

Side-by-Side Comparison: Graduation Program Options to be Implemented Beginning in 2014-2015

	Minimum	Recommended	Distinguished	
Discipline	Foundation HSP	*MHSP	*RHSP	*DAP
English Language Arts	Four credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English I English II English III An advanced English course 	Four credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English I English II English III English IV or approved alternate course 	Four credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English I English II English III English IV 	Four credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English I English II English III English IV
Mathematics	Three credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I Geometry An advanced math course 	Three credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I Geometry SBOE approved math course 	Four credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I Algebra II Geometry An additional math credit 	Four credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I Algebra II Geometry An additional math credit
Science	Three credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology IPC or an advanced science course An advanced science course 	Two credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology IPC or Chemistry and Physics (one of the two serves as an academic elective) 	Four credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology Chemistry Physics An additional science credit 	Four credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology Chemistry Physics An additional science credit
Social Studies	Three credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.S. History U.S. Government (one-half credit) Economics (one-half credit) World History or World Geography 	Three credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.S. History (one credit) U.S. Government (one-half credit) Economics (one-half credit) World History (one credit) or World Geography (one credit) 	Four credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.S. History (one credit) U.S. Government (one-half credit) Economics (one-half credit) World History (one credit) World Geography (one credit) 	Four credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.S. History (one credit) U.S. Government (one-half credit) Economics (one-half credit) World History (one credit) World Geography (one credit)
Physical Education	One credit	One credit	One credit	One credit
Languages Other Than English	Two credits in the same language Two credits from Computer Science I, II, and III (other substitutions)	None	Two credits in the same language	Three credits in the same language
Fine Arts	One credit	One credit	One credit	One credit
Speech	<u>Demonstrated proficiency in speech skills</u>	One-half credit from either of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication Applications Professional Communications (CTE) 	One-half credit from either of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication Applications Professional Communications (CTE) 	One-half credit from either of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication Applications Professional Communications (CTE)
Electives	Five credits	Seven and one half credits (one must be an academic elective)	Five and one-half credits	Four and one-half credits
Total Credits	22	22	26	26

* Only available for students who entered grade 9 before the 2014-2015 school year

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Endorsements	<p>A student may earn an endorsement by successfully completing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • curriculum requirements for the endorsement • a total of four credits in mathematics • a total of four credits in science • two additional elective credits
STEM	<p>A coherent sequence or series of courses selected from one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTE courses with a final course from the STEM career cluster • Computer science • Mathematics • Science • A combination of no more than two of the categories listed above
Business and Industry	<p>A coherent sequence or series of courses selected from one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTE courses with a final course from the Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources; Architecture & Construction; Arts, Audio/Video, Technology & Communications; Business Management & Administration; Finance; Hospitality & Tourism; Information Technology; Manufacturing, Marketing; Transportation, or Distribution & Logistics CTE career cluster • The following English electives: public speaking, debate, advanced broadcast journalism including newspaper and yearbook • Technology applications • A combination of credits from the categories listed above
Public Services	<p>A coherent sequence or series of courses selected from one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTE courses with a final course from the Education & Training; Government & Public Administration; Health Science, Human Services; or Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security career cluster • JROTC
Arts and Humanities	<p>A coherent sequence or series of courses selected from one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social studies • The same language in Languages Other Than English • Two levels in each of two language in Languages Other Than English • American Sign Language (ASL) • Courses from one or two categories (art, dance, music, and theater) in fine arts • English electives that are not part of Business and Industry
Multidisciplinary Studies	<p>A coherent sequence or series of courses selected from one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Four credits in each of the four foundation subject areas to include English IV and chemistry and/or physics • Four credits in AP, IB, or dual credit selected from English, mathematics, science, social studies, economics, languages other than English, or fine arts
Total Credits w/endorsement - 26	
Distinguished Level of Achievement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of four credits in math, including credit in Algebra II • A total of four credits in science • Completion of curriculum requirements for at least one endorsement
Performance Acknowledgments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For outstanding performance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in a dual credit course • in bilingualism and biliteracy • on an AP test or IB exam • on the PSAT, the ACT-Plan, the SAT, or the ACT ▪ For earning a nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license