

# Graduation Requirements

Students must pass STAAR/End of Course (EOC) assessments and fulfill state graduation credits to be eligible to participate in the high school graduation ceremony.

***Students have the following graduation plans listed below:***

- The Foundation High School Program requires successful completion on 22 state-approved credits. Access to this program requires written permission from the counselor and parent only after the completion of the 10th grade year.
- The Foundation High School Program Plus Endorsement requires successful completion of 26 state-approved credits.
- The Distinguished Level of Achievement includes successfully completing the curriculum requirements for the Foundation High School Program and the curriculum requirements for at least one endorsement, including four credits in science and four credits in mathematics, to include Algebra II.

All students entering high school from 8th grade will be classified as freshmen no matter the number of credits they earned before high school.

## ***Grade Classification***

Grade classification is tied to units of credit earned. The requirements for each classification beyond freshman (ninth grade) are listed below.

<b><i>Units of Credit</i></b>	<b><i>Grade Placement</i></b>
<b>5</b>	<b>10 (Sophomore)</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>11 (Junior)</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>12 (Senior)</b>

## **STAAR Program** ***Graduation Plans***

High School Students will be required to successfully complete five End of Course (EOC) assessments for all graduation plans. The tests are administered three times a year with opportunities for retakes if the student does not earn a minimum passing score.

***The tests are administered for the following courses:***  
**Algebra I, English I, English II, Biology, US History**



ARTS & HUMANITIES ENDORSEMENT GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS								
Foundation High School Plan	English	Math	Science	Social Studies	Required		Electives	Total FHSP Credits:
	English I (EOC)	Algebra I (EOC)	Biology (EOC)	W. Geography or W. History	LOTE	2.0	One of the electives must be from the list of courses that will satisfy the speech proficiency requirement.	
	English II (EOC)	Geometry	IPC, Chemistry, or Physics	US History (EOC)	PE	1.0		
	English III	Advanced Math	Advanced Science	Government/ Economics	Fine Arts	1.0		
	English IV							
	English 4.0	Math 3.0	Science 3.0	Soc Studies 3.0	Required 4.0	Electives 5.0		
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FHSP PLUS SOCIAL STUDIES OPTION:							
A & H Social Studies	English	Math	Science	Social Studies	Required	Electives	Total Credits :
		Advanced Math (Algebra 2 unless taken as the third math)	Advanced Science	TWO Additional Social Studies Courses		One of the electives must be from the list of courses that will satisfy the speech proficiency requirement.	
	English 4.0	Math 4.0	Science 4.0	Soc Studies 5.0	Required 4.0	Electives 5.0	
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FHSP PLUS WORLD LANGUAGES OPTION:							
A & H World Languages Option	English	Math	Science	Social Studies	Required	Electives	Total Credits :
		Advanced Math (Algebra 2 unless taken as the third math)	Advanced Science		4 levels of the same LOTE or 2 Levels of the same language in one LOTE and 2 levels of a different Lote	One of the electives must be from the list of courses that will satisfy the speech proficiency requirement.	
	English 4.0	Math 4.0	Science 4.0	Soc Studies 3.0	Required 6.0	Electives 5.0	
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FHSP PLUS FINE ARTS OPTION:							
A & H Plus Fine Arts	English	Math	Science	Social Studies	Required	Electives	Total Credits :
		Advanced Math (Algebra 2 unless taken as the third math)	Advanced Science		A coherent sequence of 4 courses in one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art</li> <li>• Dance</li> <li>• Music</li> <li>• Theater</li> </ul>	One of the electives must be from the list of courses that will satisfy the speech proficiency requirement.	
	English 4.0	Math 4.0	Science 4.0	Soc Studies 3.0	Required 7.0	Electives 4.0	
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BUSINESS & INDUSTRY ENDORSEMENT GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS								
Foundation High School Plan	English	Math	Science	Social Studies	Required		Electives	Total FHSP Credits:
	English I (EOC)	Algebra I (EOC)	Biology (EOC)	W. Geography or W. History	LOTE	2.0	One of the electives must be from the list of courses that will satisfy the speech proficiency requirement.	
	English II (EOC)	Geometry	IPC, Chemistry, or Physics	US History (EOC)	PE	1.0		
	English III	Advanced Math	Advanced Science	Government/ Economics	Fine Arts	1.0		
	Advanced English							
	English 4.0	Math 3.0	Science 3.0	Soc Studies 3.0	Required 4.0	Electives 5.0		
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FHSP PLUS CTE OPTION							
Business & Industry CTE Option	English	Math	Science	Social Studies	Required	Electives	Total Credits:
		Advanced Math (Algebra 2 unless taken as the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Math)	Advanced Science		A coherent sequence of CTE courses for 4 or more credits chosen from the following clusters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agriculture</li> <li>• Architecture &amp; Constr.</li> <li>• Arts, A/V Tech &amp; Comm.</li> <li>• Business Mgmt &amp; Admin.</li> <li>• Finance</li> <li>• Hospitality &amp; Tourism</li> <li>• Information Technology</li> <li>• Manufacturing</li> <li>• Marketing</li> <li>• Transportation, Distr. &amp; Logistics</li> </ul>		
	English 4.0	Math 4.0	Science 4.0	Soc Studies 3.0	Required 8.0	Electives 3.0	

