

Your Foundation High School Program Graduation Requirements

This table shows what every Texas student needs to graduate. Every student must earn the 22 credits under the “Foundation-Only” column. Your parents or guardians will need to give the school district written permission to allow you not to earn an endorsement. Otherwise you must pick an endorsement and earn 26 credits to graduate. Remember that your school district has the authority to establish requirements in addition to those listed here. Check with your school Counselor for more information.

Subjects and courses required for Foundation-Only Credits	Foundation-Only Credits	Foundation + Endorsement Credits	Distinguished Level Credits
English <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English I, II, and III Advanced English course 	4	4	4
Mathematics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I Geometry Advanced Math course 	3	4 - All Foundation requirements, plus additional advanced Math course	4 - All Foundation requirements, plus Algebra II specifically
Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology Integrated Physics and Chemistry Advanced Science course 	3	4 - All Foundation requirements, plus additional advanced Science course	4 - All Foundation requirements, plus additional advanced Science course
Social Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.S. History U.S. Government (1/2 credit) Economics (1/2 credit) World History or Geography 	3	3	3
Physical Education	1	1	1
Languages other than English <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two credits in the same language OR two credits from Computer Science I, II, and III 	2	2	2
Fine Arts	1	1	1
Electives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classes available for electives will be based upon the endorsement options selected by the student. 	5	7	7
Speech <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrated proficiency 	0	0	0
Total Credits	22	26	26

Students can earn one or more Performance Acknowledgments, in addition to any graduation program they follow, for any of the following areas: Dual Credit course; Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exam performance; Bilingualism and biliteracy; Earning a nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license; PSAT, ACT-PLAN, SAT, or ACT score. Talk to your school Counselor for specific guidelines.