

# DANIEL 1 ACADEMY - HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Educating high school students at home involves more planning and record keeping than elementary grades. Daniel 1 Academy desires to help parents with this task. We maintain the student's permanent academic record including an official transcript of subjects, grades and credits. Graduates can choose to participate in our yearly graduation ceremony. Graduates of D1A are accepted at colleges and universities but may be required to take the GED if they score below average on college entrance exams.

## 2 requirements for graduating from D1A:

1. Earn the minimum number of high school credits
2. Make a passing score on each subtest of the ACT test at least once during the high school years

## Two courses of study from which to choose

### College-Prep Path (meets TN's new standards)

<b>ENGLISH</b>	
English 1,2,3,4	4
<b>MATH</b>	
Algebra 1 & Algebra 2	2
Geometry	1
Advanced Math (Trig/Pre-Calc/Stat)	1
<b>SCIENCE</b>	
Biology	1
Chemistry or Physics	1
Other Lab Science	1
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>	
American History	1
World History or Geography	1
Government & Economics (½ each)	1
<b>OTHER CREDITS</b>	
Health	½
P.E.	1
Foreign Language (2 yrs of same lang)	2
Fine Arts	1
Personal Finance	½
Electives	3

TOTAL MINIMUM CREDITS 22

### General-Study Path (does not meet TN's new standards)

<b>ENGLISH</b>	
English 1,2,3,4	4
<b>MATH</b>	
Algebra 1	1
Algebra 2 or Geometry	1
Other Math (get approved by D1)	1
<b>SCIENCE</b>	
Biology	1
Other High School level Science	2
(get approved by D1 if other than Chemistry or Physics)	
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>	
American History	1
World History or Geography	1
Government & Economics (½ each)	1
<b>OTHER CREDITS</b>	
Health	½
P.E.	1
Foreign Language	1
Fine Arts	1
Personal Finance	½
Electives	5

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- \* Students can earn a maximum of 8 credits per year for a total max of 32. Students enrolled 2nd semester only can earn a max of 4 credits.
- \* Students cannot earn high school credits before 9th grade unless they have received permission to do so by the D1A administrators prior to beginning the school year. Call the office at the beginning of the year to ask about it.
- \* To graduate before age 17, student must have a composite score of 22 on the ACT test.
- \* Transcripts from D1A are unweighted. We do designate any courses taken as dual enrollment with proof from the college.

## TESTING REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION FROM DANIEL 1

Any student wishing to earn a D1A diploma must take the national ACT test and make the following scores at least once during the high school years: English - 15 / Math - 16 / Reading - 16 / Science - 17

To graduate with honors, a student must score at or above the benchmarks on the ACT test. (Honors students will be recognized at the graduation ceremony and on the transcript.) The scores for honors are:

English - 18 / Math - 22 / Reading - 22 / Science - 23

A student may register for the ACT test by visiting their website at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). When completing the registration for the test, you must enter Daniel 1 Academy's high school code of **430-444** so that they will send a copy of your student's scores to D1A.

We recommend that students take the ACT the first time in 10th grade for a baseline score which can then be improved upon by studying areas with low scores and re-taking the test during the 11-12th grades. Class rank is determined by ACT scores with the Oct test of the senior year as the last one accepted for that purpose. Seniors can still take later tests for graduation purposes if needed. Any student who does not meet the testing requirement will need to contact their local adult education department to take the GED test instead.

## **What Is A High School Credit?**

In public schools a high school credit represents 150 hours of classroom time. For D1A homeschool students there are two ways to earn high school credits.

1. **Complete a published curriculum.** An example of this would be if your student is studying from an Algebra 1 textbook. When he completes the book, he has earned 1 credit in Algebra 1 regardless of the amount of time he took. Whether he completed it in 1 semester or in 3 semesters he would still receive 1 credit of Algebra 1.
2. **Complete 150 hours of hands-on learning.** Sometimes a student will study a subject that has no textbook. For example to satisfy the requirement of a credit of Fine Arts, a student may spend 20 hours singing in a choir, 70 hours performing in a play, 25 hours in an art class and 35 hours taking dance lessons. He should keep a record of the time spent doing everything and when he has completed 150 hours he will have earned 1 credit in Fine Arts. At D1A we call this 'credit journaling.'

## **HOW TO REPORT HIGH SCHOOL SEMESTER GRADES TO D1A**

How you report your student's semester grades to D1A affects how easy or difficult it is for our staff to create your student's transcript. Reporting credits correctly is not difficult. There are just a couple of important points to remember which helps make the process easy for everyone.

1. **Report subjects with the specific names.** For example, DO turn in a credit called either American History or World History rather than reporting just a History credit. DO turn in a credit for Biology or Physical Science instead of turning in a credit for Science. DO NOT submit the title of the textbook as the name of the subject.
2. **Turn in numerical grades, not letter grades.** Our staff will be averaging the grade from 1st semester with the grade from second semester to determine the final grade that goes on the transcript for the full credit. If you turn in a 'B' first semester and then an 'A' second semester, there is no way of averaging them.
3. **Make sure you are reporting the correct amount of credit earned.** Most students complete a ½ credit the first semester and then another ½ credit the second semester. Each half-credit represents completing half of the year's work. After we receive the second semester report, we add the two halves together and put 1 whole credit on the transcript along with an average of the two number grades reported for each half-credit. If your student completes a whole year's worth of a subject during one semester, then you should report the credit earned as 1 whole credit and the grade you give will be the final grade that is put on the transcript. DO NOT report ½ credit for first semester and then 1 credit for second semester when you are meaning that they completed 1 credit for the year. That makes it look like they earned 1 ½ credits instead of only 1 and it confuses us as to how to handle the number grades.
4. **Keep a copy of what you turn in to D1A for your own records.** Reports sent by mail sometimes get lost in the mail and even those submitted over the internet can get lost in cyberspace. We will send you a copy of the student's transcript at the beginning of each year along with the ID cards so that you can compare your records with ours and make sure everything is recorded correctly.
5. **For dual-enrollment credits, please report the course on the semester report** and include a note about it being dual-enrollment. Then you should provide D1A with a copy of the student's college transcript. A copy of the unofficial transcript provided online to the student will also suffice.

### **Getting a Driver's Permit**

In order to apply for a driver's permit, all students must take a letter from their school proving their enrollment and satisfactory progress. To receive this letter you should call our office and request one. Homeschool students must have current grades reported to D1A so that we can verify progress. Online and Correspondence students must be on schedule with their school work. Within a week you may pick up the letter at D1A or we will mail it.

### **High School Transcripts**

Parents will receive an unofficial copy of their student's transcript, free of charge, along with the confirmation letter and I.D. cards that are mailed after we receive the enrollment forms. There is a \$5 charge for official copies to any other schools or organizations. You may call our office with your request or print off the Request Form from our website and return it to D1A. Allow up to 1 week for processing. Graduates will receive two official copies at the time of graduation free of charge.