



AN EARLY COLLEGE DISTRICT

# BROWNSVILLE

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Curriculum, Instruction & Accountability Department



## MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSE LISTING GUIDE 2024 – 2025

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**Quick Reference Middle School**  
**2024-2025 Revisions: Highlighted in Blue**

All Instances	Update School Year, Page Numbers, Dates and Grammatical
11	Updated Grade Weight Chart
19	Update HS Courses taken in MS
21	New Advanced Mathematics Pathway
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## GENERAL INFORMATION

The information herein is to serve as a guide in developing student schedules, master schedules, and other procedures related to the credit system. The Texas Education Agency publication, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, RULES FOR CURRICULUM, is the basic manual, which has been used in formulating the credit system for the Brownsville Middle Schools. This guide contains the following information:

1. Course prerequisites and general information
2. Courses approved for Brownsville Secondary Schools. Grades 6, 7, and 8

In the core subjects of Reading, English, Math, Science, and Social Studies, the Brownsville Independent School District is committed to meeting students' needs according to graduation plans and programs of study. To provide more students greater access to advance courses, which are prerequisites at the college level, the district is including more advanced courses in the Course Listing Guide. Projected enrollment, staffing patterns, and budgetary constraints will continue to determine whether or not courses are available during certain semesters and/or years. Student and parents need to consult with school administration and counselors when selecting electives. BISD will continue to aggressively research avenues, such as advanced placement, correspondence and online courses, etc. to meet students' academic needs.

Beginning in the 2014-2015 academic year, a school district must ensure each student upon entering ninth grade indicates in writing an endorsement which the student intends to earn. The five endorsements include STEM, Business & Industry, Public Services, Arts & Humanities, and Multidisciplinary Studies.

## STUDENT PLACEMENT

### Placement of in/out of district/state/country students

- I. **Students seeking enrollment within the same academic school year:**
  - a. Placement will be determined based on the grade level students were enrolled at the prior school district or entity.
  
- II. **Students seeking enrollment without any schooling or limited schooling (One year or more without schooling):**
  - a. placement will be determined by age as of **September 1**.
    1. Elementary School ..... **10** years old or less
      - 1<sup>st</sup> grade - 6 years old
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade - 7 years old
      - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade - 8 years old
      - 4<sup>th</sup> grade - 9 years old
      - 5<sup>th</sup> grade - 10 years old
    2. Middle School ..... **11-13** years old
      - 6<sup>th</sup> grade – 11 years old
      - 7<sup>th</sup> grade – 12 years old
      - 8<sup>th</sup> grade – 13 years old
    3. High School ..... **14** years and over

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

At-Risk students shall receive appropriate compensatory, intensive, or accelerated instructional services at the campus, which will enable the students to perform at grade level at the conclusion of the next regular school term. This may include supplemental foundation enrichment courses, tutorials, district-wide summer programs, and other scientifically research-based interventions. Middle School campuses are to document accelerated instruction and/or interventions in the student's Grade Advancement Folder or in the Personal Graduation Plan (PGP).

## EMERGENT BILINGUALS (EB's)

### **LEP IMMIGRANT DEFINITION:**

The term immigrant has three definitions approved by the Texas Education Agency. Each definition serves a unique purpose.

### **G-Immigrant Subgrant and Serving Immigrant Students**

"Immigrant child or youth," which is defined in Section 3201(5) of the ESSA, refers to individuals who:

- (A) are age 3 through 21;
- (B) were not born in any State; and
- (C) have not been attending one or more schools in any or one or more States for more than 3 full academic years.

Note that "State" is defined in section 3201(13) of the ESSA to include the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Therefore, students born in Puerto Rico may not be included as "Immigrant" students under Title III.

## **English as Second Language (ESL) Program**

### **§89.1201 Policy**

- (b) The goal of bilingual education programs shall be to enable English learners to become proficient in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in the English language through the development of literacy and academic skills in the primary language and English. Such programs shall emphasize the mastery of English language skills, as well as mathematics, science, and social studies, as integral parts of the academic goals for all students to enable English learners to participate equitably in school.
- (c) The goal of ESL programs shall be to enable English learners to become proficient in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in the English language through the integrated use of second language acquisition methods. The ESL program shall emphasize the mastery of English language skills, as well as mathematics, science, and social studies, as integral parts of the academic goals for all students to enable English learners to participate equitably in school.
- (d) Bilingual education and ESL programs shall be integral parts of the total school program. Such programs shall use instructional approaches designed to meet the specific language needs of English learners. The basic curriculum content of the programs shall be based on the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills and the English language proficiency standards required by the state.

**\*\*ESL Program – 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades**

ESL I, II, & English/Reading SL must be taught by ESL certified teachers. Content courses should address the ELPS and be taught through Sheltered English Instruction (SEI) methodology.

Grade Level	*** ESL Category	*Course(s) Assignment	
6-7-8	Beginner	ESL I (1 period) ELAR SL (1 Period) *Enrichment Course/ALI (1 period) *Optional	Content subjects using Sheltered English Instruction (SEI) Methodology (required)
	Intermediate	ESL II (1 period) ELAR SL (1 Period) *Enrichment Course/ALI (1 period) *Optional	
	Advanced	ELAR SL (1 Period) *Enrichment Course/ALI (1 period) *Optional	

+ All Beginner/Intermediate ELs that receive a beginner rating on TELPAS Reading are eligible for ESL II upon LPAC recommendation. ESL I and ESL II **cannot be combined** into one course and must follow the TEKS for English Language Arts and ELPS.

All EB students must be served by an ESL certified teacher in ESL I, ESL II, English SL and Reading SL. Also, note that all core teachers must be trained in Sheltered English Instruction (SEI). It is highly recommended that Math, Science and Social Studies teachers working with EBs are ESL certified too. Student Category shall be determined by LPAC end of year recommendation. TELPAS and STAAR results along with other data will be utilized for this determination. Recommendation: Emergent Bilinguals entering into the school district from another country should be selected to participate in the STEM Program if the following is in place: EB student completed Matemáticas I or 2 with a score of 9, Ciencias II (Física) with a score of 9, and meets the STEM Criteria. Please refer to the student's transcript for qualifications. EBs rated Advanced or Advanced High TELPAS Reading may be placed in Honors classes i.e. Spanish AP. EB students should be considered for participation for HS credit opportunities offered in MS.



**STAAR with Content & Language Supports** is administered as an online testing program in grades 3-8 and EOC for students who qualify for it.

