

Greeley OPTIONS General Information and Philosophy
2014-2015

OPTIONS Purpose & Philosophy - It is our intent to assist parents with the resources of the OPTIONS Program as they home school their children by providing 1-day-a-week classes on Tuesdays. Greeley OPTIONS is an *enrichment* program only for students in grades K-12 and should be considered only 20% of a total home school education. Our K-5 elementary classes are all enrichment-based, have very little homework, if at all, and are not intended to take the place of any core education subject. In grades 6-8 students begin to be prepared for High School, therefore classes become more homework-intensive. In grades 9-12 Options does offer High School credit for certain core subject classes however home school families need to understand that even at the High School level, the majority of work to earn High School credit is the responsibility of the parent and student. Secondary teachers at Greeley OPTIONS offer 60 minutes of instruction and home work to fulfill the remaining class hours during the week. Parents as the primary educators of their children will ensure the quality and quantity of school work produced at every grade level in the OPTIONS Program.

Students in grades 9-12 are encouraged to participate in the Concurrent Enrollment Program to earn dual credit classes taken at the local community college. More information about this opportunity is available upon request.

Students enrolled in the Greeley OPTIONS Program and considered part-time students of the Aurora Public Schools but legally they remain home schooled students and must comply with Colorado State Home School Laws.

Colorado Homeschool Law: Colorado Law (CO Statutes 22-33-104.5) required parents to provide 172 days of instruction averaging 4 hours per day. Standardized testing or individual evaluation is mandatory in grades 3, 5, 7, 9, 11.

Communication: Email is the primary manner of communication within our program. Please keep the Site Coordinator, Lisa Moffitt, informed of any email changes. Greeley OPTIONS also uses a Yahoo Group to disseminate mass email announcements and updates from the staff. Please ensure you become a functioning member of the Greeley OPTIONS Group and see Lisa or Administrative Aide Amy Dale if you need to have an invitation sent to join this group.

Homework Policy: Teachers will regularly assign homework for grades 6-12. Students grades in these levels will be based on the timely completion and quality of these homework assignments. Students who are absent on Tuesdays are expected to stay informed of their missed homework assignment, through the Yahoo Group, and their completed homework will be due upon their return.

Behavior: See behavior contract for details. Students are expected to understand and follow the Greeley OPTIONS Behavior and Dress Code.

Lunch Time: We do not allow or provide for the use of the microwave oven or refrigerator for student lunches during the OPTIONS school day. Our campus is closed during the lunch hour for all students unless parents personally arrive to escort their student on a *lunch date*.

Grades: All secondary students, 6-12, receive letter grades for classes, A-F and all elementary classes 1-5 receive a Pass/Fail marking at the end of 1st Semester (January) and at year-end (May).