Apply Filter."

Where on my student's report card does it list the credit completed?

At the very top of the report card, you will see a section entitled "Summary Information." On the righthand side of this section, you will see listed the number of lessons covered and the amount of credit earned for that course. This information gets updated automatically as concepts are covered and homework and exams are completed.

How many credits are given per semester? How is a semester defined?

A semester is defined as 15 weeks. We recommend that high school students take 2 classes per week, although depending on their rate of learning they can also opt to take 1 or 3 classes per week. To stay on track with earning one full high school credit within the span of a school year, the student should plan to earn one half (0.5) high school credit in one semester (15 weeks, covering 14 lesson-topics).

Are you accredited?

Yes! With the recent partnership between Homeschool Spanish Academy and Customized Education Designs, a third-party independent accreditation agency, HSA is now accredited everywhere throughout the United States. Accreditation through CED indicates that HSA is an established educational program and that the quality of our curricula are held accountable to an outside agency.

To earn CED credit for your HSA course, complete the CED course registration process by logging onto their website, www.CustomizedEd.com. Upon receipt of payment, CED will send a formal request for grades to HSA. This transcript will then be certified by CED and mailed to the student, the student's high school, or the student's requested institution of higher learning.

Will college admission boards accept your credits?

Accreditation gives our students the flexibility to more easily transfer their credit to public high schools or to institutions of higher learning. In fact, because CED-accredited transcripts are more readily accepted by college admissions boards, the partnership between HSA and CED will also give our students confidence that their Spanish coursework will be recognized by admissions.

If I have any further questions, what should I do?

For any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact us at Info@HomeschoolSpanishAcademy.com.