



An Overview of the EPGY Online High School at Stanford University

What is the EPGY OHS?

- A fully accredited, diploma granting, online independent school (grades 7-12) situated at Stanford University within the Education Program for Gifted Youth.
- Accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) in 2006 and approved as an online provider by the University of California in 2008.

What are the goals of the EPGY OHS?

- To prepare gifted students for success both in life and in their future intellectual pursuits.
- To provide gifted students everywhere with an opportunity to receive an education comparable to that offered by the best schools in the world.
- To allow gifted students to pursue advanced academic studies.
- To provide gifted students the opportunity to pursue advanced academic opportunities without worrying about how they fit into their local high school's diploma requirements

What are some features of the EPGY OHS?

- High-school diploma
- Online school mixing seminar-style and directed-study courses
- College-style class schedule
- Academically rigorous courses
 - Enhanced mathematical content in natural science and social science courses
 - Emphasis on writing, discussion, and argumentation
 - University-level courses available in some subjects
- Challenging core courses
 - *The Methodology of Science – Biology*
 - *History of Science: Great Ideas, Observations, and Experiments*
 - *Democracy, Freedom, and Rule of Law*
 - *Critical Reading and Argumentation*
- Optional intensive residential summer courses at Stanford University
- Flexibility in pursuing outside educational opportunities
 - Support for students who take some courses at their local schools
 - Ability to transfer to OHS credits earned from other programs
- Engaging extracurricular activities building on student interests
- Academic and college counseling
 - Guidance concerning offerings by other programs
 - Support in the college application process

What types of gifted students might be interested in the EPGY-OHS?

- Gifted students who would otherwise enter college without high school diplomas
- Gifted students in rural areas or overseas
- Gifted students who are home schooled
- Gifted students in Title I schools
- Gifted students who are satisfied with some aspects of their local schools, but who want a more intensive academic program in certain subjects
- Gifted students interested in serious academic pursuits divergent from the standard high school curriculum