

SCAIHS Basics – READ THIS FIRST!!!

COURSE ENTRY

After completing your application, the next step is to select and enter your courses and curriculum choices into SCAIHS Central. This must be submitted for every child K6 and up. **We recommend that all new homeschooling families talk to their counselor before purchasing curriculum.**

There is a wide variety of options, and we know that choosing the right curriculum can be an overwhelming task. Your counselor will be happy to assist you with this. She can help you select options that are best for your child and your family, while still working within your budget.

ELEMENTARY LEVEL COURSEWORK

The minimum coursework requirements necessary for elementary age students include:

Kindergarten	Grades 1-3	Grades 4-6
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Language Arts• Mathematics• Science• Social Studies/History (Talk with your counselor to help you plan a fun year of learning for your child!)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English/Language Arts<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Phonics○ Penmanship○ Reading○ Grammar○ Spelling• Mathematics• Science• Social Studies/History	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English/Language Arts<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Reading○ Grammar○ Spelling○ Vocabulary○ Composition• Mathematics• Science• Social Studies/History

You are welcome to add additional courses to this minimum. Families often add foreign language, art, P.E., music, Bible and more. You may design a course of study that suits your child and your family.

REPORTS

There are two reporting periods for each school year.

Mid-year report:

- Due January 7
- Work completed between June 1 and December 31
- Required information: attendance, progress made through curriculum and materials (total pages/lessons completed)

End-of-year report:

- Due June 7
- Work completed between January 1 and May 31
- Required information: final attendance, progress made through curriculum and materials (total pages/lessons completed), and final grades

REQUIRED AT-HOME RECORDS

At-home records do not need to be turned in to your SCAIHS counselor but are critical for documenting your child's school year. **We can't stress enough the importance of keeping these basic records for your students.** They are the proof that you have been homeschooling. Your counselor can help you with ideas of how to best record your school year.

Lesson Plan Book or Daily Logbook

Record your daily lessons, activities, and attendance in the form of a lesson plan book, journal, or logbook. This can be handwritten or digital. Use a format that suits you best.

Portfolio

The portfolio of student work is a tangible way to demonstrate how much your child has learned and improved during the year. At a minimum, two samples of work per subject, per month should be in this portfolio.

GRADING

Parents of elementary students have the option of using either the traditional numerical grading scale, the non-graded scale, or a mix of both. Grade submission is *optional* for the mid-year report but *required* for the end-of-year report.

SC Uniform Grading Scale

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	59 and below

Non-Graded Scale

E – Excellent
S – Satisfactory
M – Making Progress
N – Needs Improvement
U – Unsatisfactory

COURSE COMPLETION

A course is considered complete when 70% of the primary course materials have been completed. If more time is necessary to complete a course, talk to your counselor for input and advice in extending the course.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

Every student is required by law to have at least 180 days per year. This number may include up to 10 excused absences for sickness or emergency.

SCHOOL YEAR

The school year for all SCAIHS families begins June 1 and ends May 31. Families choose a start date that suits their needs and schedule. Some begin in the summer and others follow the traditional school schedule. Be sure to plan your school year and its breaks so that you have 180 days of school completed by May 31. Educational field trips count as school days and can count as a whole day if they last about as long as you would typically spend doing schoolwork. Half days may also be counted and added up.

TESTING

At a minimum, students should participate in testing every other year beginning in third grade. The test and test setting can be chosen by the parent within certain parameters. Further information on testing can be found in the Elementary Hub in your SCAIHS Central page.