

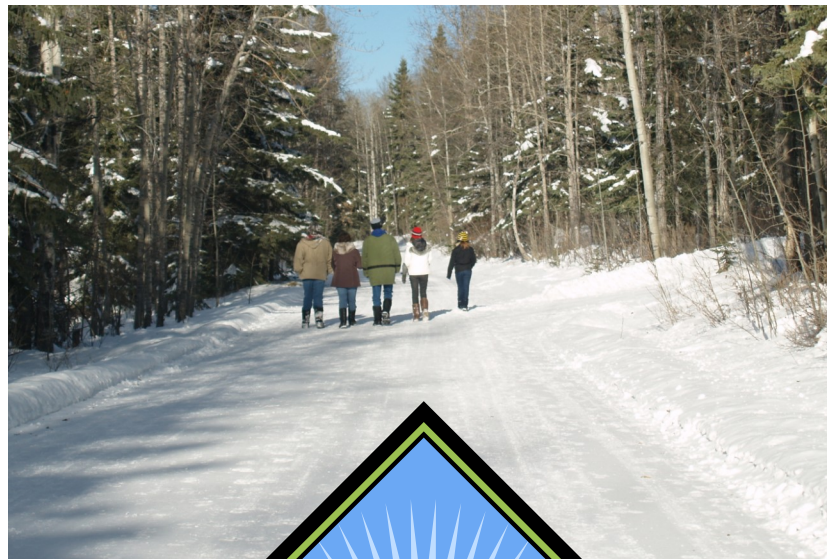


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## Home School Through High School

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**In this Booklet:**

- Approaching High School at Home
- Summary of High School Options
- Post Secondary Options

Congratulations! Today is your day.  
 You're off to Great Places!  
 You're off and away!  
 You have brains in your head.  
 You have feet in your shoes.  
 You can steer yourself in any direction you  
 choose.  
 You're on your own.  
 And you know what you know.  
 You are the guy who'll decide where to go.



—Dr. Seuss, "Oh, the Places  
 You'll Go!"





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## Letter from our Principal



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Greetings,

**NorthStar** provides many options for high school to help your family achieve your goals during high school and after as well. The time to start planning for high school is between ages 13 and 15. Consider options such as self-employment, university and trades. Perhaps you want to prepare to enter the workforce or attend a college, whatever your desires, **NorthStar** will help you achieve your goals.

During high school, you have the choice to follow provincial curriculum or to use non-provincial curriculum. You may choose to attain a High School Diploma or you may only want a few accredited courses. Our wonderful facilitators will work with you to develop a high school plan.

This guide is designed to help you think about your options. It would be our pleasure to answer any questions you have about home schooling through the high school years.

Blessings,

*K. Brown*

Kimberley Brown



## High School Option # 1

# Alberta High School Diploma

A student must earn 100 credits in order to graduate from high school in Alberta.

Parents and students should discuss high school requirements with your home school facilitator.

Joshua 1:9  
Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.

The following courses are required within the 100 credits:

- ◆ English Language Arts 30-1 or 30-2,
- ◆ Social Studies 30-1 or 30-2
- ◆ Mathematics at the 20 level
- ◆ Science, Biology, Chemistry, or Physics at the 20 level, or a combination of Science 10 and Science 14
- ◆ Physical Education 10 (minimum of 3 credits)
- ◆ Career and Life Management 20 (minimum of 3 credits)
- ◆ 10 credits in Fine Arts, CTS, Second Languages, Locally Authorized Courses, or Physical Education 20 and/or Physical Education 30
- ◆ 10 credits in any 30 level courses in addition to English or Social Studies
- ◆ Write Alberta Diploma Exams in all 30 level classes of English, Social Studies French, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Science, Applied Math, and Pure Math (worth 50% of course mark)

### *Advantages:*

- *College and Trade School entrance*

### *Disadvantages:*

- *No access to University*
- *Time consuming for those who will not attend post secondary school*

## High School Option #2

# Alberta High School Diploma for University bound student

- ◆ Students must fulfill all the requirements for the basic diploma, but will also require other 30 level courses.
- ◆ Please check with the university you wish to attend to see what extra classes are needed.



### *Advantages:*

- *Access to University, Colleges, Trade Schools*

### *Disadvantages:*

- *Requires more diploma exams in Grade 12*
- *Must meet Alberta Education's outcomes*

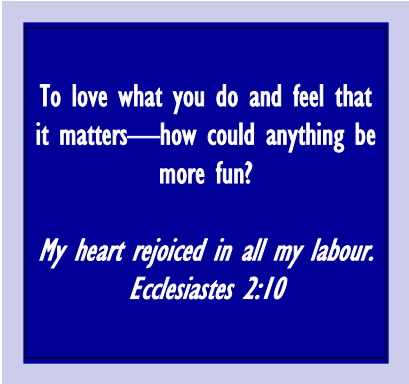
## High School Option #3

# Alberta Education Transcript

While Universities, colleges and trade schools do have a mandatory list of classes students must have taken, it does not say how they must be achieved. Students can decide to meet the outcomes for the 30 level classes and write the Diploma exams for these classes. The grades will appear on the student’s high school transcript and will demonstrate, to post secondary schools, the student’s skills and abilities.

