

Seven Reasons Accreditation Should Matter to You

When you choose to homeschool, you're faced with many options for companion and partner programs. But in the world of accreditation and homeschooling programs, all are not equal. It's important for you to consider a homeschooling partner that has solid accreditation and can give you a customized learning experience. Here's why.



1 An accredited diploma carries more weight with colleges and universities.

When your child is ready to apply to the college of their dreams, you want them to have a diploma that validates their work, backs up their grades and credits, and puts them on the same level or higher as their peers. Accreditation does all of this. Every college needs validation that students, especially homeschooled students, can handle their rigorous college work. With an accredited diploma, your child's work is instantly validated, showing their dedication to their studies and giving them the same opportunities as their peers.

2 Accreditation takes away the worry of record-keeping and reporting.

How many credits does your high school student need to graduate? What classes are required? How many electives? Is your child's writing on par with their peers? These questions can drown a homeschooling parent in worries and require tons of research to answer. When you work with an accredited homeschool partner, they do the grade reporting, record-keeping and credit tracking so you can have peace of mind and can enjoy focusing on teaching and educating your child at home.



3 Accreditation protects you and your homeschooling rights!

While some states support homeschooling, others are more skeptical and have stricter homeschooling laws. Some even require that you find a homeschool partner. When you work with a homeschool partner accredited by the Department of Education, you're safely under their umbrella of protection. To your state, it's as if your child is in public or private school, except you keep all the benefits of homeschooling: individualized education, more family time, and freedom to choose your child's curriculum and instill your family values!



4 An accredited transcript allows you to easily transfer back into a traditional school should the need arise.

Homeschooling is often best. But, sometimes the need arises to place your student back into a public or private school. Without an accredited transcript, there's no guarantee that the school will accept your child's credits. And it can be harder to gain entry into elite programs like Honors, AP, or even extracurricular activities. An accredited transcript gives you the ability to easily transfer your child back into a traditional school knowing they will be given credit for their hard work.

5 Accreditation means you're getting what you pay for!

No one wants to purchase a product that doesn't do what it claims. And, when it comes to your child's education, the stakes couldn't be higher. With accreditation, you can be sure that your homeschool partner is backing up what they claim because they've chosen to open themselves up to a third party review process in every part of their program, from admissions to finance to grade reporting. And that means you'll get exactly what you expect, and exactly what you've paid for.

6 Accreditation ensures your homeschooling partner is continuously improving.

While you have the option to choose your homeschool partner, make sure you know their accreditation. Find a partner that has an accreditation approved by the Department of Education or National Association of Private Schools. When your partner has those seals of approval, you can put your mind at ease knowing that they are required to evaluate their programs yearly to prove they are providing exactly what they claim. You can be sure they are listening to the families they work with to make improvements, and be confident in their success rates as they are being monitored closely. When it comes to your children and homeschooling, this kind of insurance is invaluable.

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Accreditation means more opportunities and a brighter future for your child.

Your student deserves every opportunity, and an accredited transcript/diploma will open doors for your child that otherwise may remain closed. Have an elite athlete? Accreditation ensures your child can pursue their dreams inside the gym or on the field while maintaining academic requirements they'll need to transition into NCAA or beyond. Have a young scholar? An accredited diploma will put him or her on the same footing as their peers when applying to Ivy League schools. Is your child gifted in construction? An accredited diploma says to prospective employers "this candidate got a great education and is ready for the job." Accreditation gives your child the foundation they need to chase their dreams while giving you the confidence you need to let them.

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