

Grand Prairie ISD Foundation High School Program Requirements

For students entering the 9th grade in 2014-2015 and thereafter

For additional information see House Bill 5: Foundation High School Program at <http://tea.texas.gov/graduation-requirements/hb5.aspx>

FOUNDATION HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM (FHSP)

The 22 credit FHSP is required for all Endorsements

ENGLISH.....4 credits

Must include English I, II, III (ESOL I and ESOL II may be substituted for English I and II for students with limited English proficiency). After successful completion of English I, II, & III the additional credit can be selected from advanced English courses.

MATHEMATICS.....3 credits

Must include Algebra I, Geometry, and an additional advanced math course beyond Algebra I

SCIENCE.....3 credits

Must include one Biology credit, one credit selected from IPC, Chemistry, Physics, or Principles of Technology and one additional advanced, lab-based science course

SOCIAL STUDIES.....3 credits

Must include US History, one-half credit Government, one-half credit Economics, and World History **OR** World Geography

LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH (LOTE).....2 credits

Must consist of 2 levels of the same language or 2 credits in computer programming languages. Alternatives to the LOTE requirements determined by committee decision according to §74.12 (b)(5)

FINE ARTS.....1 credit

Music, Music Studies, Dance, Art, Theater Arts, Musical Theatre, Technical Theatre, Floral Design, Digital Art & Animation, or 3-D Modeling & Animation

PHYSICAL EDUCATION.....1 credit

May include Athletics or PE (up to 4 credits), ROTC, Dance, Dance Team, Marching Band or Cheerleading

HEALTH.....0.5 credits

GPISD requirement that may be met through Health, Principles of Health Science or Health Science

ELECTIVES.....4.5 credits

TOTAL FHSP CREDITS 22 credits

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ENDORSEMENT

MATHEMATICS.....1 credit

SCIENCE.....1 credit

ENDORSEMENT SPECIFIC ELECTIVES.....2 credits

Electives must be chosen from one of the endorsement categories of STEM, Business and Industry, Arts and Humanities, Public Services, or Multidisciplinary Studies

TOTAL CREDITS: FHSP + ENDORSEMENT 26 credits

Students receiving special education services may earn an endorsement if the student:

- Satisfactorily completes all of the FHSP requirements with or without modified curriculum
- Satisfactorily completes the courses required for an endorsement without any modified curriculum **AND**
- Performs satisfactorily on the required state assessments

College Board Advanced Placement and Dual Credit courses may be substituted in appropriate areas for both Foundation and Endorsement credits.

ENDORSEMENTS

All students are required to declare an endorsement in writing. Students will be permitted to change their endorsement with written notification only.

There are five endorsement options. These options allow students flexibility based on individual interests and career goals. Each endorsement category is designed to prepare students to successfully enter postsecondary education or the workforce upon graduation from high school.

The endorsements include:

- **STEM** – Science, including computer science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
- **PUBLIC SERVICES**
- **BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY**
- **ARTS AND HUMANITIES**
- **MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES**

RECOGNITIONS

Students have the opportunity to earn additional recognitions in the following areas:

DISTINGUISHED LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT

A student may earn a distinguished level of achievement by successfully completing all curriculum requirements for the Foundation High School Program, plus the requirements of at least one endorsement **AND**

- A fourth credit in mathematics which must include Algebra II,
- A fourth credit in science

A student must graduate with a Distinguished Level of Achievement to be considered for the Top 10% and eligible for automatic admission to a Texas public college or university.

PERFORMANCE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

(See §74.14. Performance Acknowledgments)

A student may earn a performance acknowledgement in one or more of the following categories:

- Outstanding performance in Dual Credit
- Bilingualism or biliteracy and
- AP test score of 3 or above
- IB test score of 4 or above (applies to transfer students only as the International Baccalaureate program is not offered in GPISD)
- Outstanding performance on the PSAT, SAT or ACT
- Earning a state-recognized or nationally or internationally-recognized business or industry certification or license

STATE ASSESSMENT PERFORMANCE

In addition to the credit requirements, student must meet passing standards for the following End of Course Exams:

English I	English II	Algebra I
	Biology	US History