

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
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AWARDING OF
DIPLOMAS

Students who do not meet graduation requirements by the end of the school year and who subsequently enroll in and complete coursework during the summer prior to August 31st of the current school year, will be granted a diploma reflecting the May/June graduation date of the current year.

Discipline	Foundation High School Program with Distinguished Level of Achievement and Endorsement 26 Credits	Discipline	Foundation High School Program without Distinguished Level of Achievement 22 Credits (Permission must be granted by the Superintendent or Superintendent's Designee for the Foundation HSP without DLA, 22 Credits)
English Language Arts 4.0 Credits	<p>Must consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English I, English II, English III, and English IV English I and II for Speakers of Other Languages may be substituted for English I and II only for students with limited English proficiency who are at the beginning or inter-mediate levels of English language proficiency. English III may be substituted with: AP English III Higher Level or IB English II Higher Level. English IV may be substituted with: AP English Literature and Composition, IB English IV Higher Level College Preparatory Course English Language Arts or Humanities (ECHS Only) 	English Language Arts 4.0 Credits	<p>Must consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English I, English II, English II One credit advanced English
Mathematics 4.0 Credits	<p>Must consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry. 	Mathematics 3.0 Credits	<p>Must consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I and Geometry One credit advanced math

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The additional credit may be selected from either of the following and must be successfully completed prior to Algebra II: Mathematical Models with Applications, Mathematical Models in Food and Natural Resources (CTE). • The fourth credit may be selected from the following after successful completion of Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry: Pre-Calculus, Independent Study in Mathematics, AP Statistics, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, IB Mathematical Studies Standard Level, IB Mathematics Standard Level, IB Mathematics Higher Level, IB Further Mathematics Standard Level, Engineering Mathematics (CTE), Statistics and Risk Management (CTE), Advanced Quantitative Reasoning (AQR) or College Preparatory Course Math. • <i>The following courses may count as a 5th year math ONLY and may not be counted as the 4th math for graduation requirements: Digital Electronics, Robotics Programming and Design and AP Computer Science.</i> 		
<p>Science 4.0 Credits</p>	<p><u>Must consist of:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology, Chemistry and Physics • One credit Biology course can be selected from one of the following: Biology, AP Biology or IB Biology. • One credit Chemistry course can be selected from one of the following: Chemistry, AP Chemistry, or IB Chemistry. • One credit Physics course can be selected from one of the following: Physics, Principles of Technology, AP Physics, or IB Physics. 	<p>Science 3.0 Credits</p>	<p><u>Must consist of:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology, IPC or advanced science course • One advanced science course

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fourth science credit may be selected from any of the following: Aquatic Science, Astronomy, Earth and Space Science, Environmental Systems, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics C, AP Environmental Science, IB Biology, IB Chemistry, IB Physics, IB Environmental Systems, Scientific Research and Design (CTE), Anatomy and Physiology (CTE), Engineering Design and Problem (CTE), Medical Microbiology (CTE), Pathophysiology (CTE), Advanced Animal Science (CTE), Advanced Biotechnology (CTE), Advanced Plant and Soil Science (CTE), Food Science (CTE), and Forensic Science (CTE). The fourth credit may be IPC, but must be successfully completed prior to Chemistry and Physics <i>The following course may count as a 5th year science ONLY and may not be counted as the 4th science for graduation requirements: Principals of Engineering</i> 		
<p>Social Studies 3.5 Credits</p>	<p><u>Must consist of:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Geography, World History, and US History US Government (0.5 credit). AP Human Geography may be substituted for World Geography 	<p>Social Studies 2.5 Credits</p>	<p><u>Must consist of:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> US History US Government (0.5 Credit) World History or World Geography
<p>Economics 0.5 Credit</p>	<p><u>Must consist of:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economics (0.5 Credit) 	<p>Economics 0.5 Credits</p>	<p><u>Must consist of:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economics (0.5 Credit)

