

# Texas Foundation High School Program

The Texas Legislature has changed high school graduation requirements for students who entered high school 2014-15 school year and freshman classes after. In addition to the Foundation program, students have the opportunity to earn endorsements and performance acknowledgements.

Foundation High School Program (22 credits)	Foundation w/Endorsement (26 credits)	Foundation w/Endorsement & Distinguished Level of Achievement (26 credits)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 credits English - English I, II, III, IV</li> <li>• 3 credits Math - Alg I, Geometry, and 1 additional credit</li> <li>• 3 credits Science - Biology and 2 additional credits</li> <li>• 3 credits Social Studies - US Hist, World Geography or World History, and Government/Eco</li> <li>• 2 credits Spanish</li> <li>• 1 credit Fine Arts</li> <li>• 1 credit Physical Education</li> <li>• 5 elective credits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 credits English - English I, II, III, IV</li> <li>• 4 credits Math - Alg I, Geometry, and 2 additional credit</li> <li>• 4 credits Science - Biology and 3 additional credits</li> <li>• 3 credits Social Studies - US Hist, World Geography or World History, and Government/Eco</li> <li>• 2 credits Spanish</li> <li>• 1 credit Fine Arts</li> <li>• 1 credit Physical Education</li> <li>• 7 elective credits</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Credit requirements specific to at least one endorsement</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 credits English - English I, II, III, IV</li> <li>• 4 credits Math - Alg I, Geometry, Algebra II, and 1 additional credit</li> <li>• 4 credits Science - Biology and 3 additional credits</li> <li>• 3 credits Social Studies - US Hist, World Geography or World History, and Government/Eco</li> <li>• 2 credits Spanish</li> <li>• 1 credit Fine Arts</li> <li>• 1 credit Physical Education</li> <li>• 7 elective credits</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Credit requirements specific to at least one endorsement</i></p>

Performance Acknowledgements can be earned in:

- 1) **Dual Credit**
  - a. by completing 12 dual credit hours and maintaining a 3.0 or better GPA
  
- 2) **Bilingualism and biliteracy**
  - a. by completing 3 credits of Spanish (must have an 80 or better average for all 3 credits) AND an 80 or better average in English credits
  
- 3) **PSAT, SAT, ACT-PLAN, ACT**
  - a. PSAT – commended scholar or higher
  - b. ACT-PLAN – college readiness in two of four subject areas
  - c. SAT – combined reading and math score of 1250+
  - d. ACT – composite score of 28 (excluding writing)