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## **Step One: Checklist of High School Electives Options**

Sit down with your teen and read through this list of electives options. This is not a full comprehensive list. The possibilities seem to be almost endless, but this should set you in the right direction and get you thinking about options that might be a good fit for your teen.

Use the check boxes to mark off those things that may be of interest to your teen, as well as any you feel would be a good fit for the direction they want to go.

For example our teen chose Photography because it interested her, I chose logic/reasoning because it will serve her well in life, and we chose a foreign language (Latin) because it will help with SATs, and she wants to enter the medical field.

### **Bible/Religion:**

- Church History
- Religious Studies
- Theology
- Topical Bible Studies
- World Religions

### **Business Related:**

- Accounting
- Advertising
- Business Management
- Business Math
- Economics

- Marketing
- Office Skills
- Personal Finance

## **Communication:**

- Creative Writing
- Etymology
- Fiction Writing
- Foreign Language
- Journalism
- Poetry
- Public Speaking
- Sign Language
- Speech

## **Computer:**

- Computer Applications
- Graphic Communications
- Graphic Design
- Keyboarding/Wordprocessing
- Networking
- Programming
- Photoshop
- Technology

- Webpage/Website Design

## **Fine Arts:**

- Architecture
- Art History
- Art Studio
- Audio Production
- Concert Band
- Choir
- Cinematography
- Dance (general, beginning, advanced)
- Drama
- Drawing
- Drafting
- Ceramics
- Floral Design
- Jewelry Design
- Music Appreciation
- Music Theory
- Musical Instruments
- Painting
- Print Making
- Photography

- Sculpture
- Vocal Music

### **Health Related:**

- CPR Training
- First Aid
- Nutrition Science

### **History/Government:**

- Civics
- Current Events
- Geography
- Government
- Political Science
- Medieval History
- Mythology
- World Literature

### **Life Skills:**

- Appliance Repair
- Auto Body Repair
- Auto Mechanics
- Calligraphy
- Carpentry
- Construction

- Cosmetology
- Cooking
- Driver's Education
- Electrician/Electricity
- Interior Design
- Home Management/Economics
- Handwork (sewing, knitting, crochet, needlepoint, etc.)
- Landscaping
- Plumbing
- Woodworking

## **Physical Education:**

- Aerobics
- Individual Sports (swimming, tennis, diving, running, etc.)
- Equestrian Training
- Pilates/Yoga
- Team Sports (football, soccer, baseball, basketball, etc.)
- Weightlifting

## **Rhetoric:**

- Debate
- Ethics
- Logic/Reasoning

## **Science:**

- Agriculture
- Astronomy
- Botany
- Equine Science
- Geology
- Horticulture
- Meteorology
- Oceanography
- Robotics
- Zoology

## **Social Sciences:**

- Anthropology
- Physiology
- Psychology
- Sociology

## **Add Your Own:**

## **Step Two: Top 10 Elective Choices to Explore**

Now that you have gone through the full checklist, it is time to narrow the field some. Talk more in-depth about what are the most valid options.

### **Ask Questions Like These:**

Are there courses to take that will help with their end goal of college, or career path?

Are there specific interests they would like to explore to help them decide what path they might want to take in the future?

Are there options that are more doable in terms of accessible resources?

### **Top Choices:**

1. Elective: \_\_\_\_\_

Website Resources:

Curriculum Options:

Classes Offered (online or local):

People to Ask:

Places to Call:



2. **Elective:** \_\_\_\_\_

Website Resources:

Curriculum Options:

Classes Offered (online or local):

People to Ask:

Places to Call:

3. **Elective:** \_\_\_\_\_

Website Resources:

Curriculum Options:

Classes Offered (online or local):

People to Ask:

Places to Call:

4. **Elective:** \_\_\_\_\_

Website Resources:

Curriculum Options:

Classes Offered (online or local):

People to Ask:

Places to Call:

5. **Elective:** \_\_\_\_\_

Website Resources:

Curriculum Options:

Classes Offered (online or local):

People to Ask:

Places to Call:

6. **Elective:** \_\_\_\_\_

Website Resources:

Curriculum Options:

Classes Offered (online or local):

People to Ask:

Places to Call:

7. **Elective:** \_\_\_\_\_

Website Resources:

Curriculum Options:

Classes Offered (online or local):

People to Ask:

Places to Call:

8. **Elective:** \_\_\_\_\_

Website Resources:

Curriculum Options:

Classes Offered (online or local):

People to Ask:

Places to Call:

9. **Elective:** \_\_\_\_\_

Website Resources:

Curriculum Options:

Classes Offered (online or local):

People to Ask:

Places to Call:

10. **Elective:**\_\_\_\_\_

Website Resources:

Curriculum Options:

Classes Offered (online or local):

People to Ask:

Places to Call:

## Step Three: Final Elective Choices

From your list of 10 possible options it is time to choose those that your teen will pursue. In this step you will choose 3-5 electives, write a course description for them, assign a credit value, and list all the resources that will be used to fulfill that elective. This will be a huge help come transcript time as you will have it all in one place and ready to go!

In our state we are required to fulfill at least 3 units of elective courses. I highly recommend you know the regulations in your state while making your final choices. You can find a list of laws by state on the [HSLDA website](#).

Another thing to consider with the final options you choose is that they are, to the best of your current knowledge, the ones that will take your teen in the direction they are looking to go.

## Final Elective Choices:

1. Elective: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Credits: \_\_\_\_\_

Course Description:

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Resources:

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2. Elective: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Credits: \_\_\_\_\_

Course Description:

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Resources:

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**3. Elective:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Credits:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Course Description:**

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**Resources:**

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**4. Elective:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Credits:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Course Description:**

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**Resources:**

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**5. Elective:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Credits:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Course Description:**

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**Resources:**

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