



Family Tree Private School

Grade Validation

Family Tree Private School will continue to strive toward, and maintain integrity of grades and test results in order to continue our good reputation of unbiased & accurate records.

Validation of grades is required for promotion (See Promotion Policy). Grades that are submitted on Monthly Reports, or transferred from a school, homeschool, or portfolio review are validated based upon the following “grade validation” criteria:

Grade Validation for Standard, College and Honors Diploma Option tracks for grades 4th – 12th is done meeting the course credit requirements, and through standardized testing at or above an average 41%, or through approved Alternative Testing or Alternative Assessment as outline in the Testing Options, or through a portfolio review by the School Administrator. If there is no recent test to validate grades, records will have an “I” for Incomplete, and records and student promotion will be handled according the Promotion Policy.

Grade Validation for credits from other schools or homeschool where credit verification cannot be given or verified: High School students enrolling for the first time who were homeschooled, and/or enrolled in a school where credit verification cannot be given or verified, can receive credit for work after they produce a student portfolio to be reviewed by the school administrator, or by submission of a reputable standardized test showing average scores at or above 41%, and all applicable fees paid (See School Policies).

Grade Validation for K-3rd graders may be completed by either formal or informal testing, or by providing a “Portfolio” of student work, which must be made available upon request.

Grade Validation for an Exceptional Student Education (E.S.E) student, or a regular education student seeking a **Vocational High School Diploma** (which is not appropriate for academic colleges) is based upon signed parental or teacher confirmation of grades submitted, and meeting the course credit requirements.

Academic Standard of Mastery

Academic Standards of Mastery (ASM) must be met before promotion. ASM include mastering the Benchmarks for K-8th grade as detailed on the Family Tree Minimum Standards Benchmarks derived from www.floridastandards.org, available on the Enrollment Packet Link on the web site. Parents may choose any curriculum that meets, or exceeds these standards. Students must also achieve a minimum cumulative average test score of 41% on a standardized test for promotion and/or graduation for 4th – 12th graders for a Standard Diploma Option or higher. Refer to the “Promotion” Policy for complete description of the testing policies.

All Diplomas awarded will be the Diploma Option that matches course credits completed, with the understanding that the testing requirement is met as well. For those seeking a Standard Diploma or higher, whose scores lower than 41%, they will be offered a “Provision” Standard High School Diploma. Graduation with a Standard High School Diploma will be pending resubmission of improved scores averaging at or above 41%, or documentation of accommodations and/or alternative testing as outlined in the Promotion policy.

