



## What should my student take at the HRM Secondary Academy?

This document contains the following information:

- Summary of Texas law concerning homeschooling requirements.
- An explanation of what course work is required to graduate from a Texas public school.
- A partial list of HRM Secondary Academy classes in each subject area in the order suggested classes be taken. This list can be used to help parents navigate the classes they would like for their students to take each year.

In the state of Texas, there is much freedom for the conscientious homeschool family. The law states:

Homeschools are considered a type of private school.

The only legal requirements to homeschool in Texas are:

- The instruction must be bona fide (i.e., not saying schooling is taking place when it is not).
- The curriculum must be in visual form (e.g., books, workbooks, video monitor).
- The curriculum must include the five basic subjects of reading, spelling, grammar, mathematics and good citizenship.

See <https://thsc.org/requirements-to-homeschool-in-texas/> for more or updated information.

That being said, the question remains, “What should I expect my child to cover in my homeschool?” Parents, as the administrators of their prospective homeschools, have the authority to determine (within the law as summarized above) what the student must complete to graduate. However, the conscientious parent/administrator may desire that the student complete at least what is expected of those students graduating from the public schools in this state. A college bound student may want to check with the local colleges (or the college he/she plans to attend) to see if there is additional coursework that is desirable for the individual degree the student plans to pursue.

In Texas, public school students are required to complete the following course work to receive a high school diploma: 22 credits (year-long classes) consisting of (names of classes may vary)

- English I, English II, English III and an advanced English course
- Algebra I, Geometry, and an advanced math course
- Biology, a laboratory-based science course and an advanced science course
- U.S. History, U.S. Government, Economics, and World History or World Geography
- Physical Education
- Two credits in the same language (other than English) or Computer Science I, II, and/or III
- Fine arts
- Demonstrated proficiency in speech

- Five credits in electives

See [https://study.com/articles/Earning\\_Your\\_Texas\\_High\\_School\\_Diploma.html](https://study.com/articles/Earning_Your_Texas_High_School_Diploma.html) for more or updated information.

So, what would be the recommended class order to cover the most expected classes at Home Run Ministries? Classes in each subject area are listed below in the order parents may choose to have students take them. Science and history allow more flexibility than math and English.

### English/Language Arts

Fundamentals of English (gr. 6-7)

Intermediate English 1 & 2 (2-year cycle) – Either course first (gr.7-9)

HS English 1&2 (2-year cycle – Either course first (gr. 9-12)

HS English 3&4 (2-year cycle) – Either course first

Years in each level are based on teacher recommendations, but the general plan is as shown.

### Mathematics

Beginning Math (gr. 6-7)

Intermediate Math (gr. 7-8)

Pre-Algebra (gr. 7-9)

Algebra 1 (gr. 8-10)

Geometry (gr. 9-12)

Algebra 2(gr. 9-12)

Statistics (gr. 11-12)

Pre-Cal (gr. 11-12)

Algebra 2 can be taken before Geometry, but it is generally recommended to take Geometry first.

### Science

General Science (gr. 6-7)

Intermediate Science (gr. 7-9)

Physical Science (gr. 7-9)

Biology (gr. 9-12)

Chemistry (gr. 9-12)

Anatomy & Physiology (gr. 11-12)

Physics (gr. 11 – 12)

Those desiring to take a science-based path leading to college should plan to take Physical Science before entering high school. The order the sciences are taken can be altered some, but age requirements and pre-requisites must be observed for the greatest success.

### History

Middle School History – 3 year course (gr. 6-9)/Texas History (gr. 6-8)

Geography (gr. 9-12)

U.S. History (gr. 9-12)

World History (gr.9-12)

Government (gr. 10-12)

Economics (gr. 10-12)

Art History (gr. 7-12) can be taken as an alternative history (or fine arts) at any time. Texas History is generally considered a middle school course. Histories can be taken in alternate orders, but the above order is probably the most skill sequential.

Languages

Spanish 1 (gr. 8-12)

Spanish 2 (9-12)

or

Latin (gr. 6-9)

Additional classes offered by HRM on a needs basis that can be taken at multiple grade levels

Health & PE (gr. 6-8)

Speech (gr. 9-12)

A Study of the End Times (gr. 9-12)

Comparative Religions (gr. 9-12)

Other classes (see [homerunministries.com](http://homerunministries.com))

These classes could be used as electives or to satisfy another option into which the subject fits.

Classes not offered by HRM Secondary Academy or that do not fit into the student's schedule could be done at home, online, or in another group setting.

If you would like more information or to talk with someone about your student's schedule, don't hesitate to contact Karen at [karengriswold@homerunministries.com](mailto:karengriswold@homerunministries.com) .