

HOME SCHOOLED APPLICANTS

Home-schooled applicants are students who have completed their high school education either in part or completely at home.

Pennsylvania Act 169 of 1988 permits parents, guardians, and legal custodians to teach their children at home. The parent or guardian has responsibility for educating the child.

The University of Pittsburgh does consider home schooled students for admission. In fact, some of our Chancellor's Scholarship award winners have been home-schooled.

For a secondary school level student to graduate from a state-approved home education program, the student must complete the following requirements:

- 4 years English
- 3 years mathematics
- 3 years science
- 3 years social studies
- 2 years arts and humanities

As with other applicants for admission to the University of Pittsburgh, each home-schooled applicant is evaluated individually for different Pitt schools based upon their required academic coursework and satisfactory standardized tests (SAT I or the ACT). Refer to guidelines for each school in planning your home-school curriculum.

To support the admissions application, we need either:

1. a transcript from a third party organization or evaluator, or,
2. documentation showing the courses a student has studied, year by year, and all end-of-year evaluations of these courses completed by a home school evaluator or supervisor assigned to the student by the local school board or a state-approved home school organization, and,
3. the SAT I or ACT test results.

Students will be required to provide a final, official high school transcript showing date of graduation, a requirement noted on the admissions application just above the student's signature. Students who do not provide this will not be able to register for their second term, nor to graduate. Generally, home-schooled students will receive a high school diploma through a local high school or from an organization governed by a State Board of Education, such as the Pennsylvania Homeschoolers Association or from the state in the form of an official Commonwealth secondary school diploma (typically, students can only receive this if they've taken 30 semester hours of college work at an accredited, post-secondary institution).