OVERVIEW OF THE FOUNDATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PROGRAM

AND FAQs

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# Foundation High School Program Requirements (22 Credits)

**English Language Arts (4 Credits)**
- English I
- English II
- English III
- Advanced English Course

**Mathematics (3 Credits)**
- Algebra I
- Geometry
- Advanced Mathematics Course

**Science (3 Credits)**
- Biology
- IPC or Advanced Science Course
- Advanced Science Course

**Social Studies (3 Credits)**
- U.S. History
- U.S. Government (one-half credit)
- Economics (one-half credit)
- World Geography or World History

**Physical Education (1 Credit)**

**LOTE (2 Credits in same language)**

**Fine Arts (1 Credit)**

**Career Related Electives (5 Credits)**

**Proficiency in Speech (Determined locally)**

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# Endorsement Requirements (26 Credits)

**Math (1 Additional Credit — STEM requires Algebra II)**

**Science (1 Additional Credit)**

**Career Related Electives (2 Additional Credits)**

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**DISTINGUISHED LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT**

- 4 Credits in Math (Must complete Algebra II)
- 4 Credits in Science

**Requirements for Endorsement**

**Remaining program requirements**

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**PERFORMANCE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

- Outstanding performance
  - in a dual credit course
  - in bilingualism and biliteracy
  - on an AP test or IB exam
  - on the PSAT, the ACT-Plan, the SAT, or the ACT
- Earning a nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification
Foundation High School Graduation Plan

• Promotes College and Career Readiness for ALL students
• Offers flexibility for students
• Provides more guidance and counseling for students
• Allows more local district control and decision making
• Supports individual career pathways

Federal Career Pathway Model
Sample Career Goal = Physician

- STEM Endorsement
  - Science

- Business & Industry Endorsement
  - Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources

- Public Services Endorsement
  - Health Sciences
  - Human Services

- Multidisciplinary Endorsement
  - Combination of coursework

via multiple endorsements and pathways
Career Goal = Physician via multiple endorsements and pathways

Students should...

1. Investigate the career and options
2. Research admission requirements
3. Select an endorsement area and a college major they enjoy keeping the postsecondary requirements (advanced science) in mind
Resources

Texas Education Agency Website
- [http://tea.texas.gov/graduation-requirements/hb5.aspx](http://tea.texas.gov/graduation-requirements/hb5.aspx)

Graduation Toolkit
- [http://tea.texas.gov/communications/brochures.aspx](http://tea.texas.gov/communications/brochures.aspx)

AchieveTexas College and Career Initiative
- [www.achievetexas.org](http://www.achievetexas.org) Programs of Study