<p><b>STAAR (State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness)</b></p> <p>Rigorous assessment program with test design focusing on readiness for success in subsequent grades or courses, and ultimately for college and career.</p> <p>The STAAR program, implemented in Spring 2012, includes annual assessments for mathematics grades 3-8, RLA grades 3-8, science grades 5 and 8, social studies grade 8, and EOC assessment for Algebra I, English I, English II, Biology, and U.S. History.</p>	<p><b>Oral Language Proficiency Test (OLPT)</b> Content and Language Support is available.</p> <p>This test may be used in conjunction with other assessment to provide a complete assessment of listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills.</p> <p><b>TELPAS (Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System)</b> is designed to measure annual growth in the English listening, speaking, reading, and writing proficiency of second language learners, and will be adjusted as needed to ensure a strong link between academic language proficiency as defined by STAAR.</p>
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## **Advanced Academic Opportunities**

### **CREDIT BY EXAMINATION FOR ACCELERATION WITHOUT PRIOR INSTRUCTION**

The Brownsville Independent School District allows BISD students in secondary academic courses to earn credit for a course on a basis of credit by examination for acceleration. Quarterly testing windows are January 1 to March 31, April 1 to June 30, July 1 to September 30 and October 1 to December 31. BISD does not charge for the exams for acceleration. The district administers examinations developed by Texas Tech University.

Testing and awarding of credit guidelines follow the State Board of Education Rules as stated in the Texas Education Code, Code § 28.023.

BISD students interested in Credit by Examination for Acceleration with no prior instruction should contact the BISD Assessment/Research/Evaluation Department.

### **DISTANCE LEARNING**

Prior to enrolling a BISD student in any type of distance learning/correspondence course where a student can either take courses to meet grade level promotion criteria or receive graduation credits, a parent/guardian must notify the school principal or his/her designee of their intent. Since a student cannot be enrolled in two school districts simultaneously, it is the student's best interest for the school district to verify the appropriateness of the institution's program prior to the student beginning the coursework. Failure to notify the school district in advance could affect the awarding credit.

### **HIGH SCHOOL COURSE CREDIT AT MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL**

For students who enter high school in the 2020-2021 school year and THEREAFTER, all high school core area courses (as per chapter 74, DE, AP, and PLTW) taken in middle school will appear on the high school transcript and will be figured into the students' high school grade point average (GPA). Students enrolled in high school credit courses in middle school must complete and meet demonstrated proficiency (70% or higher) in each semester to receive full or partial high school credit. Students will be required to take the respective End of Course exam (EOC). If the grade average of the two half units is 70 (69.5 ) or above, the student will receive 1 full credit. If the average of the two half units is below 70 (69.5), the student will receive credit (.5) only for the half unit that he/she passed. If the half unit grade is below 70 (69.5), the unit must be

repeated for credit. For additional information, refer to page 38-39 of the 2024-2025 High School Course Listing Guide.

<b>Grade Weight Systems</b> <b>Students Entering Grade 9 in and after the 2019-2020 school year.</b>											
<b>LEVEL I</b>	<b>To include ELA core, Math core, Science core, and Social Studies core courses as outlined in TEA Chapter 74 subchapter B that are not designated as AP, Honors, Dual Enrollment, and PLW.</b>										
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<b>LEVEL III</b>	<b>To include all AP, Project Lead the Way, Dual Enrollment, and approved Concurrent Enrollment Courses.</b>										
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<b>LEVEL IV</b>	<b>*To include all AP exam scores of 3, 4, or 5. Applies to Middle School, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> Grades</b>										
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**§74.26. (b) AWARD OF CREDIT**

For students who are able to successfully complete the second or higher level LOTE course, districts may also award credit for the lower level course(s) by verifying that the student has demonstrated that the requirements of both level courses have been successfully met. This is possible only in LOTE courses because the levels are based on

increasing proficiency and the knowledge and skills of the lower level course(s) are subsumed within each upper level course.

### **Honors Program**

The Brownsville ISD Honors Program offers preparatory classes for students interested in taking Advanced Placement courses in high school. The Advanced Placement Program offers college level courses that teach skills and concepts that prepare students for AP exams in high school. Students enrolled in the Honors course sequence are expected to enroll in AP or Dual Enrollment courses during their high school years of study. Students must meet the following criteria in order to be placed in the BISD Honors Program:

- Have at least an 85 average from the most recent grade in the specific academic discipline
- Have passed all required state assessments at the required level (see page 13)

All Honors students must complete an **Honors and Advanced Placement Application** for initial entry into the Honors program. Once enrolled, every student must have the **Program Expectations and Course Agreement** form in place per course. The agreement will be distributed and maintained by the teacher of record. These forms are annual and must be in place for each Honors course a student takes.

A **Placement Review** must be initiated for students who do not meet the program expectations listed in the course agreement for one or more grade reporting periods. The review committee will include the Principal, grade level Counselor, and campus subject Teacher.

NOTE: Alternate route to Honors and Advanced Placement admission: Letter of recommendation by the Campus Administrator.

### **Gifted/Talented Program:**

Students active in the Brownsville ISD Gifted/Talented Program are required to complete an independent project under the Texas Performance Standards Project. It is recommended that the student and teacher work on the topic titled "Pursuit of Passion". However, 27 other topics are available, and any one may be chosen for the project. Expectations and project procedures can be found on the TEA Gifted and Talented website at the following link: <https://www.texaspsp.org>

Note: Gifted and Talented students are serviced through Honors courses.

## **PERSONAL GRADUATION PLANS (PGP)**

### Personal Graduation Plan (PGP) for Middle/Junior High School Students

Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.0212, requires the development and administration of a personal graduation plan (PGP) for each student enrolled in a school district's junior high or middle school who:

(1) does not perform satisfactorily on the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) in any subject area administered at the middle/junior high level; or

(2) is not likely to receive a high school diploma before the fifth school year following the student's enrollment in grade level nine, as determined by the school district.

In accordance with the statutory requirement for the agency to establish minimum standards for the middle/junior high personal graduation plan, the minimum standards are described below.

- If a student requires the development of a PGP due to not performing satisfactorily on STAAR, the minimum standard to comply with the PGP requirement would be compliance with the accelerated instruction requirements under TEC, §28.0211. Therefore, the documents and processes used to comply with accelerated instruction requirements would also serve as the required PGP in this instance.
- If a student requires the development of a PGP based on the determination that the student is not likely to receive his or her high school diploma before the fifth school year following the student's enrollment in grade nine, the minimum standard to comply with the PGP requirement would involve documentation that the principal or other school administrator discussed the following with the student and student's parent or guardian:
  - o Identification of educational goals and the parent's educational expectations for the student; and
  - o Any monitoring, intervention, or evaluation strategies, and any innovative methods that could help promote the student's advancement. Innovative methods could include strategic course selection, summer learning opportunities, targeted tutoring, and other instruction and

methods to accelerate the student's learning. (See TEC, §28.0212(b), for PGP requirements.)

- If the student receives special education services, the minimum standard to comply with the PGP requirement would be a current and legally compliant individualized education program (IEP)

### Intensive Program of Instruction (IPI)

TEC, §28.0213, requires a school district or open-enrollment charter school to offer an IPI to a student who:

(1) does not perform satisfactorily on the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) or STAAR end-of-course (EOC) assessments in any subject area; or

(2) is not likely to receive a high school diploma before the fifth school year following the student's enrollment in grade level nine, as determined by the school district or charter school.

