

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
GRADUATION

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**Graduation
Information—
Secondary**

Students who complete their high school graduation requirements at the end of the fall semester may receive their diplomas during the spring semester commencement exercises or secure them from the principal's office at the time of graduation.

Students who complete their high school graduation requirements at the end of summer school may receive their diplomas during summer commencement or secure them from the principal's office following summer commencement. Diplomas are issued in the name of the school the student regularly attended.

**Incoming Transfer
Seniors**

In order to receive a diploma from the District, a senior student who is new to the District must:

1. Earn a minimum of 2 credits in the semester; and
2. Meet all local requirements for graduation unless a waiver is completed.

Students unable to meet the requirements above are encouraged to request that diplomas be issued by their former high schools.

**Outgoing Transfer
Seniors**

Any senior student transferring to another school system during the regular school year may be eligible for a diploma from the District provided the student:

1. Earns a minimum of 2 credits during the senior year from the District;
2. Meets all local requirements for graduation unless a waiver is completed;
3. Submits an official transcript verifying all credits earned; and
4. Requests in writing that a diploma be sent after the spring semester.

**Endorsement
Advanced Measures**

Students who graduate with Multidisciplinary Endorsement pathway "A" are required to complete "four advanced courses that prepare a student to enter the workforce successfully or postsecondary education without remediation from within one endorsement area or among endorsement areas that are not in a coherent sequence." District advanced courses include:

- Advanced science (beyond Biology and second science credit);
- Advanced math (beyond Algebra 1 and Geometry);
- Advanced English (fourth year);
- College transition course;

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- Advanced LOTE (Level Three or above);
- ROTC (Level Three);
- Fine arts (Level Three); and
- Career and technical education (CTE) (Advanced CTE courses).

**STUDENT FINANCIAL
AID APPLICATION**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW AND TEA GUIDANCE, PRIOR TO
GRADUATION EACH STUDENT MUST:**

- **SUBMIT CONFIRMATION TO THE DISTRICT THAT EITHER A FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) OR A TEXAS APPLICATION FOR STATE FINANCIAL AID (TASFA) WAS COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED. SEE EIF(LOCAL) FOR THE ACCEPTABLE METHODS OF CONFIRMATION; OR**
- **PROVIDE TO THE DISTRICT A SIGNED OPT-OUT FORM PROVIDED BY THE TEA.**

**Local Credit
Requirements**

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. In cases of transfer students, courses recognized as a health, speech, or ~~technology~~ CTE course by a sending district will meet the District requirement.

- 0.5 Health (.05 Health, 1.0 Lifetime Nutrition/P, or 1.0 Principles of Health Science);
- Communication); and
- 1.0 **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) COURSE DURING HIGH SCHOOL** ~~Technology (1.0 credit at any grade level to include courses from the following: any career and technology course.)~~

**Alternative Local
Graduation
Requirements for
Certain Individuals**

An individual who entered grade 9 before the 2011–12 school year and meets the requirements of Education Code 28.02541(a) [see EIF(LEGAL)] may be awarded a high school diploma if the local graduation committee determines that the individual has demonstrated proficiency in the content areas related to the assessments on which the individual has not performed satisfactorily.

**Local Graduation
Committee**

The local graduation committee for an eligible individual shall consist of the following:

1. The District chief academic officer or designee;

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. A representative of the District with knowledge of the assessments on which the individual has not performed satisfactorily and the subject areas covered by such assessments; and3. The individual seeking graduation under these provisions.
Alternative Requirements	<p>To be eligible to graduate and receive a high school diploma under these provisions, an eligible individual must demonstrate proficiency to the satisfaction of the local graduation committee in the content areas related to the assessments on which the individual has not performed satisfactorily.</p> <p>As approved by the Board, proficiency must be established through one or more of the following factors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The individual's grade in each course in the subject areas applicable to the assessments on which the individual has not performed satisfactorily;2. The individual's score on each assessment instrument on which the individual has failed to perform satisfactorily;3. The individual's performance on any projects or work samples in the subject areas applicable to the assessments on which the individual has not performed satisfactorily (including any projects or work samples identified and assigned by the local graduation committee to be completed by the individual);4. The individual's participation in offered remediation;5. The individual's school attendance rate;6. The individual's transcript of course work;7. The individual's completion of CTE program courses; or8. Any other academic, work, or life experience determined to be relevant by the local graduation committee.
Finality of Decision	<p>The decision of the local graduation committee regarding whether an individual qualifies to graduate and receive a high school diploma is final and may not be appealed. The decision of the local graduation committee must be unanimous in order for the individual to be eligible to receive a diploma.</p>
Expiration	<p>Education Code 28.02541 and 19 Administrative Code 74.1027 expire September 1, 2023. An individual may graduate by means of the local graduation committee under these provisions if the local graduation committee has made its determination by September 1, 2023.</p>