



PARAGON
COOPERATIVE LEARNING ACADEMY



Paragon Cooperative Learning Academy Accreditation Program

PCLA is an accrediting center as recognized by the Georgia Accrediting Commission, a non-profit, non-government agency. Students who graduate from Paragon Cooperative Learning Academy are eligible to enter Georgia colleges without the homeschool mandates. They are also eligible for the Hope Scholarship upon graduation and have access to PSAT, National Society of High School Scholars, college fairs, workshops and other programs.

Accreditation could be viewed as an insurance policy in the event that your child must re-enter the public or private school arena. Your child's credits will be readily accepted by most high schools.

The responsibilities of the participating families are as follows:

1. Pay the \$125.00 per year non-refundable, non transferable Accreditation Fee
2. Fill out the "Course of Study" form at the beginning of each school year showing the courses your child will be taking and curriculum to be used.
3. Turn in grades quarterly (4 times a year including semester average) for all classes being taken at home or with a non-PCLA tutor.
4. Take four monitored tests plus final exam at PCLA in each homeschooled subject. The tests are of your own making, the student returns the test to the parent to be graded. After the test is graded they must be turned in to PA for our files. The final exam in each subject must be taken and graded at Paragon Academy. The parent must provide the answer sheet to the monitor for this purpose.

The responsibility of the Paragon Cooperative Learning Academy accrediting program:

1. Maintain an accredited transcript on each student. This transcript will only be available after the student has been in our program for a minimum of one year.
2. Provide testing times and an appropriate place for the monitored tests.
3. Provide counsel to the families on curriculum choice, student progress and other particular needs of the homeschooled high school student.
4. Issue a completed transcript to secondary or post secondary schools and /or military schools upon written request.
5. Submit the necessary documentation on each graduating student with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher in order to ensure eligibility in the Hope Scholarship program.
6. Provide PSAT tests in the junior year.



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Academic Requirements:

A completed transcript is one in which the student has earned at least 22 units of credit for graduation. A unit represents two full semesters of study. The following are the units required for graduation:

- 4 Units of Math – for college bound students all units must be in higher math
- 3 Units of Science
- 1 Unit of Health
- 4 Units of English
- 3 Units of History and/or Social Science
- 2 Units of Foreign Language
- 5 Electives

Please be advised that payment of the accreditation fees does not guarantee accreditation. Failure to adhere to the policies, procedures and guidelines of PCLA will result in the loss of the student's accreditation status and all fees will be forfeited.

Accreditation Fees: All fees are non-refundable and non-transferable

- \$125 per year with classes at PCLA
- \$200 per year without classes at PCLA

Please be advised that for high-school students enrolling from a non-accredited school there will be a per year fee attached. For example, if your student is entering the 11th grade from a non-accredited program, you will be required to pay the appropriate accreditation fee for the 9th and 10th grade year. Students transferring from another accredited program are exempt and are not required to the extra fees.