

Graduation Requirements for the Classes of 2018 and Beyond

The following requirements apply to students who enter the ninth grade in the fall of 2014 and thereafter. Students may also earn a distinguished level of achievement by including and successfully completing algebra II in their selected coursework. Students should study the table below which outline requirements for the Foundations High School Program + Endorsement (FHSP+E) (26 credits).

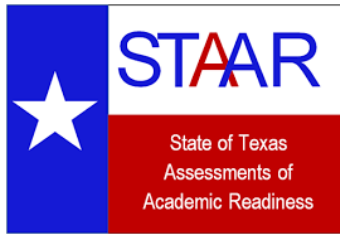
Foundations High School Program + Endorsement (FHSP+E) (26 credits)		
Subject	Credits	Notes
English	4	Must consist of English I, English II, English III, and one additional English credit.
Math	4	Must consist of Algebra I, Geometry, and two additional Math credits. Algebra II credit is required for the Distinguished Level of Achievement.
Science	4	Must consist of Biology, one credit selected from IPC, Chemistry, or Physics, and two additional Science credits.
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	6	Must consist of a coherent sequence of courses for four or more credits which includes one advanced course in a designated program of study.
Total	26	

College Board Advanced Placement and Dual Credit courses may substitute in appropriate areas for both Foundation and Endorsement credits.

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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.