

Foundation Graduation Plan Overview

Student Name _____ ID _____ Expected Graduation Date _____

Endorsement Selected:

STEM
 Business and Industry
 Arts and Humanities
 Public Services
 Multi-Disciplinary Studies

Foundation Plan – 22 Credits

English Language Arts – 4 Credits

- English I
- English II
- English III
- Advanced English

Mathematics – 3 Credits

- Algebra I
- Geometry
- Advanced Math

Social Studies – 3 Credits

- World Geography **or** World History **or** Combined Course
- US History
- Government (.5 credit)
- Economics (.5 credit)

Science – 3 Credits

- Biology
- IPC **or** Advanced Science
- Additional Advanced Science

Foreign Language or Substitute – 2 Credits

- Year 1
- Year 2

Fine Arts – 1 Credit

Physical Education – 1 Credit

- Physical Education

Electives – 5 Credits

- Elective 1 _____
- Elective 2 _____
- Elective 3 _____
- Elective 4 _____
- Elective 5 _____

With Endorsement – 26 Credits Total

PLUS

STEM

- 1 Math **or** 1 CTE Math
- 1 Science **or** 1 CTE Science
- Elective 1 _____
- Elective 2 _____

Business and Industry

- 1 Math **or** 1 CTE Math
- 1 Science **or** 1 CTE Science
- Elective 1 _____
- Elective 2 _____

Arts and Humanities

- 1 Math **or** 1 CTE Math
- 1 Science **or** 1 CTE Science
- Elective 1 _____
- Elective 2 _____

Public Services

- 1 Math **or** 1 CTE Math
- 1 Science **or** 1 CTE Science
- Elective 1 _____
- Elective 2 _____

Multidisciplinary Studies

- 1 Math **or** 1 CTE Math
- 1 Science **or** 1 CTE Science
- Elective 1 _____
- Elective 2 _____

PLUS

Distinguished – Eligible for top 10% Automatic Admission

Algebra II (must be one of the student's math credits)

Performance Acknowledgements – noted on diploma

Outstanding performance
National or international
business or industry
certification or license

STAAR EOC Checklist

- English I
- English II
- Algebra I
- US History
- Biology

Plans for the Future

Student Goals

Testing

- PSAT
- SAT
- ACT

College Readiness - TSI

- Math _____
- Reading _____
- Writing _____

Post-Secondary Applications

- Brazosport College
- Apply Texas Application
- Common Application
- Military Recruiter
- Technical School

Financial Aid

- FAFSA/TAFSA
- Scholarships

Graduation Requirements For Students Entering Grade 9 in 2014-2015

Students enrolled in 2012-2013 or 2013-2014 *may* move to the Foundation Plan or continue on one of the following plans:

Coursework

House Bill 5 (HB 5), passed by the 83rd Texas Legislature and signed by the governor, provides for a new set of graduation plans for Texas students. These graduation plans consist of a foundation plan for every Texas student and five endorsements from which students may choose, depending on their interests. When selected, students will complete each of these endorsements with four Mathematics, four Science, four English Language Arts, and three Social Studies credits. Students are also required to complete two foreign language credits which may be substituted with two credits in computer programming language.

Students entering 9th Grade must choose from one of the following endorsements:

- STEM (Examples: Engineering, Computer Science, Computer Maintenance, Agriculture, Horticulture)
- Business and Industry (Examples: Business, Finance, Accounting)
- Arts and Humanities (Examples: Literature, Art, Dance, Music, Floral Design, etc.)
- Public Services (Examples: Hotel Management, Psychology, ROTC, Teaching, Culinary Arts)
- Multidisciplinary Studies (Examples: Business, Sociology, Art, Horticulture)

Students may change their endorsement at any time prior to graduation.

To qualify as part of the top ten percent of their graduating class, students must successfully complete Algebra II.

Testing

Students are now required to pass five State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) end-of-course exams to meet the new graduation requirements:

- Algebra I
- English I (Reading/Writing)
- English II (Reading/Writing)
- Biology
- US History

Planning for the Future

In BISD our goal is to double the number of students who graduate and go on to earn some form of higher education. To help you achieve your goal of a technical certificate, two-year degree, or four-year degree, we have included a checklist of activities. Please contact your counselor for more information about making plans for your future. We are here to help you achieve your goals and have resources available to help you.