FHSP PLUS ENGLISH OPTION							
Business & Industry English Option	English	Math	Science	Social Studies	Required	Electives	Total Credits:
	Four English Electives 3 levels in the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debate</li> <li>• Adv. Journalism</li> <li>• Adv. Broadcast Journalism</li> </ul> (These courses would satisfy the speech proficiency requirement)	Advanced Math (Algebra 2 unless taken as the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Math)	Advanced Science				
	English 8.0	Math 4.0	Science 4.0	Soc Studies 3.0	Required 4.0	Electives 3.0	

**Speech proficiency requirement:** Students will satisfy this requirement by taking the principles or practicum course in their CTE Coherent Sequence.

**Distinguished Level of Achievement:** Students completing this endorsement must take Algebra II as one of the 4 math requirements in order to complete the DLA and be eligible for the Top 10%.

MULTIDISCIPLINARY ENDORSEMENT GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS								
Foundation High School Plan	English	Math	Science	Social Studies	Required		Electives	Total FHSP Credits:
	English I (EOC)	Algebra I (EOC)	Biology (EOC)	W. Geography or W. History	LOTE	2.0	One of the electives must be from the list of courses that will satisfy the speech proficiency requirement.	
	English II (EOC)	Geometry	IPC, Chemistry, or Physics	US History (EOC)	PE	1.0		
	English III	Advanced Math			Fine Arts	1.0		
	English IV		Advanced Science	Government/ Economics				
	English 4.0	Math 3.0	Science 3.0	Soc Studies 3.0	Required 4.0	Electives 5.0		
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FHSP PLUS CORE COURSE OPTION:							
Multidisciplinary Core Course	English	Math	Science	Social Studies	Required	Electives	Total Credits:
		Advanced Math (Algebra 2 unless taken as the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Math)	Advanced Science (Chemistry or Physics must be one of the 4 credits of science)	Additional Social Studies		One of the electives must be from the list of courses that will satisfy the speech proficiency requirement.	
	English 4.0	Math 4.0	Science 4.0	Soc Studies 4.0	Required 4.0	Electives 6.0	26

FHSP PLUS AP OR DUAL CREDIT OPTION:							
Multidisciplinary AP or Dual Credit	English	Math	Science	Social Studies	Required	Electives	Total Credits:
		Advanced Math (Algebra 2 unless taken as the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Math)	Advanced Science		4 courses of AP or Dual Credit	One of the electives must be from the list of courses that will satisfy the speech proficiency requirement.	
	English 4.0	Math 4.0	Science 4.0	Soc Studies 3.0	Required 4.0	Electives 7.0	26

**Distinguished Level of Achievement:** Students completing this endorsement must take Algebra II as one of the 4 math requirements in order to complete the DLA and be eligible for the Top 10%.

