



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, and classroom training and accountability. The Highlands Latin Cottage School is a 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 28 credits, 16 of which must be completed in our Cottage School classes. Students in pursuit of our diploma should take a minimum of four courses at the Cottage School each year, and complete remaining requirements at home, with Memoria Press Online Academy, at a local co-op, or community college. To award credit for these classes, some documentation will be required. For example, a small sampling of exams and essays will be reviewed.

Cottage School Diploma Requirements:

• Latin	3 Credits - one of which must be a translation class
• Math	3 Credits
• Science	3 Credits
• History	2 Credits
• Classical Studies	3 Credits
• Literature	4 Credits
• Logic	2 Credits
• Composition	2 Credits
• Electives	6 Credits
Total	28 Credits

Students who cannot meet every one of these credit requirements should still contact us if interested, especially if the student has 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.

Diploma Program Costs

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

- \$25 Application Fee
- \$1,675 - 2,000 4 Cottage School Classes (minimum)*
- Varied 2 Homeschool, Co-op, or Community College Courses
- Varied Book Fees

Additional fees (based on participation):

- \$75 School Dances
- \$100 Cross Country
- \$17** PSAT (10th and/or 11th Grade)

*Cost for all six classes totals \$2,675 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 Cottage 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 the 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).

For your reference:

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

<https://education.ky.gov/curriculum/hsgradreq/Pages/default.aspx>

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