

Texas Graduation Plans

The Texas Legislature has changed high school graduation requirements for students who will be freshmen in the 2014-2015 school year or later. The change in graduation requirements allow 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 2024-2025 Kennedale Academic Handbook located on the Kennedale High School Website.

Snapshot of Graduation Requirements

<p>Foundation High School Program (FHSP) 22 CREDITS Students may opt to (FHSP) only after completing junior/third year</p>	<p>FHSP + Endorsements 26 CREDITS</p>	<p>FHSP+ Endorsements Distinguished Level of Achievement (Includes Algebra II) 26 CREDITS</p>
<p>4 credits English – ELA I, II, III, IV or one credit in any authorized English course**</p> <p>3 credits Mathematics – Algebra I, Geometry, and one credit in any authorized math course**</p> <p>3 credits Science – Biology, IPC/Chemistry/Physics, and one credit in any authorized science course**</p> <p>3 credits Social Studies – World Geography or World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government (.5 credit), Economics (.5 credit)</p> <p>2 credits Languages Other Than English</p> <p>1 credit Physical Education</p> <p>1 credit Fine Arts</p> <p>Professional Communication (.5) plus 4.5 credits in electives (may include CTE or certification courses)</p> <p>**TBD by School District</p>	<p>4 credits English – ELA I, II, III, IV or one credit in any authorized English course**</p> <p>4 credits Mathematics – Algebra I, Geometry, and two credits in any authorized math courses**</p> <p>4 credits Science – Biology, IPC/Chemistry/Physics, and two credits in any authorized science courses**</p> <p>3 credits Social Studies – World Geography or World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government (.5 credit), Economics (.5 credit)</p> <p>2 credits Languages Other Than English</p> <p>1 credit Physical Education</p> <p>1 credit Fine Arts</p> <p>Professional Communication (.5) plus 6.5 credits in electives (may include CTE or certification courses)</p> <p><i>Credit requirements specific to at least one endorsement</i></p>	<p>4 credits English – ELA I, II, III, IV or one credit in any authorized English course**</p> <p>4 credits Mathematics – Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and one credit in any authorized math course**</p> <p>4 credits Science – Biology, IPC/Chemistry/Physics, and two credits in any authorized science course**</p> <p>3 credits Social Studies – World Geography or World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government (.5 credit), Economics (.5 credit)</p> <p>2 credits Languages Other Than English</p> <p>1 credit Physical Education</p> <p>1 credit Fine Arts</p> <p>Professional Communication (.5) plus 6.5 credits in electives (may include CTE or certification courses)</p> <p><i>Credit requirements specific to at least one endorsement</i></p>

ENDORSEMENTS

S.T.E.M.	BUSINESS/ INDUSTRY	PUBLIC SERVICE	ARTS/HUMANITIES	MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
<p>Computer Science Math-5 credits Science-5 credits</p>	<p>A/V Technology & Film A/V Graphic Design Business/Career Prep Information Technology Culinary Arts Welding/Auto/Construct.</p>	<p>Education & Training Human Services Health Science Exercise Science and Wellness (DC)</p>	<p>L.O.T.E-Language other than Eng. Art, Theatre, Choir Band, Color Guard</p>	<p>Four credits from each of the core subject areas (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies)</p>

State Assessment Required for Graduation
English I, II; Algebra I; Biology; US History

Performance Acknowledgements:
Outstanding performance: Dual credit coursework;
Bilingualism/Biliteracy; College AP; PSAT, ACT, SAT;
Business or Industry Cert or License

Questions?
Contact your student's counselor or
www.tea.state.tx.us/graduation.aspx
(House Bill 5)