GRADUATION PLANS

Preparing for your college and career success after high school

All plans require a solid Foundation

DISTINGUISHED LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT

Requires Algebra II, with an endorsement and the Foundation Graduation Plan requirements. 26 credits

Students must graduate at the Distinguished Level of Achievement to be **eligible** for automatic admission to state colleges and universities through the Top 10 Percent rule.

FOUNDATION + ENDORSEMENT PLAN

STEM	Business & Industry	Public Services	Arts & Humanities	Multi-disciplinary

+ 1 advanced math + 1 advanced science credit + 2 additional elective credits

26 CREDITS	26 CREDITS	26 CREDITS	26 CREDITS	26 CREDITS
Requires Algebra II				Requires Distinguished Level of Achievement

FOUNDATION GRADUATION PLAN

Core requirements (22 Credits): 4 credits in English, 3 credits in math, 3 credits in science, 3 credits in social studies, 2 credits in foreign language, 1 credit in fine arts, 1 credit in PE, .5 credit in health*, 4.5 credits in electives*

* Pending SAISD Board approval

CHOOSE ONE OR MORE ENDORSEMENTS

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics - This path includes courses directly related to science (including environmental science), technology (including computer science), engineering and advanced mathematics, or a coherent sequence of 4 career and technical courses.

Business and Industry - Includes courses directly related to database management, information technology, communications, accounting, finance, marketing, graphic design, architecture, construction, welding, logistics, automotive technology, agricultural science and heating, ventilation and air conditioning.

Public Service - Includes courses directly related to health sciences and occupations, education and training, law enforcement, culinary arts and hospitality

Arts and Humanities - Includes courses directly related to political science, world languages, cultural studies, English literature, history and fine arts

Multidisciplinary - Includes courses from the curriculum of each endorsement area and credits in a variety of advanced courses from multiple content areas sufficient to complete the distinguished level of achievement under the foundation high school program

Plan Your Path

The State Board of Education gave final approval January 31, 2014 to the state's new high school graduation program, the *Foundation High School Program*, which gives students added flexibility to follow their academic interests.

Key Components of House Bill 5
- Allows greater flexibility in the Foundation High School Program (FHSP) with endorsements
- Increases demand for Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses that will satisfy the requirements for endorsements
- Reduces the End-of Course Exam Requirements from 15 to 5
  - Algebra I
  - Biology
  - United States History
  - English I (Reading + Writing)
  - English II (Reading + Writing)

Core Requirements of the new Foundation High School Program
- 4 English (Eng. I, Eng. II, Eng. III, and advanced English)
- 3 Math (to include Algebra I and Geometry)
- 3 Science (to include Biology)
- 3 Social Studies (World Geography or World History, United States History, and Government and Economics)
- 1 Physical Education
- 1 Fine Art
- .5 health (pending Board approval)
- 2 credits of the same foreign language
- 4.5 Electives (pending Board approval)

The Foundation High School Program with Endorsement

All students will be required to earn an endorsement in one of the following areas:
1. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)
2. Business and Industry
3. Public Service
4. Arts and Humanities
5. Multidisciplinary Studies

Each endorsement requires 26 credits total, including
- 4th math
- 4th science
- 2 additional electives

The Foundation High School Program + Distinguished Level of Achievement

To earn the Distinguished Level of Achievement, students must complete:
- The Foundation High School Program
- One Endorsement
- Algebra II

Students completing the Distinguished Level of Achievement are eligible for college admission under the Top 10 Percent automatic admission provision

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