

New Texas Graduation Plan

The Texas Legislature has changed high school graduation requirements for students who will begin high school during 2014-15 school year and thereafter. The changes in graduation requirements allow more flexibility for high school students to pursue either higher education or a career pathway. The Texas Legislature has created one graduation plan called “Foundation High School Program” (FHSP). In addition to the FHSP, students will have the opportunity to earn endorsements and performance acknowledgements. Specific course descriptions are available in the HHS Course Guide or online at www.hillsboroid.org.

Foundation High School Program (FHSP) 23 Credits	FHSP + Endorsements 29 Credits	FHSP + Endorsements Distinguished Level of Achievement (includes Algebra II) 29 Credits
<p>4 credits English – ELA I, II, III, and an additional ELA credit</p> <p>3 credits Math – Algebra I, Geometry, and an additional math credit</p> <p>3 credits Science – Biology, two additional science credits</p> <p>3 credits Social Studies – U.S. History, Government, Economics, World Geography or World History</p> <p>2 credits in Language other than English</p> <p>1 credit Fine Arts</p> <p>1 credit in Physical Education</p> <p>4 credits in electives (may include CTE or certification courses)</p> <p>1 credit in Professional Communication/Financial Literacy</p> <p>1 credit in BIM</p>	<p>4 credits English – ELA I, II, III, and an additional ELA credit</p> <p>4 credits Math – Algebra I, Geometry, and two additional math credits</p> <p>4 credits Science – Biology, three additional science credits</p> <p>3 credits Social Studies – U.S. History, Government, Economics, World Geography or World History</p> <p>2 credits in Language other than English</p> <p>1 credit Fine Arts</p> <p>1 credit in Physical Education</p> <p>8 credits in electives (may include CTE or certification courses)</p> <p>1 credit in Professional Communication/Financial Literacy</p> <p>1 credit in BIM</p> <p><i>Credit requirements specific to at least one endorsement</i></p>	<p>4 credits English – ELA I, II, III, and an additional ELA credit</p> <p>4 credits Math – Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and one additional math</p> <p>4 credits Science – Biology, three additional science credits</p> <p>3 credits Social Studies – U.S. History, Government, Economics, World Geography or World History</p> <p>2 credits Language other than English</p> <p>1 credit Fine Arts</p> <p>1 credit in Physical Education</p> <p>8 credits in electives (may include CTE or certification courses)</p> <p>1 credit in Professional Communication/Financial Literacy</p> <p>1 credit in BIM</p> <p><i>Credit requirements specific to at least one endorsement</i></p>

Endorsements

STEM	Business & Industry	Public Services	Arts & Humanities	Multidisciplinary
Advanced Science Advanced Math	Agriculture Construction Hospitality & Tourism Technology & Communications Business Public Speaking	Health Sciences Education & Training Cosmetology	Fine Arts Foreign Language	Advanced courses (including AP and Dual Credit) that prepare students for the workforce or postsecondary education

State Assessments Required for Graduation (EOC)	Performance Acknowledgements		
<p>English I</p> <p>Algebra I</p> <p>Biology</p>	<p>English II</p> <p>US History</p>	<p>Outstanding performance for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * in Dual Credit (12 hours with 3.0 or higher) or Associates degree while in high school * in Bilingualism/Bi-literacy * on AP Exam (Score of 3 or higher) * on PSAT, ACT-PLAN, SAT, or ACT 	<p>Certification: nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certificate or license</p>