



Preparing for High School



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New Terms for High School

Credit

- All high school courses are tied to credit
- A grade of a 70 must be earned to obtain credit
- You earn 7 credits each school year

Semester System

- Half credits are awarded at the end of each semester
- Semester grades will be averaged for a final average

Classification

- Grade level is determined by credits earned
 - 10th – 6 credits
 - 11th- 12 credits
 - 12th- 19 credits

New Terms for High School Continued

GPA- Grade Point Average

- Sum of all semester course grades throughout High School career divided by total number of credits
- A new GPA is calculated at the end of each semester

Class Rank

- After all GPAs are calculated, ranks are assigned based on highest GPA to the lowest GPA

Transcript

- Official document showing all high school semester grades and credits earned

Graduation Plans



Foundation



Foundation with
Endorsements



Distinguished Level
of Achievement



Performance
Acknowledgements

Cupcakes for Everyone!



Performance Acknowledgements

A student may earn a performance acknowledgement for:

- In a Dual Credit course
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Distinguished Level of Achievement*

- 4 credits in Math (Algebra 2)
- 4 credits in Science
- Curriculum requirements for Foundation & at least 1 Endorsement area

*Mandatory to be eligible for top 10% Automatic Admission



Endorsements

- STEM
- Business & Industry
- Arts & Humanities
- Public Services
- Multidisciplinary



Foundation Graduation Program

4 credits	ELA
3 credits	Mathematics
3 credits	Science
3 credits	Social Studies
2 credits	LOTE
1 credits	Fine Art
1 credits	Physical Education
5 credits	Electives

TOTAL: 22 credits

Let's start with the base...

These are only the BASE credits needed for graduation.

Students require 26 TOTAL CREDITS for graduation with an endorsement. The additional credits added to the Foundation plan are:

- 1 additional math (4 math's total)
- 1 additional science (4 sciences total)
- 2 additional electives



Foundation Graduation Program

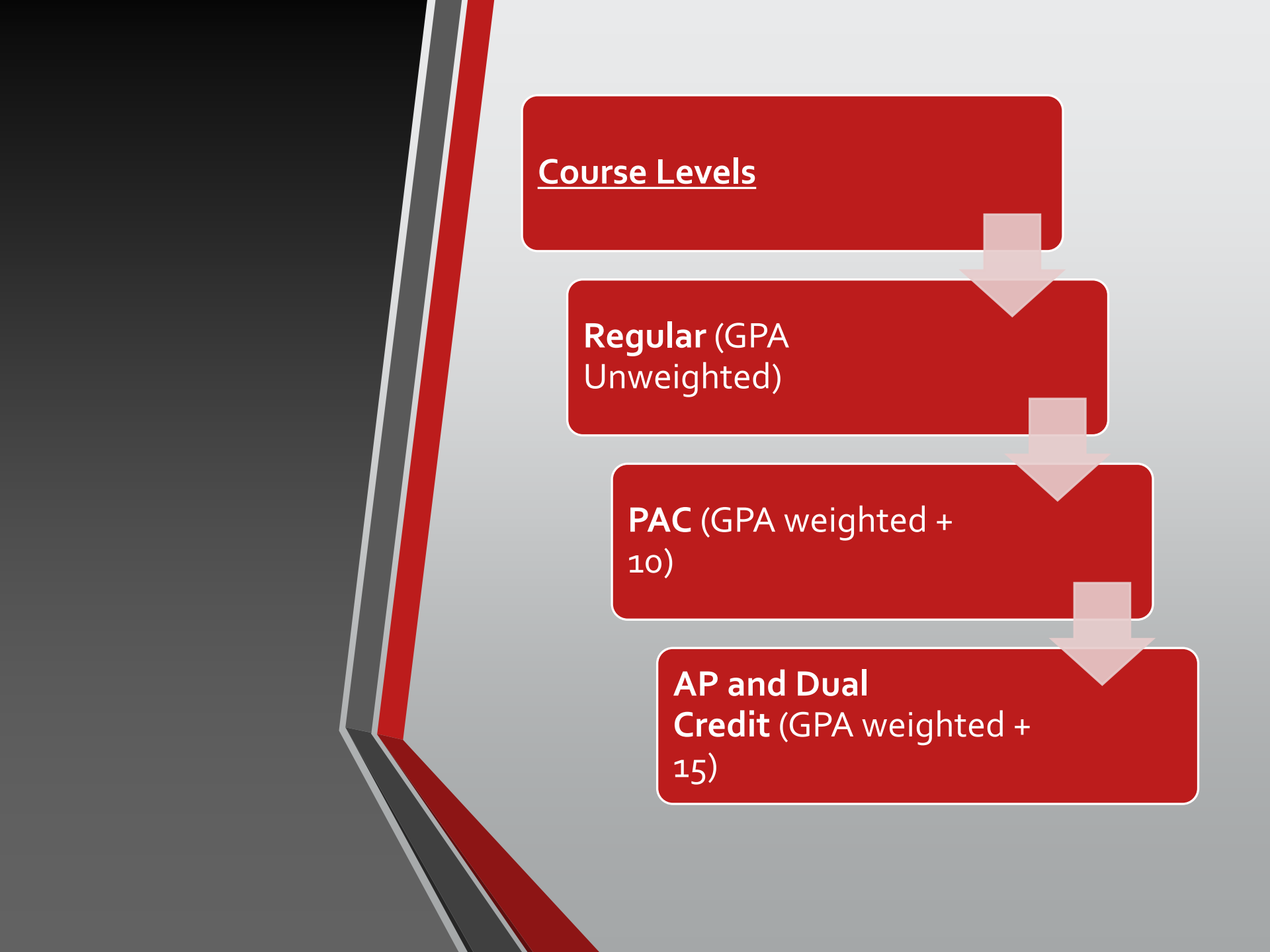
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Calallen ISD High School Graduation Requirements



