



Preparation for College and Beyond

Sylvan Prep Academy (SPA) is a 501C3 non-profit educational foundation. We operate a private school in the Upper Cumberland area of Middle Tennessee. Sylvan Prep home school option high school is an academic program for 9th through 12th grade students. It strives to assist each individual in realizing his or her potential by developing strengths, remediating weaknesses and experiencing success.

The relationship between the teacher and student encourages participation and a willingness to attempt difficult skills. This home school option is an independent, distance learning program with individual tutoring support as required. The positive, success-oriented nature of the program facilitates learning, as well as improves self-concept and motivation. This approach includes the following curriculum, which also permits honors courses in all subjects:

1. At least **four English courses**. Students will read about eight books a year, write short papers weekly and write at least one research paper each year. The focus is on college-prep reading, writing and presentation skills.
2. At least **four credits in math** including Algebra I, geometry, Algebra II and a fourth, higher-level math class or a specially developed math course designed to prepare students for college so they can avoid taking remedial math.
3. At least **three college-prep science courses** such as biology, chemistry, physics, applied physics or anatomy and physiology. Students conduct lab experiments, complete research projects and study multiple books or articles about scientists,

scientific discoveries and how science is used in the real world.

4. At least **four college-prep social studies courses**. Students also will read at least five books or articles, write weekly, make presentations, complete research projects and prepare at least one major research paper in each course.
5. At least **one fine arts course**.
6. At least **two credits in a foreign language**.
7. A **college prep essentials course package** of ACT Prep, Advanced Reading Strategies, and Study Skills Boot Camp.
8. **One half credit personal finance course** and **one half credit ethics course**.
10. At least **one credit community service project course**.



All SPA students participate in a curriculum that is cutting-edge, yet easy-to-use, with a variety of technology resources and hands-on materials. Student learning from home work closely with “learning coaches” and a licensed Tennessee teacher using detailed lesson plans that can be personalized to meet individual student needs. Accountability is central to the school’s mission and students must meet the same levels of accountability and complete the same state standardize tests.

In our unique Individualized Performance Learning approach, students use daily lesson plans and curriculum materials and their progress is tracked through a proprietary, web-based Learning Management System.

Limitations that may be imposed by location are gone, replaced by flexibility, personalization, and the highest of academic standards. SPA serves a wide range of students, including those who are significantly ahead or behind in the classroom; students who benefit from more individualized instruction; or who require a more flexible school schedule.

For admittance to the Sylvan Prep Academy home school option program full-time students must take at least 6 credits. Students may take at up to 8 credits each academic year. This allows them to finish high school in 3 years.

Part-time students may take from 1 to 5 courses. Each student who attends SPA home school option program is required to have his or her own personal laptop equipped for wireless connectivity to the Internet.

SPA home school option program is credentialed by AdvancedEd and by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Credits earned at SPA are accepted at schools, colleges and universities around the world.

High School Graduation Requirements

English:	4 credits
Mathematics:	4 credits
Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry and 4th course	
Science	3 credits
Biology, Chemistry, and 3rd course	
Social Studies:	4 credits
Fine Arts	1 credit
Foreign Language	2 credits
Personal Finance and Ethics	1 credit
College Prep Package	1 credit
Community Service Project	1 credit
Electives or Dual Credit Courses	3 credits
Total	24 credits

Students who have: 1) at least a 19 on the ACT, 2) finished a minimum of 12 earned credits, and 3) a 3.0 grade point average may choose to take Dual Credit courses at Nashville Tech or AP Courses through SPA which will allow them to earn college credit as well as high school credit.