You can achieve Alberta Education’s goals through:

- ◆ Taking NorthStar Academy’s on-line classes
- ◆ Using your own home school resources
- ◆ Through the Distance Learning Center



\* *Talk to your home school facilitator for more information.*



*Advantages:*

- *Access to post-secondary schools*

*Disadvantages:*

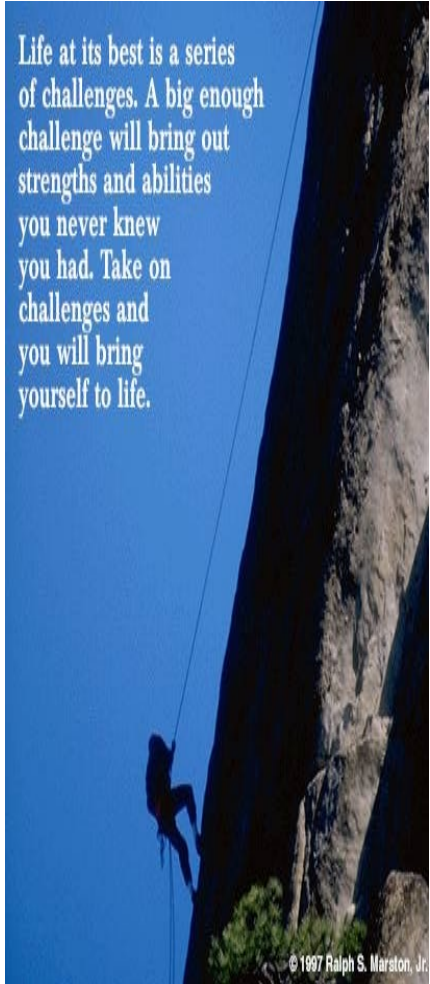
- *Some post-secondary schools require a diploma not just 30 level classes*
- *Must meet Alberta Education’s outcomes in order to write the Diploma Exams*

## High School Option #4

### Challenge Courses

- ◆ NorthStar Academy has a full range of Challenge exams which students can take to demonstrate their mastery of subjects.
- ◆ The grade can be registered with Alberta Education and show up on the High School transcript.
- ◆ Your facilitator will work with you on determining how the mark can be calculated.

Colossians 3:23  
Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men,



Life at its best is a series of challenges. A big enough challenge will bring out strengths and abilities you never knew you had. Take on challenges and you will bring yourself to life.

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#### *Advantages:*

- *Give you more flexibility in your home school teaching*
- *Appears on your Alberta High School Transcript*

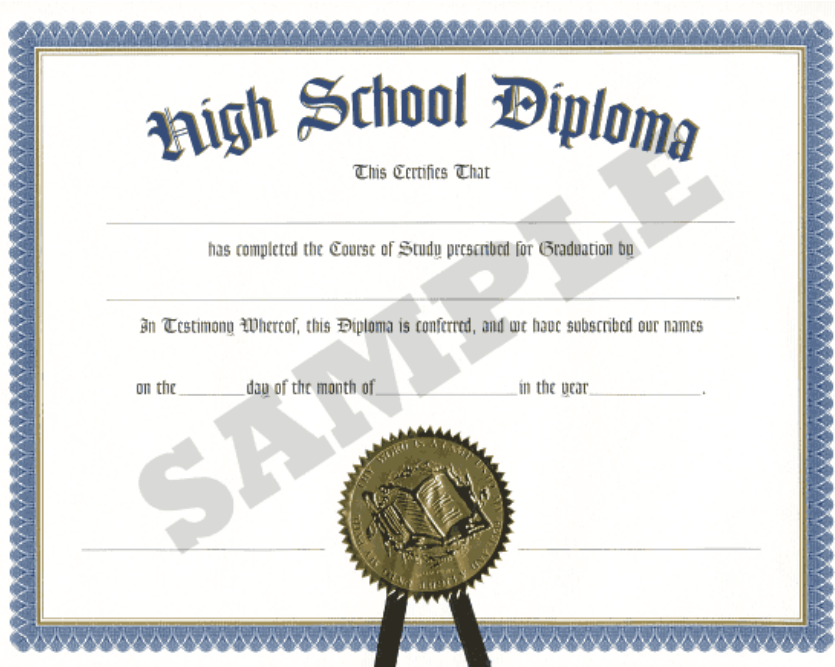
#### *Disadvantages:*

- *You must be able to demonstrate ability on a challenge exam*

## High School Option #5

### Parent Issued Diploma

- ◆ A portfolio is kept to demonstrate students skills.
- ◆ A list of courses, subjects or topics students are studying is included in the portfolio
- ◆ This is submitted to NSA, who will then issue a diploma on the parent's behalf.



#### *Advantages:*

- *Gives freedom to use any resources*
- *Education is tailored to your child's God given skills*

#### *Disadvantages:*

- *Not accepted by most secondary schools*
- *Not all employers accept it*

## High School Option #6

# Apprenticeship

- ◆ Find out what requirements are needed to get into the trade school of your choice.
- ◆ Find an employer willing to apprentice you.
- ◆ Write the entrance exam required for the trade you want to study.
- ◆ To find out more on trades go to <http://alis.alberta.ca>
- ◆ <http://www.tradesecrets.gov.ab.ca/> also has great information on trades.



Clear your mind of can't.

*I can do all things through Christ  
which strengthens me.*

*Philippians 4:13*

### *Advantages:*

- *You can begin to work in your chosen field.*

### *Disadvantages:*

- *Limited time left for other education.*