



Midlothian High School

Graduation Requirements

In this presentation...



We will go over explanations for the following Graduation requirements in the State of Texas:

- ▶ Required credits and courses
- ▶ STAAR/EOC testing
- ▶ Attendance requirements
- ▶ Other state and local district requirements

Credits and Classes



According to state law, a student must have at least **26 credits** to graduate. A student may graduate with at least 22 under a Foundation w/o endorsement plan-but this limits financial aid and post-secondary options. It is perfectly acceptable to graduate with more than 26.

NOTE: **Red courses** are required by TX for students to take and pass.

4 CREDITS: **English:** **English 1, 2, 3**, and 4th Advanced English class

4 CREDITS: **Math:** **Algebra 1, Geometry**, 3rd math, 4th math

4 CREDITS: **Science:** **Biology**, 1 lab science, 3rd science, 4th science

3 or 4 CREDITS (4 recommended): **Social Studies:** **W. Geo.** and/or **W. Hist.**, **US Hist.**, **Gov.**, and **Econ.**

1 CREDIT: **Fine Arts:** (may be 1 class or combo)

1 CREDIT: **Physical Education:** (may be 1 class or combo)

2 CREDITS: **Language other than English** (must be the **SAME** foreign language)

6 or 7 CREDITS: **Electives** - can be a mixture of different courses.

STAAR/EOC testing



The State of Texas requires all high school students to take and pass five End of Course Exams (EOC), also known as STAAR tests, in order to meet state testing graduation requirements.

By state law, if a student takes the classes English 1, English 2, Algebra 1, Biology, and US History, they must take the STAAR/EOC test for that subject as well in the same year the course was taken.

A student must meet ALL STAAR/EOC testing requirements to graduate from a public high school in Texas.

STAAR/EOC Retests



What if my student is NOT successful on the STAAR/EOC exam(s)?

- ▶ Students must retake each exam they were unsuccessful on until they reaching a PASSING standard.
- ▶ **RETAKES:** Students can retake tests in June (All), December (All), April (English), and May (Alg. 1, Bio, USH)

UNDERSTANDING YOUR STAAR REPORT

- ▶ Click [here](#) for an explanation of the STAAR report.
- ▶ Once a test is PASSED, the student never has to take that exam again!

Attendance Requirements



State law requires a student to be in each class **at least 90% of EACH semester's attendance** in order to get credit for their classes. IF a student goes below the 90% rate, they cannot legally be awarded the credit for a class, no matter what grade they have in the class itself.

If a student is between 75%-89% of attendance for the semester, they will be given an opportunity to make up time for attendance.

- ▶ **If a student does not complete their makeup days, they will not gain credit for their classes.**
- ▶ If a student makes up their hours/time BUT misses more days afterwards, they **MUST** make up additional time because they will drop back down below the 90% state attendance requirement.

Other State and district Requirements



- ▶ **FAFSA:** a student must complete the FAFSA Financial Aid application.
- ▶ **CPR Training/knowledge:** a student must be informed about CPR training (they do not have to be certified).
- ▶ **Police Officer Interaction (POI):** a student must be informed about interacting with officers of the law.
- ▶ **SPEECH:** a student must meet speech proficiency (met by either taking and passing a high school/dual credit speech class or 4th year English language course in high school) by the year of graduation.
- ▶ **COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Midlothian Independent School District policy requires all graduating students to complete at least **10 hours of community service**. [COMMUNITY SERVICE FORM](#)