



New Texas Graduation Plan

The Texas Legislature has changed high school graduation requirements for students who will begin high school during 2014-15 school year. The changes in graduation requirements allow more flexibility for high school students to pursue either higher education or a career pathway. The Texas Legislature has created one graduation plan called “Foundation High School Program” (FHSP). In addition to the FHSP, students will have the opportunity to earn endorsements and performance acknowledgements. Specific course descriptions are available in the 2014-15 Course Guide or online at www.alvinisd.net.

Foundation High School Program (FHSP) 22 Credits	FHSP + Endorsements 26 Credits	FHSP + Endorsements Distinguished Level of Achievement (includes Algebra II) 26 Credits
4 credits English – ELA I, II, III, and an additional ELA credit	4 credits English – ELA I, II, III, and an additional ELA credit	4 credits English – ELA I, II, III, and an additional ELA credit
3 credits Math – Algebra I, Geometry, and an additional math credit	4 credits Math – Algebra I, Geometry, and two additional math credits	4 credits Math – Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II , and one additional math
3 credits Science – Biology, two additional science credits	4 credits Science – Biology, three additional science credits	4 credits Science – Biology, three additional science credits
3 credits Social Studies – U.S. History, Government, Economics, World Geography or World History	3 credits Social Studies – U.S. History, Government, Economics, World Geography or World History	3 credits Social Studies – U.S. History, Government, Economics, World Geography or World History
2 credits in Language other than English	2 credits in Language other than English	2 credits Language other than English
1 credit Fine Arts	1 credit Fine Arts	1 credit Fine Arts
1 credit in Physical Education	1 credit in Physical Education	1 credit in Physical Education
0.5 credit Speech	0.5 credit Speech	0.5 credit Speech
4.5 credits in electives (may include CTE or certification courses)	6.5 credits in electives (may include CTE or certification courses)	6.5 credits in electives (may include CTE or certification courses)
	Credit requirements specific to at least one endorsement	Credit requirements specific to at least one endorsement

Endorsements

STEM	Business & Industry	Public Services	Arts & Humanities	Multidisciplinary Studies
Science Technology Engineering Advanced Math	Agriculture Architecture Audio/Video Technology Finance/Marketing Hospitality Information Technology Management Manufacturing Transportation	Education/Training Health Sciences Human Services JROTC	Social Studies Languages Other than English (LOTE) Fine Arts English	Advanced courses that prepare students for the workforce or postsecondary education

State Assessments Required for Graduation (EOC)	Performance Acknowledgements
English I Algebra I Biology	<p>English II US History</p> <p>Outstanding performance for: Dual credit coursework; bilingualism/biliteracy; AP exam; PSAT, ACT-Plan, SAT or ACT tests</p> <p>Certification: nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certificate or license</p>