

HOMESCHOOL TO HIGH SCHOOL AT CHAPARRAL STAR ACADEMY

Chaparral Star Academy is a unique environment that enables students to pursue their passion in a community of excellence. Our 4-hour school model attracts families for various reasons, and its appeal to currently homeschooled students has been there for years.

Transitioning into public school is not without its testing, paperwork and adjustment, but transitioning at the high school level can be a little tricky.

In order to graduate from a public school in Texas (which we are), a student must earn credits from an **accredited institution**. Typically, a homeschool environment is not accredited. As a result, a student entering our system would need to take Freshman-level courses in order to earn credits toward graduation from an accredited institution.

A homeschooled student who has taken high school courses (but has no credits from an accredited institution) may not want to repeat those courses. An option exists for these students: to recover those credits by taking a credit-by-exam from an accredited institution. For more information on credit-by-exams, please visit <http://chaparralstaracademy.com/credit-by-exam-cbe/>. There are other options, which the high school counselor, Mr. Barnett, can discuss with you. However, this has proven to be the most efficient and least costly method. Unfortunately, the school does not offer local testing for credits.

Please realize that assessments could be given by Chaparral Star Academy to the applicant to determine proper placing. But even if the student tests at a higher level, graduation mainly depends on the number of credits from an accredited institution. For example, an incoming student from an unaccredited homeschooled environment may test at a 10th grade level, but would still be considered a Freshman as he/she would have no credits toward graduation from an accredited institution.

Please contact the front office at (512) 989.2672 if you have any questions or need clarification!