	Foundation+Endorsement(s)	Distinguished	<i>Foundation</i>
Discipline	Credits	Credits	<i>Credits</i>
English	4		4
Math	4	Algebra II	3
Science	4		3
Social Studies	4		3
LOTE	2		2
Fine Arts	1		1
Physical Education	1		1
Health	.5		.5
Speech	.5		.5
Technology	1		1
Electives	4		3
Total Credits for Graduation:	26	26	22



Course Levels

Regular (GPA
Unweighted)

PAC (GPA weighted +
10)

**AP and Dual
Credit** (GPA weighted +
15)

Course Levels

Regular

PAC

AP

Dual Credit

- Regular courses are standard curriculum.
- PAC stands for Preparatory Advanced Course and has a more rigorous curriculum than regular.
- AP stands for Advanced Placement and is taught at the highest rigor. These are taught at a college level and students can earn college credit through taking the AP exam at the end of the course.
- Dual Credit courses are taught at the highest rigor. These are college courses taken through Del Mar College and students earn college credit and high school credit at the same time.

9th Grade Required Core Courses

<u>English Credit</u>	English 1	<u>Math Credit</u>	Algebra 1
			PAC Algebra 1
	PAC English 1		Geometry
			PAC Geometry
<u>Social Studies Credit</u>	World Geography	<u>Science Credit</u>	Biology
	PAC World Geography		
	World History		PAC Biology
	*World History AP		
	PAC World History		Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC)
	*European History AP		

***These courses will have summer assignments: Please look at the Calallen High School website for the specific summer reading.**

Additional Required Courses

Physical Education- 1 credit

Technology- 1 credit

Fine Art- 1 credit

Language other than English (LOTE)- 2 credits

Speech- $\frac{1}{2}$ credit

Health- $\frac{1}{2}$ credit

Calallen ISD High School Four Year Plan



Student Name: _____ Student ID #: _____ Grade: _____ Expected Grad. Year: _____

Counselor Name: _____ Date Initiated: _____ Date Amended: _____ / Reason: _____

Endorsement: ___ Arts & Humanities ___ Business & Industry ___ Public Services ___ STEM ___ Multidisciplinary Studies

Graduation Plan Type: ___ Foundation ___ Foundation PLUS Endorsement ___ Distinguished Level of Achievement

Career Interest: _____

Plans for the Future: ___ Two Year College ___ Four Year University ___ Technical Training ___ Military ___ Employment

Middle School High School Credits	9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
	ELA I	ELA II	ELA III	ELA IV Advanced ELA
Algebra 1	Algebra I Geometry Algebra II	Geometry Algebraic Reasoning Algebra II Advance Math	Math Models Algebra II Advance Math	Algebra II Advance Math
Speech (.5) Health (.5)	Biology IPC	Biology IPC Chemistry Physics	Chemistry Physics Advance Science	Advance Science
Fine Arts	World Geography World History	World Geography World History	US History	Government / Economics
LOTE	LOTE	LOTE		
PE	PE/Athletics			
OTHER:	Speech (.5) / Health (.5) Technology (1): OR Endorsement / Elective:	Speech (.5) / Health (.5) Technology (1): OR Endorsement / Elective:	Endorsement/Elective:	Endorsement/Elective:

Student Signature: _____ Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Now, the frosting...