The IPI must be designed to enable, to the extent practicable, the student to perform at the student's grade level at the conclusion of the next regular school term or attain a standard of annual growth specified by the district or charter school. If applicable, the IPI would also carry out the purposes of accelerated instruction required under TEC, §28.0211.

Whereas the statutory requirements for accelerated instruction in TEC, §28.0211, in recent years have become more intentionally focused and intensive, this section in which the IPI is addressed has not been modified. Because of this, the agency has received questions about how local educational agencies (LEAs) should implement the IPI requirements.

### The agency's guidance is as follows:

- If a student requires the development of an IPI due to not performing satisfactorily on STAAR or a STAAR EOC, the expectation to comply with the IPI requirement would be compliance with the accelerated instruction requirements under TEC, §28.0211. Therefore, the documents and processes used to comply with accelerated instruction requirements would also serve as the required IPI in this instance.
- If a student requires the development of an IPI based on the determination that the student is not likely to receive his or her high school diploma before the fifth school year following the student's

enrollment in grade nine, the expectation to comply with the IPI requirement would be:

- o Compliance with the PGP requirements as referenced above, if the student is enrolled in middle/junior high school;
- o If the student is enrolled in high school, documentation that the principal or other school administrator discussed the following with the student and student's parent or guardian:
  - Identification of educational goals related to the annual academic growth expected of the student; and
  - Any monitoring, intervention, or evaluation strategies, and any innovative methods that could help the student to perform at grade level at the conclusion of the next school term. Innovative methods could include strategic course selection, summer learning opportunities, targeted tutoring, and other instruction and methods to accelerate the student's learning.

TEC, §28.02313(e), requires that an admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committee design an IPI for a student receiving special education services to enable the student to attain a standard of annual growth based on the student's individualized education program (IEP) and, if applicable, carry out the purposes of accelerated instruction under TEC, §28.0211. The agency's guidance for this is as follows:

- If a student requires the development of an IPI due to not performing satisfactorily on STAAR or a STAAR EOC, the expectation to comply with the IPI requirement would be compliance with the accelerated instruction requirements under TEC, §28.0211. Therefore, the documents and processes used to comply with accelerated instruction requirements would also serve as the required IPI in this instance. The ARD Committee will address participation and progress of the student in accelerated instruction as required by TEC, §28.0211, but is not expected to act specifically to address the IPI.
- If a student receiving special education services requires the development of an IPI based on the determination that the student is not likely to receive his or her high school diploma before the fifth school year following the student's enrollment in grade nine, the expectation to comply is a legally compliant IEP, as the IEP will already address expectations for academic growth of the student.
- If an IPI is required for a student who was administered the STAAR-Alt 2 assessment under TEC, §39.023(b), the expectation of IPI compliance for either reason (not performing satisfactorily on STAAR or a determination that the student is not likely to receive his or her diploma before the fifth

school year following the student's enrollment in grade 9) is for a student to have a legally compliant IEP, as the IEP will already address expectations for academic growth of the student and the accelerated instruction requirements in TEC, §28.0211, would not apply.





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**COURSE REQUIREMENTS &  
SEQUENCE CHARTS**



## 2024-2025 Course Requirements for Students Grade 6, 7 & 8

Course Requirements for Grade 6	Semester	Promotion/Retention Requirements
ELAR/ELAR SL/*ESL I/ESL II	2	Pass each core area course with a 70% Final Average
Mathematics	2	
Social Studies	2	
Science	2	
Physical Education/Health or Pre- Athletics/Health	2	
Fine Arts	2	Pass electives with a 70% overall yearly average (composite)
CTE/ALI English/Math/RLA	2	
<a href="#">For a complete list of electives, please refer to pages 34-42</a>		
Course Requirements for Grade 7	Semester	Promotion/Retention Requirements
ELAR/ELAR SL/*ESL I/ESL II	2	Pass each core area course with a 70% Final Average
Mathematics	2	
Social Studies	2	
Science	2	
Physical Education/Health or Pre- Athletics/Health	2	Pass electives with a 70% overall yearly average (composite)
Fine Arts	2	
CTE/Spanish/ALI English/Math/RLA	2	
<a href="#">For a complete list of electives, please refer to pages 34-42</a>		
Course Requirements for Grade 8	Semester	Promotion/Retention Requirements
ELAR/ELAR SL/*ESL I/ESL II/^English I	2	Pass each core area course with a 70% Final Average
Mathematics/^Algebra I	2	
Social Studies	2	
Science/^Biology	2	
Physical Education or Athletics	2	Pass electives with a 70% overall yearly average (composite)
^Health	1	
Career & College Explorations	1	
Fine Arts/CTE/Spanish/ALI English/Math/RLA	2	
<a href="#">For a complete list of electives, please refer to pages 34-42</a>		

\*ESL I is only required for students identified as Beginners. NOTE: ESL II as recommended by LPAC. All EB students must be enrolled in SL courses.

^ Courses for High School credit

Required Middle School Electives	Semester
College and Career Readiness	1
Fine Arts	2
Health	3
Physical Education	4

<b>Courses for High School Credit</b>			
<b>Course</b>	<b>Semester</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Prerequisites</b>
English I Honors (Level II)	2	8	Meet Enrollment Criteria
Algebra I Honors (Level II)	2	8	Successful completion of 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math or its equivalent
Biology Honors (Level II)	2	8	Meet Enrollment Criteria
World Geography (Level II)	2	8	US History 1877
Health I (Unweighted)	1	8	3 Semesters of MS Health
Principles of Applied Engineering & Tech. (Unweighted)	2	7	None
Robotics (Unweighted)	2	8	Principles of Applied Engineering & Tech.
Engineering Essentials (Level III)	2	8	Meet Program Criteria
Professional Communications (Unweighted)	1	8	None
Lifetime Fitness and Wellness Pursuits (Unweighted)	2	8	4 Semesters of MS Physical Education
Principles of Education (Unweighted)	2	8	None
Spanish I (Unweighted)	2	6-7	None
Spanish II (Unweighted)	2	7-8	None
Art I (Unweighted)	2	8	None

For clarification on Enrollment Criteria please refer to pages 28, 30 & 32.

## SECONDARY LANGUAGE ARTS COURSE SEQUENCE

Grade Level	All Students	Honors & GT/English I
<b>6th</b>	ESL I 6 & ELAR 6 SL ESL II 6 & ELAR 6 SL ELAR 6 ELAR 6 SL	ELAR 6 Honors
<b>7th</b>	ESL I 7 & ELAR 7 SL ESL II 7 & ELAR 7 SL ELAR 7 ELAR 7 SL	ELAR 7 Honors
<b>8th</b>	ESL I 8 & ELAR 8 SL ESL II 8 & ELAR 8 SL ELAR 8 ELAR 8 SL	ELAR 8 Honors  Or English I  (Acct/Grad)*

**Note:** The seven strands of the essential knowledge and skills for English language arts and reading are intended to be integrated for instructional purposes and are recursive in nature. 110.22. English Language Arts and Reading, Adopted 2017. ELAR Teachers are expected to work collaboratively/co-teaching in the effective implementation of the 2017 ELAR TEKS.

