

Introduction to



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With you doing some prep (I'll lead you step-by-step) and us sitting down together at my kitchen table and computer, we can create an amazing transcript in only 1-2 hours, depending on how extensive your student's "education" was, how much detail you want, and how prepared you come!



Let's chat!



[YOU] *"The very idea of creating a transcript overwhelms me!"*

[ME] Getting overwhelmed is simply not allowed ☺ because I will be right there to work through ALL of this with you! I want you to feel free to ask any question and get clarification on anything as we go along. Besides, this process will actually UNoverwhelm you. The more you get done before you come – which I give you tons of direction for – the less you pay me!



[YOU] *"I just want to pay you to do this, why should I do homework?"*

[ME] Two reasons: 1) You are paying me to assist you in creating a transcript. I am in the navigator seat, and you are in the driver's seat. So you are not paying me to create the transcript for you, just to help you come up with one. And 2) I can't do that without input from you. You can get an understanding of this before you come (with my input) for free, or I can sit and tell you everything in person as you're paying me.



[YOU] *"I have never created classes so I have NO idea how to do it!"*

[ME] We will be creating classes from everything you bring – which is fun, so you can look forward to it! ☺ I reeeeeeally don't want you dreading this part! Okay?!



[YOU] ***“How long will it take for US to create a transcript?”***

[ME] It's not an exact science. The amount of time it will take to create your transcript depends on: how much material and information you bring to the table – my actual kitchen table or virtually – plus at my computer, and then how much time it takes us to process it. The more you have ready, which I explain how to do in our pre-meeting FaceTime call, the less (paid) time it will take with me.



[YOU] ***“Do you have a ballpark idea?”***

[ME] Yes and no. 😊 It's likely that we can get a LOT done in 2 hours. We might be able to do a transcript done in 1 hour if you came really ready to go and don't want a lot of detail. But keep in mind that the more you want done, the longer it will take, so it will depend on what your needs are as well as your level of detail preference. And I can't "ballpark" that. 😊



[YOU] ***“What if I end up wanting a portfolio? Do you do those?”***

[ME] Yes I do! I'm not including info on that in this brochure because there's more detail than I can fit in here. We would talk about that and I'd send you info personally. Portfolios are much more variable as what kind you'd want to do depends on how extensive your child's "education" was – including interests, experiences, studies, lessons, as well as on whether or not you want me to process/format photos for it, and how lavish or simple you want it to be. I can just get you going, or I can do the entire thing



[YOU] ***“What's your fee for a transcript and how does payment work?”***

[ME] My fee is \$50 per hour. You'll pay for the first hour before our first meeting here at my home (or virtually). After we have completed your transcript (or portfolio), I will bill you for the balance due via PayPal. (Or if you do not do PayPal, please bring cash.) I do not charge extra for printing the transcript, spending extra time on details, or to create a logo for you if you want one – it all just goes into the fee, which is based on the amount of time I spend with you. (And I err on the gracious side. 😊)



[YOU] ***“What if I end up wanting a portfolio instead or in addition?”***

[ME] The two are overlapping in how we prepare and process. As for time, you'd just end up paying me for whatever additional time I spend on the portfolio – according to what YOU want. And I'll explain it as we go! You won't be stuck with one option! If you opt for a Portfolio, I'll tell you supplies to get, or you can pay me for supplies.



[YOU] ***“Will The Transcript “Work”? Will it be accepted anywhere I submit it?”***

[ME] I am fully able to help you create a transcript that will accurately – and I would even say *beautifully* – represent your son's education.

- ❖ When our son started driving and we needed to get him insured, preferably as a good driver with lower rates, the insurance company accepted the transcript I created and he got the lower price.
- ❖ Years later he needed a transcript when he was applying to get on with a law enforcement agency, I created another updated one, and they accepted it! And he got on!
- ❖ I helped a mom create a transcript for her son who wanted to go into the military, and they accepted it.
- ❖ At a homeschool convention I spoke at, the head of a homeschool business that took homeschoolers as students made a point of coming to tell me that she had received transcripts from students who had used my transcript form, and she said it was the most well-done format she had ever seen!

So, as far as the *presentation* of it, yes it does “work.” At least it *should*. If anything is going to “work,” this is it. However there's another aspect to “working.”



[YOU] ***“Will my transcript be accepted as far as them ‘accepting’ my student into their school/program/service, etc.?”***

[ME] Here's one mom's concern: ***“My main purpose in wanting a transcript is so that my son can have a Washington state recognized completion of high school. I want him to have all the opportunities to succeed.”*** ... Whether or not it will work as far as them being accepted at a college or the service is a different matter. They may accept the student's transcript itself, but not ultimately accept the student into their program. But this is not unique to homeschoolers; it's the way it is with any public or private schooled student as well.

