

# Foundation High School Program

In June 2013, the 83<sup>rd</sup> Texas Legislature passed House Bill 5. This bill changed the graduation requirements for Texas students entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2014-2015 school year. Students will now have the opportunity to graduate on the Foundation High School Program. As a part of the new Foundation High School Program (FHSP), students will meet basic requirements and will have opportunities to pursue areas of interest through specialized academic pathways called endorsements.

## Foundation Requirements

24 CREDITS

All students must complete the following minimum requirements in order to graduate.

4 CREDITS ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

3 CREDITS MATHEMATICS

3 CREDITS SCIENCE

3 CREDITS SOCIAL STUDIES

1 CREDIT PHYSICAL EDUCATION

2 CREDITS LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH (LOTE)

1 CREDIT FINE ARTS

2 CREDITS LOCAL REQUIREMENTS – SPEECH, HEALTH, & BIM I

5 CREDITS ELECTIVE CREDITS



## Endorsement Options

In addition to the foundation requirements, all students entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2014-2015 school year are required to indicate the endorsement they intend to earn. All endorsement options require additional math, science, and elective courses.

Students may have the option to earn an endorsement from one or more of the following areas:

- Arts and Humanities
- Business and Industry (CTE)
- Multidisciplinary (CTE)
- Public Services
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM)



## Distinguished Level of Achievement

A student can earn a Distinguished Level of Achievement by completing all of the following:

- Requirements of the Foundation Program
- Requirements of at least one endorsement
- 4 credits in Math-including Algebra II
- 4 credits in Science

A student must earn the Distinguished Level of Achievement to be considered for top 10% automatic admission to institutions of higher education in the state of Texas.



Distinguished  
Level of  
Achievement



Endorsements



The Foundation  
Plan