SL Students can be scheduled in ELAR Honors as per LPAC Recommendation.

## SECONDARY MATH COURSE SEQUENCE

Grade Level	Traditional	Advanced Mathematics Honors/GT (Ranking Criteria) *	Advanced Mathematics STEM (Ranking Criteria) *
6 <sup>th</sup>	Math 6	Math 6 Honors	Math 6 STEM PBL Required
7 <sup>th</sup>	Math 7	Pre-Algebra Honors	Pre-Algebra STEM PBL Required
8 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-Algebra	Algebra I Honors	Algebra 1 STEM PBL Required

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Advance Mathematics Enrollment Criteria:

**Option 1:** Students must have achieved “Masters” on the respective 5<sup>th</sup> grade State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) mathematics assessment

Or

**Option 2:** Student must perform in the top 40 percent on the 5<sup>th</sup> grade State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) mathematics assessment to **automatically enroll** as per Senate Bill (SB) 2124

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Advance Mathematics Pre-Algebra Honors and STEM Enrollment Criteria:

**Option 1:** Student must successfully complete Math 6 Honors or STEM and “Meets” on the 6<sup>th</sup> grade State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) mathematics assessment.

Or

**Option 2:** Students must have achieved “Masters” on the respective 6<sup>th</sup> grade State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) mathematics assessment

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Algebra I GT/Honors and STEM:

Students must complete and meet proficiency (70% or higher) in any Pre-Algebra section as a Math 8 Credit as per state mandated prerequisites.

**Senate Bill (SB) 2124- a school district or open-enrollment charter school must automatically enroll in an advanced mathematics course each sixth grade student who performed in the top 40 percent on the fifth grade State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) mathematics assessment.**

## SECONDARY SCIENCE COURSE SEQUENCE

Grade Level	All Students Course Sequence	GT/Honors & Biology Course Sequence	STEM Course Sequence
6 <sup>th</sup>	Science 6	Science 6 Honors	Science 6 STEM/ PBL required
7 <sup>th</sup>	Science 7	Science 7 Honors	Science 7 STEM/ PBL required
8 <sup>th</sup>	Science 8	Science 8 Honors/Biology	Science 8 STEM/ PBL required

**Note:** Students may apply for the MS STEM Program before the beginning of each grade level and remain in the MS STEM Program unless removed based on failure to meet program criteria.

### STEM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

85% AVERAGE PER SEMESTER IN EITHER STEM Math and/or STEM Science classes, compete in at least one competition per year (ex. Science Fair, Brainsville, AMC 8, etc), establishing a 98% attendance rate, outstanding Code of Conduct record, and attending parent conferences.

## SECONDARY SOCIAL STUDIES COURSE SEQUENCE

Grade Level	All Students Course Sequence	GT/Honors Course Sequence	World Geography Course Sequence
6 <sup>th</sup>	World Cultures and Societies	World Cultures and Societies Honors	World Cultures and Societies Honors
7 <sup>th</sup>	Texas History	Texas History Honors	U.S. History to 1877/Texas History Honors
8 <sup>th</sup>	U.S. History to 1877	U.S. History to 1877 Honors	World Geography Honors

## SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING MATH(STEM)-MS Recommended Pathway for STAMP/SPACE

Grade Level	Career Technology Education	Science	Math
<b>6th</b>	Technology application (1 semester) and Coding (1 semester)	Science 6 STEM	Math 6 STEM
<b>7th</b>	^Principles of Applied Engineering (yearlong)	Science 7 STEM	Pre-Algebra STEM
<b>8th</b>	^Robotics I or Engineering Essentials, and Career & College Explorations (1 semester)	Science 8 STEM	^Algebra I STEM

^Courses for High School Credit

For admission to the STAMP/SPACE program, all of the following criteria **MUST** be met:

- Complete and sign the Middle School STEM application and follow its eligibility criteria
- Successful completion of Algebra I in 8<sup>th</sup> grade

## SECONDARY SPANISH COURSE SEQUENCE

Course Sequence for Spanish in Middle School	
Sequence I	Sequence II
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Spanish I	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Spanish I
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Spanish II	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Spanish II
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade AP Spanish Language	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade AP Spanish Language
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade AP Spanish literature	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade AP Spanish literature
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade
12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURSE SEQUENCE

To promote an optimum level of participation in athletics and vertical teaming opportunities for the feeder high school programs, six semesters are highly recommended for students interested in an athletic program.

<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE</b>		
<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>Physical Education* Courses</b>	<b>Athletic Courses</b>
<b>6th</b>	<b>Physical Education Boys / Girls</b> Individual / Team Sports Physical Education 6 Adaptive Physical Education 6	PE: Pre-Athletics (Boys) 6 Or PE: Intro to Pre-Athletics (Girls) 6 (May be counted as elective)
<b>7th</b>	<b>Physical Education Boys / Girls</b> Individual / Team Sports / Health 7 Adaptive Physical Education 7	PE/Athletics (Boys) 7 Or PE/Athletics (Girls) 7 (May be counted as 2 semesters of PE)
<b>8th</b>	<b>Physical Education Boys / Girls</b> Individual / Team Sports Adaptive Physical Education 8	PE/Athletics (Boys) 8 Or PE/Athletics (Girls) 8 (May be counted as 2 semesters of PE)

\*Dance and Ballroom may count towards Physical Education Credit

Additional Courses:

<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>
Weights and Conditioning	Weights and Conditioning
Aerobics and Conditioning	Aerobics and Conditioning
Football/Soccer	Football/Soccer
Basketball/Track	Basketball/Track
Volleyball/Basketball	Volleyball/Basketball
Soccer/Softball	Soccer/Softball
Softball	Softball
Tennis	Tennis
Baseball	Baseball
	Swimming

## SECONDARY FINE ARTS COURSE SEQUENCES

Grade Level	6th	7th	8th
<b>Instrumental Music</b>	Band 6	Beginners Band 7-8; or Concert Band 7-8; or Symphonic Band 7-8; or Instrumental Ensemble 7 (Woodwinds); or Instrumental Ensemble 7 (Bass); or Instrumental Ensemble 7 (Percussion);	Beginners Band 7-8; or Concert Band 7-8; or Symphonic Band 7-8; or Instrumental Ensemble 8 (Woodwinds); or Instrumental Ensemble 8 (Bass); or Instrumental Ensemble 8 (Percussion);
<b>Choral Music</b>	Beginners Choir 6	Choir Treble (Girls)7-8; or Choir Tenor Bass (Boys) 7-8; or Choir Acappela 7-8; or Choral Music 7-8; or Choir Vocal Ensemble 7-8	Choir Treble (Girls)7-8; or Choir Tenor Bass (Boys) 7-8; or Choir Acappela 7-8; or Choral Music 7-8; or Choir Vocal Ensemble 7-8
<b>Dance</b>	FA: Dance 6; or FA: Advanced Dance (dance team) 6-8; or FA: Newcomer Ballroom Dance 6-8; or FA: Intermediate Ballroom Dance 6-8; or	FA: Dance 7; or FA: Advanced Dance (dance team) 6-8; or FA: Newcomer Ballroom Dance 6-8; or FA: Intermediate Ballroom Dance 6-8; or FA: Advanced Ballroom Dance 6-8	FA: Dance 8; or FA: Advanced Dance (dance team) 6-8; or FA: Newcomer Ballroom Dance 6-8; or FA: Intermediate Ballroom Dance 6-8; or FA: Advanced Ballroom Dance 6-8
<b>Theatre</b>	Theatre I	Theatre I or Theatre II	Theatre I, Theatre II, or Theatre III
<b>Art</b>	Art I	Art I or Art II	Art I, Art II or Art III



