



New Texas Graduation Plans

The Texas Legislature has changed high school graduation requirements for students who will be freshmen during the 2014-2015 school year. The change in graduation requirements allows more flexibility for high school students to pursue either higher education or a career pathway. The Texas Legislature has created one graduation plan called, "Foundation High School Program (FHSP)". In addition to the FHSP, students will have the opportunity to earn endorsements and performance acknowledgements. Specific course descriptions are available in the 2014-2015 Course Catalog online at <http://www.irionisd.org>.

Snapshot of New Graduation Requirements for Freshmen in 2014-2015

<p>FHSP+ Endorsements Distinguished Level of Achievement (Includes Algebra II) 26 CREDITS</p>	<p>FHSP + Endorsements 26 CREDITS</p>	<p>Foundation High School Program (FHSP) 22 CREDITS Students may opto (FHSP) -only after completing sophomore year</p>
<p>4 credits English – ELA I, II, III, one credit in any authorized English course** 4 credits Mathematics – Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, one credit in any authorized math course** 4 credits Science – Biology, IPC/Chemistry/Physics, two credits in any authorized science courses** 3 credits Social Studies – World Geography or World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government (.5 credit), Economics (.5 credit) 2 credits Languages Other Than English 1 credit Physical Education 1 credit Fine Arts 7 credits in electives (may include CTE or certification courses) <i>Credit requirements specific to at least one endorsement</i></p>	<p>4 credits English – ELA I, II, III, one credit in any authorized English course** 4 credits Mathematics – Algebra I, Geometry, two credits in any authorized math courses** 4 credits Science – Biology, IPC/Chemistry/Physics, two credits in any authorized science courses** 3 credits Social Studies – World Geography or World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government (.5 credit), Economics (.5 credit) 2 credits Languages Other Than English 1 credit Physical Education 1 credit Fine Arts 7 credits in electives (may include CTE or certification courses) <i>Credit requirements specific to at least one endorsement</i></p>	<p>4 credits English – ELA I, II, III, one credit in any authorized English course** 3 credits Mathematics – Algebra I, Geometry, one credit in any authorized math course** 3 credits Science – Biology, IPC/Chemistry/Physics, one credit in any authorized science course 3 credits Social Studies – World Geography or World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government (.5 credit), Economics (.5 credit) 2 credits Languages Other Than English 1 credit Physical Education 1 credit Fine Arts 5 credits in electives (may include CTE or certification courses)</p>

ENDORSEMENTS

<p>MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES</p>	<p>ARTS / HUMANITIES</p>	<p>PUBLIC SERVICES</p>	<p>BUSINESS / INDUSTRY</p>	<p>STEM</p>
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STEM Cluster
 CORE - Math
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 Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources
 Architecture and Construction
 Arts Audio/Video Tech. and Communications
 Business Mgmt. and Administration
 Finance
 Hospitality and Tourism
 Information Technology
 Manufacturing
 Marketing
 Transportation, Distribution and Logistics

Education and Training
 Health Science
 Human Services
 JROTC

Social Studies
 Languages Other Than English (LOTE)
 Fine Arts
 Advanced courses that prepare students for the workforce or postsecondary education

State Assessment Required for Graduation
 English I, II; Algebra I; Biology; and U.S. History

Performance Acknowledgements
 Outstanding performance: Dual credit course work; bilingualism/biliteracy; college AP; PSAT, ACT-PLAN, SAT or ACT; Business or Industry Certificate or License

Questions?
 Contact your student's campus or www.tea.state.tx.us/graduation.aspx (House Bill 5)