

Gap Year FAQ

Parent Resources · Enrollment, progress, records, and the move to 9th grade

These answers cover the questions families ask most often after enrollment. If you need a letter, transcript, or course change, use the Help request on this page. Requests go to the correct desk and are usually finished the same business day, and within one or two business days at most.

Who monitors academic progress?

The course system tracks work in real time. If a student pauses while logged in, it prompts them to return to the lesson and asks whether they need help.

Elite program

Students have teacher support. An Educational Facilitator reviews progress and meets the student privately on Zoom each week to address issues, answer questions, and provide motivation.

Premium program

A1A does not provide that extra academic monitoring. Parents confirm that adequate progress is being made. Check the parent interface once a week. Most students meet weekly goals on time or early because of the video format. If progress slips, increase your check-ins immediately.

What is the parent's weekly job?

- Review the parent dashboard weekly, not daily.
- Respond quickly if the student falls behind.
- Keep several high-interest books available.
- Set a daily reading minimum of about 30 minutes. If assigned work finishes early, add reading or enrichment rather than extra busywork.

This year is a Gap Year. Required public-school 8th-grade content has already been covered. Use the extra time for topics the student wants to understand more deeply. Museums, national parks, historic places, and family trips count as learning.

How long should coursework take each day?

Most students complete assigned work in about 2–3 hours a day. One to two hours can be normal. If the work feels too easy, ask us to set courses to Advanced, move to higher-grade material, or add your own supplements.

Independent reading is one of the most useful extras. Choose high-interest books a little above the student's comfort level. That builds comprehension, thinking, and reading speed.

Look on this Parent Resources site for Getting Started links, book lists, and activity ideas. Simple tools—including subject coloring books in biology, chemistry, and geography—can be an effective, low-stress way to keep learning going.

Does A1A handle paperwork with the previous school or district?

Yes. We request prior records and provide enrollment and retention verification letters. For anything else during the year, submit a Help request:

- General Questions or Help
- Enrollment Verification Request

- Online Curriculum Request or Help — enroll in courses or activate second-semester courses
- Progress Report / Transcript Request — for school registration or applications
- Private School Recommendation / Admissions Request — official transcripts, test scores, and recommendation letters when a private school requires them
- Withdrawal from Talega Prep / A1A Request — final grades, attendance, and new-school information; Teacher Evaluation or Portfolio Review if your state requires it
- Talega Preparatory Academy Graduation Application Form

What records are kept, and what do we receive at the end of the year?

Course progress is available throughout the year. We will provide an in-progress transcript or progress report whenever you need one.

At the end of the year, complete the Withdrawal process. We finalize, sign, date, and email you an official transcript. When the new school requests records, we send the official TPA/A1A transcript and forward previous school records with it.

How do we enroll in 9th grade?

Ninth-grade registration typically opens around February. Use your receiving school's calendar, or call the school.

Submit a Help request for Progress Report / Transcript Request. We email the transcript to you. High schools usually do not need an official copy sent by us at that first step.

You will complete the high school's own forms. Show them our transcript so they can confirm current grade placement, then follow their instructions. When they later request official records, A1A sends them.

What keeps us in good standing?

Independent study / homeschool families do not submit extra packets during the year. Year-end requirements are handled through Withdrawal.

Watch the Important Dates calendar on this page and the reminder emails we send. Adequate progress in assigned courses is the standard.

Are there extra fees, tests, or documents?

No additional A1A fees, services, or testing are required beyond the tuition and courses already chosen.

State-required homeschool documentation is collected with the application at the start of the year and again at Withdrawal. If your state has extra rules, use the state link on this site and complete those steps.

What should we do—and avoid—during the Gap Year?

Please do not

- Participate in high-school activities as an enrolled student. Attending a dance as a guest of a current student, with that school's permission slip, is fine.
- Take high-school classes for credit through another vendor.
- Call attention to retention or reclassification when you re-enroll.

A1A supports this path. Many receiving schools do not treat it the same way. A quiet, complete file makes the transition cleaner.

Please do

Enjoy the extra year. Talk about what your student is learning and reading. Visit places that match their curiosity. Take the trip you would not have time for next fall. High school brings more independence. This year is for your student—and for you.

Need something from the office?

Use the Help request buttons on this Parent Resources page. Do not wait for a crisis week in February if you already know you will need a verification letter or transcript. Ask when the need first appears.