



2024-2025 COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOLS GRADUATION PLAN

FOUNDATION HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM • 24 CREDITS

English

4
Credits

Math

3
Credits

Science

3
Credits

Social Studies

3
Credits

Additional Courses

1 Credit • Physical Education
1 Credit • Fine Arts
1 Credit • Technology
2 Credits • LOTE (Language other than English)
.5 Credit • Health
.5 Credit • Speech
5 Credits • Electives



STAAR EOC EXAMS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION:
ENGLISH 1, ENGLISH 2, ALGEBRA 1, BIOLOGY, US HISTORY



ENDORSEMENTS • MINIMUM 26 CREDITS

In Mesquite ISD, every student is expected to earn 26 credits to graduate on the foundation high school program *with* an endorsement.
Dual credit & Advanced Placement classes are available in all Pathways and Programs of Study.

STEM

2 additional credits
of Math plus
Chemistry or Physics
OR
2 additional credits
of Science plus
Algebra 2
OR
4 credits in a single
CTE program of study*

*Algebra II, Chemistry
and Physics (or Principles
of Technology) are
required credits for STEM
endorsement

Business & Industry

1 additional credit
of Math and
1 additional credit
of Science
+
4 credits of English
electives: Broadcast,
Debate, Newspaper
and Yearbook
OR
4 credits in a single
CTE program of study

Public Services

1 additional credit
of Math and
1 additional credit
of Science
+
4 credits in JROTC
OR
4 credits in a single
CTE program of
study

Arts & Humanities

1 additional credit
of Math and
1 additional credit
of Science
+
2 additional credits
of Social Studies
OR
4 credits in a single
Fine Arts program
OR
4 credits in the
same LOTE or two
levels in two LOTE

Multidisciplinary

1 additional credit
of Math and
1 additional credit
of Science
+
4 credits in four
foundation subject
areas (must include
English 4 & Chemistry
or Physics)
OR
4 credits in AP or
Dual Credit courses
OR
4 credits in four
advanced courses

Graduating with a DISTINGUISHED LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT

Additionally, a student may earn a Performance Acknowledgment for outstanding performance in one or more areas listed below.

PERFORMANCE ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Dual Credit
(12 hours with a 3.0
or higher)

Advanced Placement
(3 or above on an
AP exam)

**Bilingualism &
Bi-literacy**

Exam Performance
PSAT (commended)
SAT (1350 +)
ACT (29 not including writing)

**Complete a qualifying
business or
industry certification**

Mesquite ISD offers a wide-range of programs designed to give our students a firm foundation for entering college, business or technical school, military services or the workforce. By selecting the program of study or pathway that most aligns with their planned path after high school, students will gain valuable experience and knowledge to prepare them for post-secondary success.

Students are required to earn one endorsement for graduation, but may earn more than one, depending on their selection of elective classes.

BOLD = CTE Programs of Study

Pathways & CTE Programs of Study

STEM	Business & Industry	Public Services	Arts & Humanities	Multidisciplinary
Academic: Math Academic: Science Cybersecurity	Accounting & Financial Services Animation Audio/Video Production Business Mgmt. Culinary Arts Entrepreneurship Fashion Design Interior Design Journalism: Broadcast (KEOM) Debate Newspaper Yearbook Lodging & Resort Mgmt. Marketing & Sales Real Estate Travel, Toursim & Attractions Veterinary Science Welding* <i>*at MHS, PHS & WMHS only</i>	Cosmetology Early Learning Family & Community Services Health & Wellness Health Science General JROTC Law Enforcement Teaching & Training	Academic: Social Studies Fine Arts: Art Band Choir Dance Orchestra Theatre Theatre Tech Languages Other Than English (LOTE) ASL* French* German* Multi Spanish <i>*may not be available at all campuses</i>	See your campus counselor if you feel one of the Multidisciplinary pathways might be right for you.