

## PROPOSED REVISIONS

### Course Requirements

To graduate, a student must earn credit in the courses required by this policy in addition to those mandated by the state.

### Exception to Course or Credit Requirements

If a student transfers into the District from another Texas public school district at the beginning of or during his or her senior year while on track to complete the state course and credit requirements for graduation during that school year, the District shall waive the health, speech, and technology course requirements if the district's scheduling would prevent the student from graduating on time.

### Foundation Program

A student shall enroll in courses specified by the District to complete the distinguished level of achievement under the foundation program.

~~The courses that satisfy District requirements under the foundation program, including courses for the distinguished level of achievement and courses for endorsements offered by the District, shall be listed in EIF(REGULATION).~~

~~The District requires completion of the following courses in addition to the courses mandated by the state for graduation under the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement as provided below:~~

~~Only~~A student may graduate under the foundation program without earning the distinguished level of achievement if:

1. The student and the student's parent or person standing in parental relation to the student are advised by the school counselor of the specific benefits of graduating from high school under the distinguished level of achievement; and
2. The student's parent or person standing in parental relation to the student files with a school counselor written permission, on a form provided by the District, allowing the student to graduate with an endorsement without earning the distinguished level of achievement.

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**THE COURSES THAT SATISFY DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE FOUNDATION PROGRAM, INCLUDING COURSES FOR THE DISTINGUISHED LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT AND COURSES FOR ENDORSEMENTS OFFERED BY THE DISTRICT, SHALL BE LISTED IN EIF(REGULATION).**

**WITHOUT AN ENDORSEMENT**

**THE DISTRICT REQUIRES NO ADDITIONAL CREDITS BEYOND THE NUMBER MANDATED BY THE STATE TO GRADUATE UN-**

**DER THE FOUNDATION PROGRAM WITHOUT AN ENDORSEMENT.** Graduation under the foundation program without an endorsement shall be permitted only as authorized under state law and rules.

**WITH AN  
ENDORSEMENT**

**THE DISTRICT REQUIRES NO ADDITIONAL CREDITS BEYOND THE NUMBER MANDATED BY THE STATE TO GRADUATE UNDER THE FOUNDATION PROGRAM WITH AN ENDORSEMENT.**

Distinguished Level  
of Achievement

**THE DISTRICT REQUIRES COMPLETION OF TWO CREDITS IN ADDITION TO THE NUMBER MANDATED BY THE STATE FOR GRADUATION UNDER THE FOUNDATION PROGRAM WITH THE DISTINGUISHED LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT.**

**THE ADDITIONAL TWO CREDITS SHALL INCLUDE:**

- Health (0.5 credit);
- Speech (0.5 credit); and
- ~~A technology course~~ **ANY CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION COURSE**(1 credit).

**No Fine Arts  
Substitutions**

The District shall not award state graduation credit in fine arts for participation in a community-based fine arts program.

**Physical Education  
Substitutions**

To the extent permitted by state rules, the District shall award state graduation credit in physical education for participation in approved activities and elective courses.

Activities and  
Courses

Private or  
Commercial  
Programs

The District shall award state graduation credit in physical education for appropriate private or commercially sponsored physical activity programs conducted either on or off campus, upon approval by the commissioner of education. [See also EHAC]