



LITTLE ELM HIGH SCHOOL

GRADUATION CORDS

Earning a graduation cord to wear at graduation means you have successfully accomplished the highest standards of excellence for this honorable recognition. Each accomplishment a student achieves during their time at Little Elm High School, gives them credit toward earning a cord as represented in each of the following eight criteria.

The various criteria align with our College, Career, and Life Ready Indicators, Competitions at the state level, Leadership, Character, Academic, and Armed Forces. A student can earn up to six cords in addition to the stoles and medallions listed below. Students who qualify for the Competition or Leadership cords in multiple organizations may be awarded organizational pins to be worn on that cord.



College Ready

Students are College Ready if they meet 3 out of the 4 indicators below:

1. College Level Classes
 - Advanced Placement Exam (score of 3+)
 - Advanced Placement Course (grade of 70%+)
 - Dual Credit College Core Content (grade of 70%+)
 - Dual Enrollment Courses (grade of 70%+)
2. Algebra II (grade of 70%+)
3. GPA (2.8+)
4. College-Readiness Placement Assessment
 - ACT Exam:
English (19) | Math (19) | Composite (23+)
 - SAT Exam:
Math (500) | Reading (500) | Composite (1070+)
 - Texas Success Initiative:
Reading (351) | Writing (5 or 4/340) | Math (350)



Career Ready

Students are Career Ready if they meet 3 out of the 4 indicators below:

1. 90% Attendance (current year only)
2. Workplace Learning Experience (cumulative)
 - Practicum Class (grade of 70%+)
 - Industry Certification
 - Coherent Sequence of Career Courses
 - Military Enlistment
3. Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Participation

Examples: Student Organizations such as: HOSA, DECA, Student Athletic Trainers, Student Council, Spanish Honor Society, International Thespian Society, etc.

4. 25 Hours of Community Service

Examples: Carter Blood Drive, Senior Day of Service, etc.



College, Career, or Military Ready

College Readiness Indicators

- Earn a score of 3 or higher on any AP Exam

-Meet Reading and Math TSI criteria for one of these: SAT, ACT, TSIA

-Earn 3 hours of Dual Credit in English or Math; or earn 9 hours in any subject (including technical)

Career Readiness Indicators

-Earn an approved industry-based certification and credit for at least two courses in a related program of study.

-Earn a Level I or Level II Certificate

Military Readiness Indicators

-Work with a military recruiter to enlist in a branch of the armed forces and submit DD Form 4 to LEHS.



Competition

Represented LEHS at a state-level competition and placed with a ranking of top ten or better at any time as a high school student.

Examples: Academic Decathlon, Fine Arts, UIL Academic & Athletic competitions, CTE competitions, FFA Competitions, etc.



Character

- Named LEHS Student of the Month

- Received the Spirit Principal Award, Citizenship Principal Award, or Excellence Coin at any time as a high school student.



Armed Forces

- Students who have enlisted with any branch of the United States Armed Forces



Leadership

- Held an officer position in a LEHS club, organization, Class Officer position, or a member of student council. A leadership resume must be submitted by March of the student's senior year to the Student Activities Campus Coordinator with specific activities clearly documented that the student has planned, organized, and led with impact to school or community.

- Received the Leadership Principal Award at any time as a high school student



Academic

- Top 10% in Class Rank

- Distinguished Grad Plan (Foundation with one endorsement) with at least three performance acknowledgements

- Distinguished Grad Plan (Foundation with two endorsements) with at least two performance acknowledgements



Life Ready

Students are Life Ready if they meet 5 out of the 8 College & Career Ready Indicators.

Students can earn only one cord between College Ready, Career Ready, and Life Ready. If a student is both college and career ready, they are life ready and can earn a three-colored cord that represents all three criteria.

* Other Regalia: The only other regalia that will be worn are:

Class of 20XX gold stole given to every graduate, Valedictorian/Salutatorian stoles, Top Ten Ranking senior medallion, LEAD medallion, National Honor Society stole, Awarded organizational pins