

## Unity Christian High School HOME SCHOOLING POLICY

1. The purpose of this policy is to give guidance to parents or guardians who wish to home-school their children, and provide the parents with requirements for course credit for Unity Christian High School and the State of Iowa. Unity Christian High School encourages home-schooled students to participate in the programs and classes available to all our students. We stand ready to offer Biblically based educational help to home-school families. Parents and home-schooled children may apply for enrollment by agreeing to the present school policy and assuming all tuition costs as levied by the school. Home-schooled students will be allowed to enroll part-time at UCHS. They will be required to pay a cost per course set annually by the Finance Committee.
2. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian, who wish to home- school their student, to complete all the reporting forms as required by the State of Iowa. This report must be filed with the Principal of Unity Christian High School prior to the first date of school. This report must demonstrate evidence that instruction was provided and supervised. This can be affirmed by the local school district that the student was enrolled properly in a home-school situation. A listing of coursework completed as well as the curriculum (textbooks) used would be expected.
3. The parents will be required to present the results of a nationally- normed (standardized) test for the purpose of placement. The principal and guidance counselor will use this information for proper course and class placement. Class placement will be the decision of the administration at Unity Christian High School after reviewing the records and recommendation of the parents.
4. Any high school credits granted would have no grade attached and will be listed on the student's transcript as "home schooling." These credits will not be included in the G.P.A. Students who receive home- schooling must take courses generally equivalent to courses available at UCHS to receive course credit. A maximum of 6 1/2 high school credits will be granted per school year. The principal and the Education Committee will handle any exception to this.
5. Students must pre-arrange with the principal and the guidance counselor for the acceptance of home-schooling course credits. This will be done on an individual basis by analyzing each course taken. Some courses in some academic areas will not be waived or substituted and will be awarded credit only if taught by a certified instructor in a regular school setting – eg. Computer science, PE, fine arts, applied arts, laboratory science.
6. Home-schooled students must adhere to all the rules and regulations as set forth in the Unity Christian High School Parent Student Handbook.
7. Home-schooled students enrolled in at least **four** classes may participate in extra-curricular activities.
8. Fees associated with all school activities for all students will be assessed to home school students.
9. A list of home school courses previously taken must be presented to the school office before the home-schooled student will be considered for admission. The guidance counselor will use this information for proper course and class placement. Class placement will be the decision of the administration of Unity

Christian High School after reviewing the records and recommendation of the parents.

10. For a part time homeschool student to earn a diploma from Unity, he / she must enroll full time for the senior year and meet all other graduation requirements, including senior Capstone project. The home-schooled student must take at least five credits during their senior year and must meet the general graduation requirements expected of other transfer students.