



High School Diploma Program

The Highlands Latin Cottage School offers a partnership with committed homeschool families in the Louisville area. Our High School Program offers access to knowledgeable instructors, a rigorous curriculum, classroom training and accountability. The Highlands Latin Cottage School is a Classical Latin School Association (CLSA) accredited program. High school students are free to enroll in classes as an a-la-carte option that supplements further coursework at home.

Students interested in our High School Diploma Program can apply after the completion of their 8th grade year, but must apply prior to January 1st of their sophomore year. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis, in which case the school will require a comprehensive homeschool transcript and interview. In order to graduate, students must meet schedule and course requirements outlined below.

Each student graduating must earn at least 26 credits, 16 of which must be completed in our Cottage School classrooms. Students in pursuit of our diploma must take a minimum of four courses at the Cottage School each year. Remaining credit requirements can be fulfilled with us at the Cottage School, at home, with Memoria Press Online Academy, at a local co-op, or community college. To award credit for non-Cottage School classes, some documentation will be required. For example, a small sampling of exams and essays will be reviewed. Classes taken outside of the Cottage School are not placed on the student transcript, but can be used to satisfy our curricular requirements.

Diploma Program Requirements

Subject	Credits
Latin - must be taken at HLCS	3 - one of which must be translation class (Caesar/Henle III)
Math	4
Science	3
History	2
Classical Studies - must be taken at HLCS	4

Literature	4
Logic	2 (Traditional Logic can be taken during the 8th grade year or any year thereafter)
Electives	4
Total	26

Please note that state required writing/composition credits can be satisfied by our Material Logic, Literature, Senior Thesis, Common Topic, or Art and Architecture courses. These classes have a strong writing component. Transcripts can be itemized to isolate those writing requirements upon parent request.

Students who cannot meet every one of these credit requirements should still contact us if interested, especially if the students have taken Cottage School classes in the past. We are happy to look at the student's completed coursework for consideration in the High School Diploma Program.

Interested students should fill out the application online. The application includes a \$25 application fee. Confirmation of acceptance will result in notification by the Director following an interview with the student and parents. This interview is scheduled following the application submission.

Diploma Program Costs

Costs are kept to a minimum. Cost per student is:

- \$25 Application Fee
- Cottage School Tuition \$1,850 - \$3,100 (minimum) - (maximum)
- Varied - Homeschool, Co-op, or Community College Courses (selected by parents)
- Varied - Book Fees per course

Additional fees (optional, based on participation):

- \$75 School Dances
- \$250 Athletics (per high school child, per sport)
- \$17** PSAT (10th and/or 11th Grade)
- \$60** ACT (10th-12th Grade)

*Cost for all six classes totals \$3,100 for the year

**Subject to change - cost determined by College Board.

Consultation

Meetings will be set up for all applicants following review of application by the Director. During the course of the year, you may require another consultation with the Director, and this is scheduled by appointment.

If a student is not accepted into the Cottage School Diploma Program this does not mean that he or she cannot take individual courses at the school. Students are free to take any and all courses that they so choose. 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.

Good Standing

Students must maintain a cumulative average of 83% (B) for all courses that they are enrolled in at the Cottage School.

Accreditation

Highlands Latin Cottage School is accredited by the Classical Latin School Association. Accreditation is meant to help our students earn an accredited high school diploma while simultaneously enjoying classical education at home. This is the same organization that accredits our full-time school here in Louisville. We are not accredited by an organization associated with any state government. This is intentional. We select grading systems, curriculum, and teachers to ensure that we maintain academic standards.

State-by-State 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.

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 Highlands Latin Cottage School; you do not have to pursue everything someone in a public or private school may pursue in your state. That is part of the freedom of homeschooling!

Rest assured that our diploma program exceeds these academic requirements of state governments in every respect. Please note as well that some states require state-specific testing requirements as well (i.e. MA, NY, PA, RI, VT).

College Planning Support

Students in the Diploma Program will receive college planning support. College Information Meetings are held during the school year and planning tools and documents are provided.

Highlands Latin Cottage School Diploma Program Staff

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Reference:

<https://hslida.org/content/laws/>

<https://education.ky.gov/curriculum/hsgradreq/>

<https://www.doe.in.gov/school-improvement/home-school>

<https://www.kheaa.com/website/kheaa/kees?main=1>