

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT  
GRADUATION

EIF  
(LOCAL)

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.

~~[See EIF (LEGAL) for provisions addressing timely graduation of military students, students who are homeless, and students in the conservatorship of the department of family and protective services.]~~

~~GRADUATION  
PROGRAMS  
INSTITUTED  
PRIOR TO  
2014-15~~

~~Students enrolled in high school prior to the 2014-15 school year may graduate under state programs other than the foundation program, including the Minimum Program, the Recommended Program, and the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program. The courses required for each of these programs shall be listed in appropriate District publications. The District credit requirements under these programs are listed below.~~

~~MINIMUM  
PROGRAM~~

~~The District requires no additional credits for graduation under the Minimum Program beyond the number mandated by the state.~~

~~RECOMMENDED  
PROGRAM~~

~~The District requires no additional credits for graduation under the Recommended Program beyond the number mandated by the state.~~

~~ADVANCED/  
DISTINGUISHED  
ACHIEVEMENT  
PROGRAM~~

~~The District requires no additional credits for graduation under the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program beyond the number mandated by the state.~~

~~READING CREDITS~~

~~The District shall offer up to 3 credits of reading for state graduation credit. The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for establishing procedures to assess individual student needs and evaluate student progress and shall monitor instructional activities to ensure that student needs are met. Students shall be identified as eligible to earn reading credit based on:~~

- ~~1. Recommendation by a teacher or counselor.~~
- ~~2. Scores on assessment instruments and/or achievement tests.~~

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PROGRAM  
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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 ~~credits~~ **THE FOLLOWING COURSES 2** in addition to the number ~~required~~ **MANDATED** by the state for graduation under the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement as provided below:

- Health (0.5 credit);
- Speech (0.5 credit); and
- A technology course (1 credit).

**NO DISTINGUISHED  
LEVEL OF ACHIEVE-  
MENT**

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.

~~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 completion of 3 credits in addition to the number required by the state for graduation under the foundation program without an endorsement as provided below:~~

- ~~• Algebra II (1 credit);~~
- ~~• Health (0.5 credit);~~

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- ~~• Speech (0.5 credit); and~~
- ~~• A technology course (1 credit).~~

Graduation under the foundation program without an endorsement shall be permitted only as authorized under state law and rules. [See EIF(LEGAL)]

~~WITH AN  
ENDORSEMENT~~

~~The District requires completion of 3 credits in addition to the number required by the state for graduation under the foundation program with an endorsement as provided below:~~

- ~~• Algebra II (1 credit);~~
- ~~• Health (0.5 credit);~~
- ~~• Speech (0.5 credit); and~~
- ~~• A technology course (1 credit).~~

~~DISTINGUISHED  
LEVEL OF  
ACHIEVEMENT~~

~~The District requires completion of 2 credits in addition to the number required by the state for graduation under the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement as provided below:~~

- ~~• Health (0.5 credit);~~
- ~~• Speech (0.5 credit); and~~
- ~~• A technology 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 applicable to the student's graduation program, 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]~~