

Graduation Requirements for the Classes of 2018 and Beyond

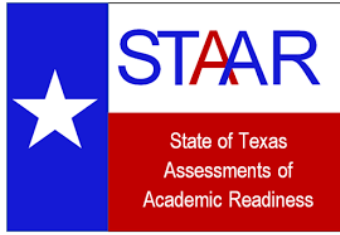
The Texas Education Code, Section 28.025(b) allows a student to graduate under the Foundation High School Program without earning an endorsement if, after the student's sophomore year, the student and the student's parent/guardian are notified of the benefits of graduating with an endorsement and the student's parent/guardian gives written permission for the student to opt out of an endorsement.

Foundations High School Program (22 credits)		
Subject	Credits	Notes
English	4	Must consist of English I, English II, English III, and one additional English credit.
Math	3	Must consist of Algebra I, Geometry, and an additional Math credit. State graduation requirements do not mandate that a student complete Algebra II to graduate under the Foundation High School Program. If a student does not complete an Algebra II course, the student will not be eligible for automatic college admission or certain financial aid including the TEXAS Grant Program and the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program.
Science	3	Must consist of Biology, one credit selected from IPC, Chemistry, or Physics, and an additional Science credit.
Social Studies	3	Must consist of World Geography or World History, US History, Government, Economics or Personal Financial Literacy & Economics. Students may substitute AP Human Geography for World Geography. Students may not substitute the Personal Financial Literacy elective for Personal Financial Literacy & Economics.
Languages other than English (LOTE)	2	Must consist of two levels in the same language.
Physical Education	1	Beginning in the fall of 2022 students may earn a maximum of two credits in PE towards graduation. Students may meet the PE requirement through after school participation in the fall semester marching band, cheerleading and both semesters of drill team. Students may also meet the PE requirement if they participate in a district approved Olympic caliber off-campus training program, athletics, or NJROTC. Students may earn up to four credits of PE through off-campus PE, athletics or NJROTC. PE credit may be earned through a district approved correspondence course.
Fine Arts	1	Must consist of approved fine arts courses. Students must take two sequential semesters of the same course.
Speech	½	Must consist of state required communication skills component.
Health	½	Must consist of a (½) credit of Health or (1.0) credit of Principles of Health Science
Electives	4	
Total	22	

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Students must meet passing standards on the 5 End-of-Course (EOC) exams, in addition to earning all required course credits for their graduation plan, to earn a diploma. Students must meet all graduation course credit requirements and EOC requirements to be eligible for participation in the graduation ceremony.

STAAR End of Course Exams (EOC)



English Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies
English I English II	Algebra I	Biology	US History

Financial Aid Application for High School Graduation

Completing a free application for federal student aid (FAFSA) is a graduation requirement. FAFSA and/or TAFSA must be completed before a student can receive a high school diploma. A parent or legal guardian may provide written notice to opt out their child. Students who are at least 18 years old may opt themselves out of the requirement.

Instruction in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

Students must receive instruction in CPR at least once in grades 7-12 before graduation.

Instruction on Proper Interaction with Peace Officers

Students must receive instruction in proper interaction with police officers at least once before graduation from high school.