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## COURSE LISTINGS



# ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND READING

Course #	Course Description	Prerequisite
<b>Three years (6 semesters) are required for all middle school students.</b>		
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>		
510301(2)	ESL I 6	LPAC Written Approval, taken with ELAR 6 SL
510311(2)	ESL II 6	LPAC Written Approval, taken with ELAR 6 SL
610331(2)	ELAR 6	NONE
610321(2)	ELAR 6 SL	EB Students may take it concurrently with an Enrichment/ALI course
610351(2)	ELAR 6 Honors	Meet Honors Criteria
910071(2)	ALI 6 English	For HB1416 Requirements
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>		
520351(2)	ESL I 7	LPAC Written Approval, taken with ELAR 7 SL
520361(2)	ESL II 7	LPAC Written Approval, taken with ELAR 7 SL
610401(2)	ELAR 7	English 6
620371(2)	ELAR 7 SL	EB Students may take it concurrently with an Enrichment/ALI course
610411(2)	ELAR 7 Honors	ELAR 6 & Meet Honors Criteria
920081(2)	ALI 7 English	For HB1416 Requirements
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>		
530431(2)	ESL I 8	LPAC Written Approval, taken with ELAR 8 SL
530441(2)	ESL II 8	LPAC Written Approval, taken with ELAR 8 SL
610481(2)	ELAR 8	English 7
630451(2)	ELAR 8 SL	EB Students may take it concurrently with an Enrichment/ALI course
610491(2)	ELAR 8 Honors	ELAR 7 & Meet Honors Criteria
930091()	ALI 8 English	For HB1416 Requirements

Course #	Course Description	Prerequisite
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade English I</b>		
Course #	Course Description	Prerequisite
530521(2)	English I Honors	Refer to Enrollment Criteria & Meet Honors Criteria

## English I

### Enrollment Criteria:

Students must have at least an overall of 85% as a final grade in 7<sup>th</sup> grade ELAR Course AND scored “Masters” on the standardized state assessment for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade RLA

**NOTE: In the event that STAAR Scores are not available, an alternative district assessment will be administered prior the beginning of the school year and meet proficiency of 70% or higher.**

Students enrolled in English I Must:

- Adhere to High School Grading Procedures, including but not limited to, six weeks tests, semester exams, and EOC requirements.
- Complete and meet proficiency (70% or higher) in each semester to receive partial or full high school credit. Students not meeting proficiency (69% or lower) in English I, must enroll in an English I course in the summer at one of the high school sites or repeat the course in Grade 9.

**NOTE:** Out of district transfer students seeking enrollment in English I in grade 8 will be determined collaboratively through campus administration and the Curriculum & Instruction Department.

# MATHEMATICS

Course #	Course Description	Prerequisite
<b>Three years (6 semesters) are required for all middle school students.</b>		
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>		
512661(2)	Math 6	None
512681(2)	Math 6 Honors	Meet Honors Criteria
STE601(2)	Math 6 STEM	Math 5 &-Meet STEM Criteria
919101(2)	ALI 6 Math	For HB1416 Requirements
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>		
522701(2)	Math 7	Math 6
920071(2)	ALI 7 Math	For HB1416 Requirements
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>		
532791(2)	Math 8	Math 7
930011(2)	ALI 8 Math	For HB1416 Requirements

7 <sup>TH</sup> Grade Pre-Algebra		
Course #	Course Description	Prerequisite
532631(2)	Pre-Algebra Honors	Refer to Enrollment Criteria & Meet Honors Criteria
532641(2)	Pre-Algebra STEM	Refer to Enrollment Criteria & Meet STEM Criteria

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Mathematics Pre-Algebra Honors and STEM

### Enrollment Criteria:

**Option 1:** Student must successfully complete Math 6 GT/Honors or STEM and “Meets” on the sixth grade State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) mathematics assessment. Or;

**Option 2:** Students must have achieved “Masters” on the respective sixth grade State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) mathematics assessment

8 <sup>TH</sup> Grade Algebra		
Course #	Course Description	Prerequisite
532761(2)	Algebra I Honors	Successful completion of 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math or its equivalent course & Meet Honors Criteria
532781(2)	Algebra I STEM	Successful completion of 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math or its equivalent course & Meet STEM Criteria

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Algebra I Honors and STEM

### Enrollment Criteria:

Students must complete and meet proficiency (70% or higher) in any Pre-Algebra section as a Math 8 Credit as per state mandated prerequisites.

Students Enrolled in Algebra I Must:

- Adhere to High School Grading Procedures, including but not limited to, six weeks tests, semester exams, and EOC requirements.
- Complete and meet proficiency (70% or higher) in each semester to receive partial or full high school credit. Students not meeting proficiency (69% or lower) in Algebra I, must enroll in an Algebra I course in the summer at one of the high school sites or repeat the course in Grade 9.

**NOTE:** Out of district transfer students seeking enrollment in Pre-Algebra or Algebra I will be determined collaboratively through campus administration and the Curriculum & Instruction Department.

# SCIENCE

Course #	Course Description	Prerequisite
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>		
512911(2)	Science 6	None
512931(2)	Science 6 Honors	Meet Honors Criteria
STE611(2)	Science 6 STEM	Science 5 & Meet STEM & Honors Criteria
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>		
522951(2)	Science 7	Science 6
522961(2)	Science 7 Honors	Science 6 & Meet Honors Criteria
STE711(2)	Science 7 STEM	Science 6 & Meet STEM & Honors Criteria
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>		
533071(2)	Science 8	Science 7
533081(2)	Science 8 Honors	Science 7 & Meet Honors Criteria
STE811(2)	Science 8 STEM	Science 7 & Meet STEM & Honors Criteria



8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Biology		
Course #	Course Description	Prerequisite
534031(2)	Biology Honors	Pre-Algebra/Refer to Enrollment Criteria & Meet Honors Criteria

## **Biology**

### **Enrollment Criteria**

1.- Students must have at least an overall of 85% as a final grade in Science from the most recent grade (Grade 7) and scored “Masters” on the standardized state assessment for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade RLA.