PUBLIC SERVICE ENDORSEMENT GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS								
Foundation High School Plan	English	Math	Science	Social Studies	Required		Electives	Total FHSP Credits:
	English I (EOC)	Algebra I (EOC)	Biology (EOC)	W. Geography or W. History	LOTE	2.0	One of the electives must be from the list of courses that will satisfy the speech proficiency requirement.	
	English II (EOC)	Geometry	IPC, Chemistry, or Physics	US History (EOC)	PE	1.0		
	English III	Advanced Math	Advanced Science	Government/ Economics	Fine Arts	1.0		
	Advanced English							
English 4.0	Math 3.0	Science 3.0	Soc Studies 3.0	Required 4.0	Electives 5.0	22		

FHSP PLUS CTE OPTION:							
Public Service CTE Option	English	Math	Science	Social Studies	Required	Electives	Total Credits:
		Advanced Math (Algebra 2 unless taken as the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Math)	Advanced Science		A coherent sequence of CTE courses for 4 or more credits chosen from the following clusters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Education &amp; Training</li><li>• Health Services</li><li>• Human Services</li><li>• Law, Public Safety, Corrections &amp; Securities</li></ul>		
	English 4.0	Math 4.0	Science 4.0	Soc Studies 3.0	Required 8.0	Electives 3.0	26

FHSP PLUS JROTC OPTION:							
Public Service JROTC Option	English	Math	Science	Social Studies	Required	Electives	Total Credits:
		Advanced Math (Algebra 2 unless taken as the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Math)	Advanced Science		4 Courses in JROTC	One of the electives must be from the list of courses that will satisfy the speech proficiency requirement.	
	English 4.0	Math 4.0	Science 4.0	Soc Studies 3.0	Required 8.0	Electives 3.0	26

**Speech proficiency requirement:** Students will satisfy this requirement by taking the principles or practicum course in their CTE Coherent Sequence.

**Distinguished Level of Achievement:** Students completing this endorsement must take Algebra II as one of the 4 math requirements in order to complete the DLA and be eligible for the Top 10%.

STEM ENDORSEMENT GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS								
Foundation High School Plan	English	Math	Science	Social Studies	Required		Electives	Total FHSP Credits:
	English I (EOC)	Algebra I (EOC)	Biology (EOC)	W. Geography or W. History	LOTE	2.0	One of the electives must be from the list of courses that will satisfy the speech proficiency requirement.	
	English II (EOC)	Geometry	Chemistry	US History (EOC)	PE	1.0		
		Advanced Math	Physics	Government/ Economics	Fine Arts	1.0		
	English III							
	English IV							
English 4.0	Math 3.0	Science 3.0	Soc Studies 3.0	Required 4.0	Electives 5.0	22		

FHSP PLUS CTE OPTION:							
STEM CTE Option	English	Math	Science	Social Studies	Required	Electives	Total Credits:
		Advanced Math	Advanced Science		A coherent sequence of CTE courses for 4 or more credits chosen from the STEM (Engineering/Computer Science Cluster)		
	English 4.0	Math 4.0	Science 4.0	Soc Studies 3.0	Required 8.0	Electives 3.0	
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FHSP PLUS MATH OPTION:							
STEM Math Option	English	Math	Science	Social Studies	Required	Electives	Total Credits:
		Two Advanced Math courses <i>(The courses selected must have Algebra 2 as a prerequisite)</i>	Advanced Science			One of the electives must be from the list of courses that will satisfy the speech proficiency requirement.	
	English 4.0	Math 5.0	Science 4.0	Soc Studies 3.0	Required 4.0	Electives 6.0	
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FHSP PLUS SCIENCE OPTION:							
STEM Science Option	English	Math	Science	Social Studies	Required	Electives	Total Credits:
		Advanced Math	Two Additional Advanced Science Courses			One of the electives must be from the list of courses that will satisfy the speech proficiency requirement.	
	English 4.0	Math 4.0	Science 5.0	Soc Studies 3.0	Required 4.0	Electives 6.0	
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<p><b>Speech proficiency requirement:</b> Students will satisfy this requirement by taking the principles or practicum course in their CTE Coherent Sequence.</p>
<p><b>Distinguished Level of Achievement:</b> Students completing this endorsement must take Algebra II as one of the 4 math requirements in order to complete the DLA and be eligible for the Top 10%.</p>

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