

Homeschool Procedures for Full- and Part-Time Homeschooling

A parent or guardian can choose to homeschool their child for a specified duration of the time. If a student is seeking to attend a homeschool full-time, with the intention of transferring credits back to OPRF, that student will need to withdraw from our school. *A student who is being homeschooled full-time cannot be concurrently enrolled at Oak Park and River Forest High School.* Students who are being homeschooled part-time remain enrolled at OPRF and need to be enrolled in a minimum of one course per semester. For both full-time and part-time homeschooled students, earned homeschool credits will be granted as transfer courses when brought back to OPRF.

Please note the following when seeking Homeschool status:

- The parent or guardian will need to complete a [Statement of Assurance for Homeschooling form](#) and submit the completed form to our Registrar via email at registrar@oprfs.org.
- If the student will be homeschooled full-time, once the Statement of Assurance for Homeschooling form has been approved by the Registrar, the parent needs to withdraw their child from OPRF.
- Both full and part-time homeschooled students can take up to a total combined number of seven courses per semester. For example, a part-time student taking three courses at OPRF could take four home-school courses. Full-time homeschooled students can take up to seven semester credits.
- Once an accredited program has been identified and approved by the Registrar (All programs must be accredited by Cognia for credits to transfer back to OPRF), the student can register for and complete homeschool courses. At completion of the homeschool program, the parent or guardian will then complete a [Form to Report Homeschool Credits](#) and attach an official transcript from the program where the credits were earned. The Form to Report Homeschool Credits should include the following information:
 - Dates of attendance in the homeschool program
 - Enrollment and completion dates for each course
 - Name of each course and duration of course (semester or full year)
 - Final semester grade for the course
 - Additional information upon the request of the Registrar
- Official transcripts also need to be sent to the Registrar directly from the accredited program. You may be asked to provide additional information to the Registrar, such as gradebook pages from courses being transferred to OPRF.
- For AP coursework being transferred in as homeschool credit, please note that coursework can only be accepted from programs that are authorized by the College Board to issue AP credit. A list of approved programs can be found on the College Board site.
- Any student who wishes to transfer online AP coursework for AP credit on the OPRF transcript must also register for and take the corresponding AP exam for the semester grade(s) to be added to the student's OPRF transcript as AP courses. Due to the timing of spring AP exams, all online AP coursework will initially be entered on the transcript as honors-level credit. If the corresponding AP test is taken, the course will be changed on the transcript to indicate AP credit. The student does not need to earn a particular score on the AP test for the grade to be added to their transcript.

- Courses that do not receive pre-approval before a student begins work will not be accepted by the school as transfer credits. **Parents and students MUST verify accreditation of the courses and have a Statement of Assurance for Homeschooling Form on file with the Registrar prior to enrolling in the course.**
- Students considering participation in a sport at a Division I or II college/university will need to make sure the homeschool courses are also NCAA-approved.
- Part-time and full-time homeschooled students may enroll at OPRFHS and be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities and clubs, as long as they are district residents and pay school fees in full. If homeschooled students wish to participate in sports, the student needs to be enrolled in a minimum of five (5) classes with curriculum approval by the Assistant Superintendent of Student Learning. Weekly progress reports must be provided to the Athletic Office and are overseen by the Illinois High School Association.
- For students who wish to be eligible to earn an Oak Park and River Forest High School diploma, at least 22 out of the required 43 credits must be earned at Oak Park and River Forest High School.