2.- Students need to be enrolled in Biology and Algebra concurrently.

**NOTE: In the event that STAAR Scores are not available, an alternative district assessment will be administered prior the beginning of the school year and meet proficiency of 70% or higher.**

Students enrolled in Biology Must:

- Adhere to High School Grading Procedures, including but not limited to, six weeks tests, semester exams, and EOC requirements.
- Complete and meet proficiency (70% or higher) in each semester to receive partial or full high school credit. Students not meeting proficiency (69% or lower) in Biology, must enroll in a Biology course in the summer at one of the high school sites or repeat the course in Grade 9.

**NOTE:** Out of district transfer students seeking enrollment in Biology in grade 8 will be determined collaboratively through campus administration and the Curriculum & Instruction Department.

## SOCIAL STUDIES

Course #	Course Description	Prerequisite
Three years (6 semesters) are required for all middle school students.		
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>		
613211(2)	Contemporary World Societies 6	None
613231(2)	Contemporary World Societies 6 Honors	Meet Honors/Criteria
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>		
623251(2)	Texas History 7	Contemporary World Societies 6
623261(2)	Texas History 7 Honors	Meet Honors/ Criteria
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>		
633301(2)	U.S. History to 1877 8	Texas History 7
633311(2)	U.S. History to 1877 8 Honors	Meet Honors/Criteria

<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade U.S. History to 1877 Honors</b>		
<b>Course #</b>	<b>Course Description</b>	<b>Prerequisite</b>
633331(2)	7 <sup>th</sup> U.S. History to 1877 Honors	Contemporary World Societies 6 Honors

## 7<sup>th</sup> U.S. History to 1877 Honors

### Enrollment Criteria

1.- Students must have at least an overall of 85% scored as a final grade in Social Studies from the most recent grade (Grade 6) and have scored “Masters” on the standardized state assessment for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade RLA.

**NOTE: In the event that STAAR Scores are not available, an alternative district assessment will be administered prior the beginning of the school year and meet proficiency of 70% or higher.**

<b>8<sup>th</sup> World Geography</b>		
<b>Course #</b>	<b>Course Description</b>	<b>Prerequisite</b>
	World Geography Honors	U.S. History to 1877/Texas History Honors

## World Geography

### Enrollment Criteria

1.- Students must complete and meet proficiency (70% or higher) in the 7<sup>th</sup> U.S. History to 1877/Texas History Honors course.

Students enrolled in World Geography Must:

- Adhere to High School Grading Procedures, including but not limited to, six weeks tests, semester exams.
- Complete and meet proficiency (70% or higher) in each semester to receive partial or full high school credit. Students not meeting proficiency (69% or lower) in W. Geography, must enroll in a W. Geography course in the summer at one of the high school sites or repeat the course in Grade 9.

**NOTE: Out of district transfer students seeking enrollment in World Geography in grade 8 will be determined collaboratively through campus administration and the Curriculum & Instruction Department.**

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE

<b>SPANISH ELECTIVE: See Recommended Secondary Spanish Courses chart for placement.</b>		
<b>Course #</b>	<b>Course Description</b>	<b>Prerequisite</b>
761001(2)	^Spanish I	None
782001(2)	^Spanish II	Spanish I

**^ Courses for High School Credit**

## HEALTH

Course #	Course Description	Prerequisite
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>		
663433	Health 6	One Semester Course
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>		
663443	Health 7	One Semester Course
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>		
663453	Health 8	One Semester Course
<b>Making Connections</b>		
564483	^Health	3 Semesters of MS Health

**^ Courses for High School Credit**

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year. (H.B.530) a school district shall require students enrolled in grade levels six, seven, and eight to participate in moderate or vigorous daily physical activity for at least 30 minutes for at least four semesters during those grade levels as part of the district's physical education curriculum to students enrolled in grade levels six through eight

As per House Bill 530, a school district shall require students in grade levels, six, seven, and eight to participate in moderate or vigorous daily physical activity for at least 30 minutes for at least 4 semesters during those grade levels as part of the Districts physical education curriculum. The four minimum semesters of PE/Athletic classes for both genders will be scheduled during grades 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. It is strongly recommended that pre-athletic class for 6<sup>th</sup> graders be offered at the Middle School level.

According to research, it is highly recommended that students complete 6 semesters of Athletics in order to ensure a strong middle school foundation that will be vertically aligned with each respective high school athletic program.

Course #	Course Description	Prerequisite
713501(2)	Physical Education 6	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students
723521(2)	Physical Education 7	7th Grade Students
733551(2)	Physical Education 8	8th Grade Students
713521(2)	Introduction to Team Sports (Boys) 6	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students
713541(2)	Introduction to Team Sports (Girls) 6	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students
713601(2)	Flag Football 6	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students
713611(2)	Tennis 6	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students
733531(2)	PE: Intro to Athletics (Boys) 6	None
733541(2)	PE: Intro to Athletics (Girls) 6	None

Course #	Course Description	Prerequisite
723531(2)	Athletics (Boys) 7	Meet Program Criteria
723541(2)	Athletics (Girls) 7	Meet Program Criteria
713621(2)	Weights and Conditioning (Boys) 7	Meet Program Criteria
713631(2)	Aerobics and Conditioning (Girls) 7	Meet Program Criteria
713641(2)	Football/Soccer (Boys) 7	Meet Program Criteria
713651(2)	Basketball/Track (Boys) 7	Meet Program Criteria
713661(2)	Volleyball/Basketball (Girls) 7	Meet Program Criteria
713671(2)	Soccer/Softball (Girls) 7	Meet Program Criteria
713681(2)	Softball (Girls) 7	Meet Program Criteria
713691(2)	Tennis 7	Meet Program Criteria & must be offered 9 <sup>th</sup> pd.
713701(2)	Baseball (Boys) 7	Meet Program Criteria
733561(2)	Athletics (Boys) 8	Meet Program Criteria
733571(2)	Athletics (Girls) 8	Meet Program Criteria
713711(2)	Weights and Conditioning (Boys) 8	Meet Program Criteria
713721(2)	Aerobics and Conditioning (Girls) 8	Meet Program Criteria
713731(2)	Football/Soccer (Boys) 8	Meet Program Criteria
713741(2)	Basketball/Track (Boys) 8	Meet Program Criteria
713751(2)	Volleyball/Basketball (Girls) 8	Meet Program Criteria
713761(2)	Soccer/Softball (Girls) 8	Meet Program Criteria
713771(2)	Softball (Girls) 8	Meet Program Criteria
713781(2)	Tennis 8	Meet Program Criteria & must be offered 9 <sup>th</sup> pd.
713791(2)	Baseball (Boys) 8	Meet Program Criteria
713801(2)	Swimming 8	Meet Program Criteria
713821(2)	^Lifetime Fitness and Wellness Pursuits	4 Semesters of MS Physical Education

**^ Courses for High School Credit**

## Courses in Partner PE

Partner Physical Education/Peer Tutor is a success oriented physical education program featuring supervised peer tutors and individualized learning and instruction. The focus of the course is to encourage a variety of physical fitness activities, increased knowledge of health and fitness strategies and assist in the acquisition of individual and team lifetime recreational skill and activities. This course addresses the unique physical education needs of students with variety of disabilities in a setting that allows for positive interaction with peers, achieve success, improve social skills, and build self-esteem. Peers need to be encouraging at all times and dress appropriately for activities.

