

## KATY ISD PROGRAMS FOR COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

#### Freshmen Entering High School

#### Fall of 2007 and Thereafter

Course	Katy ISD 26-Credit Recommended High School (RHSP)*	Katy ISD 26-Credit Distinguished Achievement (DAP)**
English Language Arts*	4.0	4.0
Mathematics*	4.0 1	4.0 1
Science*	4.0 2	4.0 2
Social Studies*	3.5 3	3.5 3
Economics*	0.5	0.5
Physical Education 4	1.0	1.0
Health Education 5	0.5	0.5
Lang. Other Than English 6	2.0	3.0
Fine Arts* 7	1.0	1.0
Communication Applications 8	0.5	0.5
Technology Applications*	0.0 10	0.0 10
Electives/Additional Components*	5.0 9	4.0 9
<b>Total Program</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>26.0</b>

Note: Students who entered ninth (9th) grade in years prior to those specified above will follow the graduation program in effect the year they entered high school or they may choose to complete graduation programs approved in subsequent years and may earn the appropriate seal on their transcripts.

\*College Board Advanced Placement courses may be substituted in appropriate areas.

\*\*Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP)

In addition to earning the required credits in the 26 credit DAP column above, a student must submit any combination of four of the advanced measures approved by the Katy ISD Board of Trustees. The advanced measures must focus on demonstrated student performance at the college level.

The advanced measures are:

- Test data: a score of three or above on the College Board Advanced Placement examination (up to four measures); and/or a score on the PSAT that qualifies a student for recognition (limit of one measure);
- College courses: a grade of 3.0 or higher on courses that count for college credit (up to two measures), including state Advanced Technical Credit (ATC) courses and local articulated credit courses.

**Course Footnotes:**

1 Must consist of Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II and one of these:

Pre Calculus; AP Stat, AP Calculus, AP Computer Science, Independent Study Math, or Dual Credit College Math Courses; or Math Models with Applications or Math Applications in Agriculture (PENDING) and Algebra II (in that order)

**Note: For DAP the fourth math credit must have Algebra II as a prerequisite.**

2 Must consist of Biology and must choose option A or B below:

- (A) IPC, Chemistry/AP Chemistry, and Physics/AP Physics; or  
 (B) Chemistry/AP Chemistry, Physics/AP Physics and one lab based science course\*

**Lab Based Courses:** Aquatic Science, Anatomy/Physiology, AP Biology, Physics/AP Physics, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, Environmental Systems, or Advance Animal Science (PENDING).

**NOTE: IPC must be taken before Chemistry and Physics for RHSP. For DAP, IPC cannot be used as a science credit.**

3 Must consist of: W. History, W. Geography, US History, US Government.

4 May include: Foundations of Personal Fitness. However, up to four credits of the following may substitute for the PE requirement: JROTC, Athletics, and/or off-campus PE. Dance Team, Marching Band (including Color Guard), and Cheerleading may be up to 1.0 PE credit substitution. See your counselor for details. The two & three credit CTE courses previously given PE waivers will no longer satisfy the PE requirement.

5 Principles of Health Technology (one credit) may substitute. Katy ISD Board of Trustees has adopted graduation requirements above the state requirements to include Health.

6 Credits must be in the same language.

7 Principles of Floral Design may substitute in future. (PENDING)

8 No substitutes allowed at this time. Consult course descriptions. Professional Communications substitution is pending.

9 Electives may be selected from any state-approved courses. Local credits, as indicated in the course catalog, will not count.

10 Technology Application Courses will count in the Electives/Additional Components category. Students are encouraged to take one or more technology electives. Selected courses apply. Consult course descriptions.

For more information, please refer to Katy ISD Policy EIF (LOCAL) or contact a Katy ISD secondary counselor.