- Choose your ENDORSEMENT and PROGRAM OF STUDY based on what type of career you are interested in after high school. Your endorsement must be declared at registration.
- Don't panic! If you change your mind, we will work with you.
- Your Endorsement and Program of Study selection will determine 4 of your electives throughout high school.

**That does not mean you can't take electives from other endorsements!

- For top 10% automatic college admission, you **MUST** graduate with an endorsement & take Algebra 2.

**The endorsement you earn DOES NOT MATTER for admission, just that you have one!

- ALL students are automatically placed on the Foundation + Endorsement Plan







Programs of Study:

- A sequence of courses equaling four credits within a student's area of interest
- Programs of Study connect high school classes to college, industry certifications, and careers
- Programs of Study can be found on pages 41-42 in the 2024-2025 course catalog

Anyone want Sprinkles?

Don't stress about this part!

These are acknowledgements
that will happen naturally
based on your academic
interests and successes.



Performance Acknowledgements

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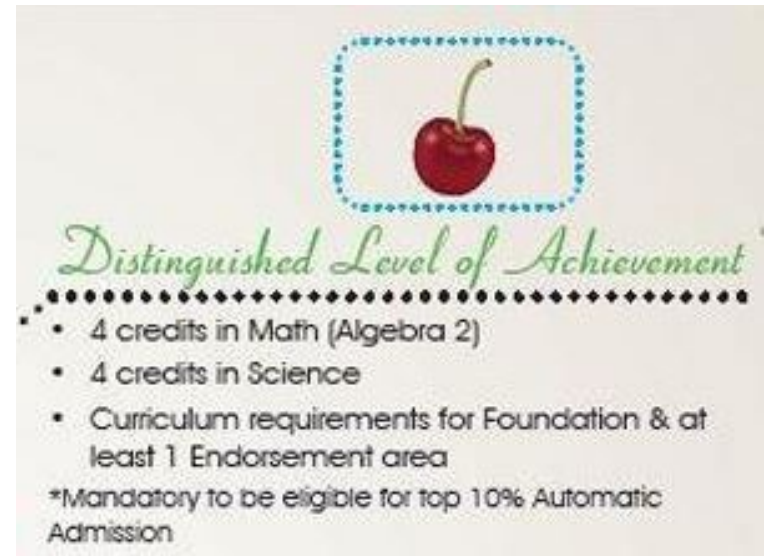
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Last is the Cherry on top!

EVERYONE is automatically placed on the Foundation with Endorsement Plan. Therefore, all students are on track to receive a Distinguished Level of Achievement!



STATE TESTING

STAAR ---> End of Course Exam (EOC)

All students must take and pass the following EOC's to graduate:

- English I
- English II
- Biology
- Algebra I
- United States History

Things to start thinking about...

Get INVOLVED

- Clubs
- Organizations
- Volunteering

Career Options/Goals

- How to reach your goals?
- Military
- Community College
- Technical Training School
- 4-year University

Programs of Study

- Careers
- Certification Programs
- Del Mar & CRAFT

Dual Credit

- Del Mar College
- Academic Core Courses
- Certification/License Programs



Certification Programs!

Cosmetology

Welding

Electrical

Instrumentation

Pipefitting

AutoCAD, Revit, Inventor, Solidworks

HVAC

Court Reporting

Automotive/Diesel Mechanic

Phlebotomy

EKG Technician

Pharmacy Technician

Certified Medical Assistant

Patient Care Technician

EMT & Fire Science

Non-Destructive Testing

Process Technology

Remember: There is only 24 hours per day!

Balance your life

- Coursework
- Activities/Clubs
- Extracurricular
- Family
- Friends
- Enjoy the Experience!



What's Next??

3/28- Counselors will talk to all 8th grade students through English classes. Students will receive date and time of individual counselor meeting.

Review the registration information on the CHS Counseling Department website

Complete 4-year plan and course selection sheet

Write down questions for your counselor

4/2 - 4/5- One on one meeting with counselor: parents are invited to join, 8-10 minutes per student



QUESTIONS??