Unless he actually attended a state approved high school, any transcript that we as a homeschooler (on our own) would issue is not going to be “state approved” since our manner of education itself was not approved by the state. Since that was not an option or concern for me. Putting our kids in public or private school just to have them be “accredited” or state approved was at the very bottom of my list. I wanted my kids to have an education that was truly an “education” – not merely lots of text and workbook work, but a full-spectrum of experiences, studies, focuses, and learning that constituted what I believed to be a TRUE education. I did not want to – and, to do that, I *could* not – be bound to state requirements or standards.

So I left the "opportunities" and the "success" aspect to the Lord. All that's needed to open for any of my kids at any given point was ONE door – and we trusted that the Lord would open that ONE door, and close all the others. I didn't need our transcript to be approved at 15 different places. Just one, IF it was even needed!

Our daughter, Sharnessa, wanted to go to a Bible school in London, and, in the application process, hadn't asked me to provide a transcript. I was quite excited to do so, so I asked her if she needed one, and she asked them and, much to my disappointment, they said no!

So my trust was not in a transcript being accepted or not accepted. It was in the Lord alone.

Whether or not a transcript is accepted – either the document or the student behind it – will depend on who sits at the desk in the office it's sent to, and receives our transcript. There are people in high places that have no problem with homeschooling, and will be fine with it – with the document itself...

And there are *others* in high places who DO have an issue – a BIG one – with homeschooling. They may be biased against homeschooling and accept neither the document nor the student for that reason – bias – alone.

And that's where some conversation might be needed. I spoke with the Recruiting Officer at a local recruiting station, where I heard they were not accepting homeschoolers. We had a very awkward conversation because he told me he was sorry, but those are the rules. I told him rules change all the time and that the sooner they change them the better because, by turning away homeschoolers, they are turning away the very ones they advertise wanting to recruit! The wholesome young men and women with strong work ethic and good values. And they did change their rules! Probably not that year – it's now been 20 years since that conversation – but I recently heard that the service now generally accepts homeschool students!

Whose desk our transcript lands on is not something we can have any control over, of course, but the Lord knows where He wants your child to go next, so follow HIM more than seeking worldly approval. There's a heavy price to pay.

If this is all new to you, there's much more to consider. Not necessarily before you do a transcript! But if what I'm saying interests you, check out the Article Chart at my Homeschool Oasis website at www.HomeschoolOasis.com/article_chart.htm . Peruse the QUICK-LINK CATEGORIES chart near the top of the page. There are 120+ articles here that will start giving you a new lease on what "education" really is.



The last category in the left column is the "High School Homeschooling" section. Most of the articles in this section are part of the homework I'll suggest you do to prepare you for creating a transcript. All this that I teach is going to bring about a paradigm shift in you, and result in a much deeper, broader, and more fun view of education. It'll be helpful – but not necessary – that you have an understanding of this new "world" as you consider the topic of transcripts! But no matter what your homeschool background, I CAN HELP YOU CREATE A BEAUTIFUL TRANSCRIPT AND/OR PORTFOLIO!

MY SERVICES INCLUDE:

(In other words, what you get for what you pay)



- **INITIAL CONSULTATION** via FaceTime (preferably) or phone to find out your needs, determine whether you will want a transcript and/or a portfolio, and share tips and insights on everything we'll be doing discuss a name for your homeschool if you don't have one, answer any questions you have.
- **SPECIFIC GUIDANCE** in determining what all you will gather – tangible items, academic tools, real-life experiences, lessons, extra-curricular activities, skills and knowledge that we will use to prepare your student's transcript. (Specifics on this will be given after you sign up to do this!)
- **CUSTOMIZED PERSONAL ASSISTANCE** - I provide customized, personal assistance – also known as “hand-holding” 😊 – throughout the *entire* process of translating all of your student's experiences – into the “language” and presentation of a transcript. We'll be formulating classes out of your experiences and studies. (Or a portfolio if that's the more appropriate option for you.)
- **A TRANSCRIPT** At the end of the process, you will have a transcript – which I will create on my computer with you right beside me – that represents your student's comprehensive educational experience! (Or portfolio, if preferred.)

YOUR PART:



- **PRE-MEETING HOMEWORK:** There are video seminars I've done that I recommend you watch, and several articles for you to read. You don't *have* to do this homework, but it will be to your advantage, and will result in paying me less because you'll come to the table better prepared and more relaxed.
- **PRE-MEETING PREP WORK:** I'll tell you everything to start gathering in the way of “records” that we'll use to create your transcript (or portfolio).



*If you feel my services are what
you want, text me at 360-751-4141
and we'll get the process started!*