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<p>Language other than English 2.0 Credits</p>	<p><u>Must consist of:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The credits must consist of any two levels in the same language 	<p>Language other than English 2.0 Credits</p>	<p><u>Must consist of:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two credits in the same language Two credits from Computer Science I, II, and III (Other substitutions)
<p>Physical Education 1.0 Credit</p>	<p><u>The required credit may be from any combination of the following one-half to one credit courses:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foundations of Personal Fitness, Adventure/Outdoor Education, Aerobic Activities, Team or Individual Sports. Credit for any of the courses above may be earned through participation in the following activities: Athletics, JROTC, appropriate private or commercially sponsored physical activity programs conducted on or off campus. Up to one credit for any one of the courses listed above may be earned through participation in any of the following activities: Drill Team, Marching Band, or Cheerleading. All allowed substitution activities must include at least 100 minutes per five-day school week of moderate to vigorous physical activity. Credit may not be earned for any TEKS-based course more than once. No more than four substitution credits may be earned through any combination of situations. 	<p>Physical Education 1.0 Credit</p>	<p><u>The required credit may be from any combination of the following one-half to one credit courses:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foundations of Personal Fitness, Adventure/Outdoor Education, Aerobic Activities, Team or Individual Sports. Credit for any of the courses above may be earned through participation in the following activities: Athletics, JROTC, appropriate private or commercially sponsored physical activity programs conducted on or off campus. Up to one credit for any one of the courses listed above may be earned through participation in any of the following activities: Drill Team, Marching Band, or Cheerleading. All allowed substitution activities must include at least 100 minutes per five-day school week of moderate to vigorous physical activity. Credit may not be earned for any TEKS-based course more than once. No more than four substitution credits may be earned through any combination of situations.
<p>Health 0.5 Credit</p>	<p><u>May be satisfied by one of the following:</u></p>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health, Advanced Health, Human Body Systems (Full Year), or Health Science Technology [(Full Year) 2016-2017 and prior] or Health Science Theory/Health Science Clinical [(Full Year) 2017-2018 and thereafter], Comprehensive Wellness, Practicum in Health Science (2020-2021 and thereafter), or Health and Nutrition (ECHS/EPCC Only). 		
<p>Speech 0.5 Credit</p>	<p><u>May be satisfied by one of the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication Applications; Professional Communications (CTE); Oral Interpretation I, II or III (Full Year); Debate I, II or III (Full Year), IB Theory/Knowledge (IBTOK), Public Speaking I, II, or III (Full Year) and Independent Study in English. 		<p>Demonstrated proficiency in speech skills</p>
<p>Financial Literacy 0.5 Credit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For students starting 9th grade in 2014-2015 and thereafter 		
<p>Fine Arts 1.0 Credit</p>	<p><u>May be satisfied from any of the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art, Level I, II, III, or IV; Dance, Level I, II, III, or IV; Music, Level I, II, III, or IV; Theater, Level I, II, III, or IV; Principles and Elements of Floral Design (CTE). 	<p>Fine Arts 1.0 Credits</p>	<p><u>May be satisfied from any of the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art, Level I, II, III, or IV; Dance, Level I, II, III, or IV; Music, Level I, II, III, or IV; Theater, Level I, II, III, or IV; Principles and Elements of Floral Design (CTE).

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<p>Electives 4.5 Credits</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The elective courses will meet the requirements of the Endorsement. Four or more credits in any pathway are required to earn an Endorsement The elective courses will not meet the requirements of an Endorsement. Students will complete the 21.5 required credits for the foundation HSP with DLA plus 4.5 elective credits. 	<p>Electives 5.0 Credits</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The elective courses will meet the requirements of the Endorsement. Four or more credits in any pathway are required to earn an Endorsement The elective courses will not meet the requirements of an Endorsement. Students will complete the 17 required credits for the foundation HSP plus 5.0 elective credits.
<p>Total Credits</p>	<p>26 Credits</p>	<p>Total Credits</p>	<p>22 Credits</p>

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Substitutions/Alternatives:

College Board Advanced Placement, college level concurrent/dual credit enrollment and International Baccalaureate courses may be substituted for requirements in appropriate academic areas. Credit may also be awarded without prior instruction through credit by examination.

Performance Acknowledgement:

A Performance Acknowledgement may be earned through dual credit, AP, IB, PSAT, ACT-Plan, SAT or ACT exam, bilingualism or biliteracy.

Approved:

SISD Cabinet

May 19, 2021

Board Policy Committee Review:

July 12, 2021