



Midland Independent School District

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL

FOUNDATION ENDORSEMENT GRADUATION PLAN (26 CREDITS)

4 Credits English

1 credit English I
1 credit English II
1 credit English III
1 credit English IV

4 Credits Mathematics

1 credit Algebra I
1 credit Geometry
2 credits in any advanced math course

4 Credits Science

1 credit Biology
1 credit in IPC, Chemistry or Physics
2 credits in any advanced science course

3 Credits Social Studies

1 credit US History
.5 credit in Government
.5 credit in Economics
1 credit World Geography

2 Credits Language other than English (LOTE)

2 years of the same language

1 Credit Physical Education

Choice

1 Credit Fine Arts

Choice

7 Credits in Electives

4 of the electives may be dictated by endorsement requirements.
See endorsement videos for more information.



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HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION SHEET

Endorsements are areas of specialized study. The areas include science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM); business and industry; arts and humanities; public services; and multidisciplinary studies,

ENDORSEMENTS

Business & Industry

Public Services

Arts & Humanities

STEM

Multidisciplinary

STAAR EOC

State-mandated tests given during the final weeks of a high school course. There are five EOC exams required to earn a diploma from a Texas public high school. The five exams are given when a student completes the following courses:

- English 1
- English 2
- Biology
- Algebra 1
- US History

FAFSA TASFA

In 2019, the 86th Texas Legislature established a requirement for all Texas students enrolled in 12th grade during the 2021-2022 school year complete their FAFSA. Each student enrolled in **12th grade** must do one of the following in order to graduate:

- Complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
- Complete and submit a Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA);
- Submit a signed opt-out form.

DUAL CREDIT

Dual credit is a process by which a high school student enrolls in a college course and receives simultaneous academic credit for the course from both the college and the high school.

EAS/AP

The Advanced Placement (AP) program is a cooperative educational endeavor between secondary schools, colleges, and universities. The AP program offers college-level courses and exams that allow high school students to receive advanced placement and/or credit in college. The purpose of the AP/EAS program offers students the opportunity to develop higher level thinking skills through an immersion in rigorous content, an accelerated pace, and performance assessment at the synthesis and evaluative levels.

DISTINGUISHED LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT

A high level of academic achievement earned by going beyond the Foundation High School Program. It requires completion of a total of 26-course credits, including Algebra II, four credits in both math and science, and an endorsement. A student must earn this designation to be eligible for Top 10 percent automatic admission to a Texas public college or university.

PERFORMANCE ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Students may earn an additional acknowledgment on their transcripts for outstanding performance in areas such as dual credit courses bilingualism and biliteracy; and AP, IB, PSAT, ACT ASPIRE®, SAT, or ACT exams or by earning a state-, nationally-, or internationally-recognized business or industry certification or license.

CTE

CTE Completer A student who completes, passes, and receives credit for three or more CTE courses for at least four or more credits (course selection must include at least one level three or level four-course).

CTE Concentrator A student who completes, passes, and receives credit for two more CTE courses for at least two credits within the same CTE Program of Study.

CCMR

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has defined a set of indicators that students can earn to be considered college, career or military ready. Graduates may meet CCMR criteria through any one of the following methods:

- Score a 3 or higher on an Advanced Placement (AP) exam or 4 or higher on an International Baccalaureate exam
- Earn an Associate's Degree
- Earn an Industry Based Certification (IBC), based on the [TEA IBC List](#)
- Enlist in the U.S. Armed Forces
- Complete an OnRamps Dual Enrollment Course
- Complete a Level 1 or Level 2 Certificate
- Meet the criteria on both reading and math on TSIA, ACT, or SAT (note, the Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSIA) has been phased out and will be replaced by the TSIA2 beginning January, 2021)
- Complete > 3 hours in ELAR or Math Dual Credit, or > 9 hours total across subjects
- Complete an IEP and workforce readiness (graduation type codes of 04,05,54, or 55)
- Special Education graduates with RHSP, DAP, FHSP-E, or FHSP-DLA degree plans

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

[TEA Graduation Toolkit -English](#)
[TEA Graduation Toolkit-Spanish](#)