Students to teacher ratio: 10-15 special needs students to one Partner PE teacher with consultation from an Adapted PE teacher and para-educators will also go to the Partner PE class.

The total number of student partners should include 3-5 over the number of students with special needs.

Peer Partner – Prerequisite: PPE Application, interview and instructor approval.

General Education students must submit an application to become a peer tutor. Parent and student must sign a permission form allowing the student to become a peer tutor.

Course Number	Course Description	Grade	Per Unit Credit	Prerequisite
713813	Peer Assistance for SWD I	6	.5	Application approval
713833	Peer Assistance for SWD II	7	.5	Application approval
713843	Peer assistance for SWD III	8	.5	Application approval



## FINE ARTS

### **House Bill 3**

House Bill 3, each student is required to take one fine arts credit in middle school. The strong recommendation is for students to take the fine arts requirement in the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade. However, according to research, it is highly recommended that students complete 6 semesters of fine arts in order to ensure a strong middle school foundation that will vertically align with each respective high school.

As per House Bill 5, PE credit may be earned through completion on any Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills based course that meets the requirement in subparagraph (#) of this paragraph for 100 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity

### **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC: BAND**

Course #	Course Description	Prerequisite
813901(2)	Band (6)	None
813911(2)	Band 6 GT	Meet GT Criteria
863911(2)	Beginners Band (7-8)	None
863921(2)	Concert Band I (7-8)	Meet Program Criteria
863951(2)	Concert Band I (7-8) GT	Meet Program and GT Criteria
863931(2)	Concert Band II (7-8)	Meet Program Criteria
863961(2)	Concert Band II (7-8) GT	Meet Program and GT Criteria
863941(2)	Symphonic Band (7-8)	Meet Program Criteria
863971(2)	Symphonic Band (7-8) GT	Meet Program and GT Criteria
833981(2)	Instrumental Ensemble 7 (Woodwinds)	Concurrent member of band
833991(2)	Instrumental Ensemble 7 GT (Woodwinds)	Concurrent member of band & Meet GT Criteria
834001(2)	Instrumental Ensemble 7 (Brass)	Concurrent member of band
834011(2)	Instrumental Ensemble 7 GT (Brass)	Concurrent member of band & Meet GT Criteria
834111(2)	Instrumental Ensemble 7 (Percussion)	Concurrent member of band
834211(2)	Instrumental Ensemble 7 GT (Percussion)	Concurrent member of band & Meet GT Criteria
834311(2)	Instrumental Ensemble 8 (Woodwinds)	Concurrent member of band
834411(2)	Instrumental Ensemble 8 GT (Woodwinds)	Concurrent member of band & Meet GT Criteria
834511(2)	Instrumental Ensemble 8 (Brass)	Concurrent member of band
834611(2)	Instrumental Ensemble 8 GT (Brass)	Concurrent member of band & Meet GT Criteria
834811(2)	Instrumental Ensemble 8 (Percussion)	Concurrent member of band
834911(2)	Instrumental Ensemble 8 GT (Percussion)	Concurrent member of band & Meet GT Criteria

**CHORAL MUSIC**

Course #	Course Description	Prerequisite
814131(2)	Beginner Choir 6	None
864041(2)	Beginner Choir GT 6	Meet GT Criteria
864111(2)	Choir Treble (Girls) (7-8)	None
864031(2)	Choir Treble GT (Girls) (7-8)	Meet GT Criteria
864001(2)	Choir Tenor-Bass GT (Boys) (7-8)	Meet GT Criteria
864121(2)	Choir Tenor-Bass (Boys) (7-8)	None
864131(2)	Choir Adv. Treble (7-8)	Meet Program Criteria or Audition
864141(2)	Choir Adv. Treble GT (7-8)	Meet Program GT Criteria
834141(2)	Choir Adv. Vocal Ensemble (7-8)	Meet Program Criteria or Audition
834151(2)	Choir Adv. Vocal Ensemble GT (7-8)	Meet GT Criteria
834161(2)	Applied Music (Piano) (7-8)	None
834171(2)	Applied Music GT (Piano) (7-8)	Meet GT Criteria

**DANCE:** Dance may be used to satisfy the requirement to participate in moderate or vigorous daily physical activity for at least 30 minutes for at least four semesters during those grade levels as part of the district's physical education curriculum to students enrolled in grade levels six through eight beginning with the 2008 – 2009 school year (HB 530).

Course #	Course Description	Prerequisite
733601(2)	PE: Dance 6	None
746401(2)	PE: Dance 6 GT	Meet GT Criteria
733611(2)	PE: Dance 7	None
746501(2)	PE: Dance 7 GT	Meet GT Criteria
743631(2)	PE: Adv. Dance 6–8	Meet Program Criteria
743641(2)	PE: Newcomer Ballroom Dance 6-8	None
713511(2)	FA: Dance 6	None
713521(2)	FA: Dance 6 GT	Meet GT Criteria
713531(2)	FA: Dance 7	None
713541(2)	FA: Dance 7 GT	Meet GT Criteria
713551(2)	FA: Dance 8	None
713561(2)	FA: Dance 8 GT	Meet GT Criteria
723501(2)	FA: Adv. Dance 6–8	Meet Program Criteria or Audition
713571(2)	FA: Newcomer Ballroom Dance 6-8	None
713581(2)	FA: Intermediate Ballroom Dance 6-8	Newcomer Ballroom Dance 6
	FA: Advanced Ballroom Dance 6-8	Meet Program Criteria or Audition

**VISUAL ARTS:**

<b>Course #</b>	<b>Course Description</b>	<b>Prerequisite</b>
813801(2)	Art I (6)	None
814001(2)	Art I (6) GT	Meet GT Criteria
863811(2)	*Art I (7-8)	None
863831(2)	Art II (7-8)	Art I
814011(2)	Art II (7-8) GT	Meet GT Criteria ART I
863821(2)	Art II (7-8) Honors	Meet Honors Criteria ART I
833831(2)	Art III (8)	Art II
814021(2)	Art III (8) GT	Art II & Meet GT Criteria
833811(2)	Art II (8) Honors	Art II & Meet Honors Criteria

\*Art I (7-8) for students who are new to Art in Middle School

**THEATRE ARTS:**

<b>Course #</b>	<b>Course Description</b>	<b>Prerequisite</b>
833821(2)	Theatre I	None
833841(2)	Theatre I GT	Meet GT Criteria
833861(2)	Theatre II	Theatre I
833871(2)	Theatre II GT	Theatre I GT; or Theatre I and meet GT Criteria
833901(2)	Theatre III	Theatre II
833911(2)	Theatre III GT	Theatre II GT; or Theatre II and meet GT Criteria

## CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Course #	Course Description		Prerequisite
<b>Electives</b>		<b>Grade</b>	
834713	Technology Application 6 – 8 Grades	6-8	None (one semester course)
564431(2)	^Principles of Applied Engineering and Technology	7	None
530473	Career & College Explorations	8	None (one semester course)
530463	Coding	6-8	None (one semester course)
564451(2)	^Robotics	8	Principles of Applied Engineering
564461(2)	^Principles of Education	8	None
564473	^ Professional Communications	8	None
PLW481(2)	^ Engineering Essentials	8	Meet program Criteria

**^ Courses for High School Credit**

## OTHER COURSES, ELECTIVES and TUTORIALS

During the Instructional Day	
Course #	Course Description
950011(2)	Lunch
950021(2)	See Counselor
910071(2)	Accelerated Learning Instruction ELAR 6 (LC)
920081(2)	Accelerated Learning Instruction ELAR 7 (LC)
930091(2)	Accelerated Learning Instruction ELAR 8 (LC)
919101(2)	Accelerated Learning Instruction MATH 6 (LC)
920071(2)	Accelerated Learning Instruction MATH 7 (LC)
930011(2)	Accelerated Learning Instruction MATH 8 (LC)
980011(2)	RLA Readiness 6 (LC)
980041(2)	RLA Readiness 7 (LC)
980061(2)	RLA Readiness 8 (LC)
Extended Day/After School Funding Sources	
970010	162 Account (State)
970020	211 Account (Federal)
970030	Esser
Contact C&I for Approval	
TSI011(2)	TSIA 2.0 PREP for 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students ONLY

**Note:** Local Credit improvement courses for students with non-mastery of any section to be scheduled on each campus.

## PRE-ENGINEERING TEX PREP COURSES

Course #	Course Description	Grade	Credit	Prerequisite(s)
<b>Innovative-High School Elective Credit</b>				
540001(2)	TEXPREP I	9-10	1/2 LC	None
540021(2)	TEXPREP II	10-11	1/2	TEXPREP I
540031(2)	TEXPREP III	11-12	1/2	TEXPREP II
540011(2)	TEXPREP IV	11-12	1/2	TEXPREP III

# *Appendices*

# Texas Education Agency Graduation Toolkit

## Graduation Program – Overview

### Foundation High School Program

A new, more flexible graduation program that allows students to pursue their interests will be in place for all students who enter high school, beginning in the 2014-2015 school year.

#### The program contains up to four parts:

- A 22-credit foundation program which is the core of the new Texas high school diploma
- Five endorsement\* options that allow students to focus on a related series of courses
- A higher performance category called Distinguished Level of Achievement
- Performance Acknowledgments that note outstanding achievement

#### The Foundation requirements (22 credits) include:

<b>English (4 credits)</b>	• English I	• English II	• English III	• An advanced English course
<b>Mathematics (3 credits)</b>	• Algebra I	• Geometry	• An advanced math course	
<b>Science (3 credits)</b>	• Biology	• Integrated Physics & Chemistry or an advanced science course		
	• An advanced science course			
<b>Social Studies (3 credits)</b>	• World History or World Geography	• U.S. History		
	• U.S. Government (one-half credit)	• Economics (one-half credit)		
<b>Languages Other Than English (2 credits)</b>	• 2 credits in the same language or			
	• 2 credits from Computer Science I, II, III			
<b>Physical Education (1 credit)</b>	<b>Fine Arts (1 credit)</b>	<b>Electives (5 credits)</b>		
<b>Speech: Demonstrated proficiency</b>				

**Endorsements** Total credits with endorsements 26

### Enhancements

Additionally, a student may earn the Distinguished Level of Achievement and/or a Performance Acknowledgment for outstanding performance. The Distinguished Level of Achievement must be earned to be admitted to a Texas public university under the Top 10 percent automatic admission law.

#### Distinguished Level of Achievement

- Foundation Program requirements
- 4 credits in math including Algebra II
- 4 credits in science
- at least 1 endorsement

#### Performance Acknowledgments

- dual credit course
- bilingualism and biliteracy
- PSAT, ACT's Plan, SAT or ACT
- Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exam
- earning a nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license

\*A student entering 9th grade must indicate an endorsement he or she plans to follow. A student may change or add an endorsement at any time.

A student may graduate without earning an endorsement if, after his or her sophomore year, the student's parent signs a form permitting the student to omit the endorsement requirement.



## **TSIA2 (Texas Initiative) Assessment 2.0**

The Texas Legislature mandates students be assessed on a state exam in TSIA2 ELAR includes MS and Essay and TSIA2 Mathematics before enrolling in any college-level course work (dual enrollment). The TSIA2 is the instrument used for this mandate. 8<sup>th</sup> grade middle school students interested in participating in the Early College High School cohort or in Early College High School dual enrollment are required to attempt the reading portion of the TSIA2 prior to requesting any dual enrollment courses for their 9<sup>th</sup> grade year.

While most dual enrollment courses offered in grades 9 and 10 require only an attempt on the TSIA2 reading (courses include dual enrollment Spanish, Art Appreciation, Music Appreciation, and Speech), any other dual enrollment course will require passing TSIA2 scores.

For a list of TSIA2 requirements per dual enrollment course, click on the following link:

[http://www.bisd.us/echs/html/05\\_TSC.htm](http://www.bisd.us/echs/html/05_TSC.htm)

The TSIA2 is offered free to all interested 8<sup>th</sup> graders during the fall semester at their home campuses.

Once in high school, students may retake the TSIA2 free at each of the district's Early College High School in order to qualify for additional dual credit courses.

## Resources for Secondary Education

The following links are provided as resources that districts and campuses may utilize in the development of a Personal Graduation Plan.

### **Division of Curriculum, Texas Education Agency (512.483.9581)**

<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/curriculum-division>

### **Division of Discretionary Grants, Texas Education Agency High School Completion and Success Grant Program**

<https://tea.texas.gov/finance-and-grants/grants>

### **Division of Assessment, Texas Education Agency**

<https://tea.texas.gov/student-assessment>

### **Dropout Prevention Clearinghouse, Texas Education Agency**

<https://tea.texas.gov/.../dropout-prevention-and-recovery-resources>

### **21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Non-Regulatory Guidance (February 2003), U.S. Department of Education**

[21st Century Community Learning Centers \(ed.gov\)](http://21stcenturycommunitylearningcenters.ed.gov)

### **ESL TEA Web Site for resources**

<https://www.txel.org/Educators>

### **Appendix A: Education Code**

**Senate Bill 1108, Section 7, Personal Graduation Plan (TEC §28.0212)**  
<http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/taa/stanprog102303.html>

**Note:** The enclosed PGP forms may be used for reference.

### **HB 1416**

<https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/news-and-multimedia/correspondence/taa-letters/accelerated-instruction-hb-1416-overview-and-optional-webinar-opportunity>