

Graduation Program – Overview

Foundation High School Program

A new, more flexible graduation program that allows students to pursue their interests is in place for all students who entered high school beginning in the 2014-2015 school year.

The program contains:

- A 22-credit Foundation Plan which is the core of the new Texas high school diploma
- Five endorsement options that allow students to focus on a related series of courses

Foundation Plan (22 credits)

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| English (4 credits) | English I | English II | English III | An advanced English course |
| Mathematics (3 credits) | Algebra I | Geometry | An advanced math course | |
| Science (3 credits) | Biology | Integrated Physics & Chemistry or an advanced science | An advanced science course | |
| Social Studies (3 credits) | W. History or W. Geography | U.S. History | U.S. Government (.5 credit) | Economics (.5 credit) |
| Languages other than English (2 credits) | 2 credits in the same language or 2 credits in Computer Science | | | |
| Physical Education (1 credit) | Fine Arts (1 credit) | Electives (5 credits) | | |

Foundation Plan with Endorsements (26 credits)

Spring Branch ISD encourages every student to graduate with at least one endorsement.*

Select an endorsement below to view specific graduation requirements **available at AOC:**



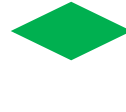
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Enhancements

Additionally, a student may earn the Distinguished Level of Achievement and/or a Performance Acknowledgment for outstanding performance. The Distinguished Level of Achievement must be earned to be admitted to a Texas public university under the Top 10 percent automatic admission law.

| Distinguished Level of Achievement | Performance Acknowledgments |
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| • Foundation Program requirements | • dual credit course |
| • 4 credits in mathematics including Algebra II | • bilingualism and biliteracy |
| • 4 credits in science | • PSAT, ACT's PLAN, SAT, or ACT |
| • at least 1 endorsement | • Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exam |
| | • earning a nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license |

* A student entering 9th grade must indicate an endorsement he or she plans to follow. A student may change or add an endorsement at any time.

* A student may graduate without earning an endorsement if, after his or her sophomore year, the student's parent signs a form permitting the student to omit the endorsement requirement.