

State Approved Diploma Programs

Organization Date started issuing diplomas	Erie County Home Schoolers Diploma Association 1993	Mason Dixon Homeschooler's Association 1998	Pennsylvania Homeschoolers Accreditation Agency 1991	Susquehanna Valley Homeschool Diploma Program 2000
Contact Information	www.echadiploma.org ECHSDA 9151 State Road Cranesville, PA 16410 (814) 774-8598	www.masondixonhomeschoolers.org/dp MDHSA 32 West Main Street #5 Waynesboro, PA 17268 (717) 749-5767	www.phaa.org PHAA c/o Rachel Hill, Executive Assistant 316 Farrar LN Saltsburg PA 15681 (724) 783-6512	www.svhomeschool.org SVHDP 5714 Potteiger Ave. Harrisburg, PA 17112 (717) 580-5206
Types of diplomas	General, Academic, Academic with Honors, General or Academic with Speciality in Vocational or Business	General, Academic Honors, Fine Arts, Vocational, With Distinction	Academic (Honor Options)	General, Academic, Vocational, Business
Fees:	Filing Fee: \$25 Diploma Fee: \$35 Deadline to file: Feb 28 th Senior Year (Can file earlier)	Filing Fee: \$40 (end of 9 th) Diploma Fee: \$45 (min 30 days before Grad Date)	Filing Fee: \$50 (begin 9 th) *Access student publication Diploma Fee: \$60	Filing/Diploma Fee: \$45 or \$65 (participating graduation) Deadline to file: March 1 st Senior Year (Can file earlier)
Graduation Ceremonies	Yes Location: Erie County	Yes (Usually last Saturday in June) Location: Chambersburg, PA	Yes (Usually in June) Location: Carlisle, PA	Yes (Usually 2 nd Saturday in July) Location: Harrisburg, PA
Basic State Requirements	English – 4 credits Math – 3 credits Science – 3 credits Social Studies – 3 credits Arts & Humanities – 2 credits Plus subject requirements between 7 th & 12 th grades	English – 4 credits Math – 3 credits Science – 3 credits Social Studies – 3 credits Arts & Humanities – 2 credits Plus subject requirements between 7 th & 12 th grades	English – 4 credits Math – 3 credits Science – 3 credits Social Studies – 3 credits Arts & Humanities – 2 credits Plus subject requirements between 7 th & 12 th grades	English – 4 credits Math – 3 credits Science – 3 credits Social Studies – 3 credits Arts & Humanities – 2 credits Plus subject requirements between 7 th & 12 th grades
One Credit	3/4 of a textbook 120 hours/days logged Extensive Research Project 30 min Speech College Course Passing AP Exam	2/3 of a textbook 120 hours/days logged Extensive Research Project 30 min Speech College Course Passing AP Exam or CLEP Exam	2/3 of a textbook 120 hours/days logged Extensive Research Project 30 min Speech College Course Passing AP Exam or CLEP	3/4 of a textbook 120 hours/days logged Extensive Research Project 30 min Speech College Course Passing AP Exam

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General Diploma Requirements	Meet the PA State requirements	Meet the PA State requirements Read – 3 Varies of genre Write – 10 pages per year Speech – 15 hours total (7 th -12 th), including instruction. One public performance is required.	Not Available	Meet the PA State Requirements Read- Age-appropriate books Write – 5 pages per year Speech/Demonstration – 3-5 mins outside the family.
Academic Requirements: English	Literature: 15 books (1 classic) Textbook (Anthology) = 5 books Whole Bible = 10 books Writing: 3 compositions 1 being a research paper 3pg (9 th) 5pg(10 th) 7pg(11 th) 8pg(12 th) Grammar: ¼ textbook, 45 logged entries, or rough drafts of writing Speech: given to group outside the immediate family (Each year)	Literature: from three different categories of literature & instruction in literary analysis Writing: 10 pages of composition 5-page research paper Speech: 15 hours of speech (7 th -12 th) can include research, instruction, and preparation. (Min 1 public performance) Two years of a foreign language	Literature: 25 books (3 classics) Textbook (Anthology) = 10 books or 10 Books of Bible & 15 books Writing: 4 compositions 1 - 10-page composition Grammar: ¼ textbook, 45 logged entries, or rough drafts of writing Speech: given to group outside the immediate family (Each year)	Literature: 15 books (1 classic) or Textbook (Anthology) (1 classic) Writing: 3 compositions 1 - 5-page research paper Grammar: ¼ textbook, 45 logged entries, or rough drafts of writing Speech: given to group outside the immediate family (Each year)
Other subject areas for Academic	Math – Algebra & Geometry Science – High School Science Social Studies – Required subjects Humanities – Required subjects	Math – Two different tracks (see guide) Science- Biology & Chemistry or Physics Social Studies – Required subjects Humanities – Required subjects	Math – Algebra & Geometry Science – Course with labs Social Studies – Required subjects Humanities – Required subjects	Math – Algebra & Geometry Science – Course with min 6 labs Social Studies – Required subjects Humanities – Required subjects
Support Group	No	Yes, it is a separate group.	Yes, student-led newsletter	No
Program Approved Evaluator	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Guide Available	Website \$5.75 for booklet	\$4.75 for a PDF	Free to download	Free to download \$5.00 for a paper version

Additional Organizations are available on the Pennsylvania Department of Education website:

<https://www.education.pa.gov/K-12/Home%20Education%20and%20Private%20Tutoring/Pages/DiplomaGrantingOrg.aspx>

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