

# House Bill 5 and High School Graduation Requirements

# Foundation High School Program

- The Commissioner has adopted a transition plan to replace the MHSP, RHSP, and DAP with the Foundation High School Program **beginning with the 2014-2015 school year**. All current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be required to complete the foundation plan as well as choosing an endorsement.
- Students who are in grade 9, 10, or 11 in the 2013-2014 school year must be given a choice to graduation the MHSP, RHSP, DAP, or Foundation High School Program. Please see your high school counselor for further information.

# Foundation – Statutory Requirements

Beginning in the 2014-2015 school year, a school district must ensure that each student, on entering ninth grade, indicates in writing an endorsement that the student intends to earn.

A district must permit a student to choose, at any time, to earn an endorsement other than the endorsement the student previously indicated.

# Foundation

## Statutory Requirements

### English Language Arts

#### Four credits

- English I
- English II
- English III
- Advanced English Course

### Mathematics

#### Three credits

- Algebra I
- Geometry
- Advanced Mathematics Course

### Science

#### Three credits

- Biology
- IPC or Advanced Science Course
- Advanced Science Course

### Social Studies

#### Three credits

- U.S. History
- U.S. Government (one-half credit)
- Economics (one-half credit)
- World Geography or World History or Combined World History/World Geography (course not developed yet)

# Foundation

## Statutory Requirements

**Physical Education**

One credit

**Languages Other Than English**

Two credits in the same language or Computer programming language

**Fine Arts**

One credit

**Electives**

Five credits

# Foundation

## Statutory Requirements

A student may graduate under the foundation high school program without earning an endorsement if, after the student's sophomore year:

- (1) the student and the student's parent or person standing in parental relation are advised by a school counselor of the specific benefits of graduating from high school with one or more endorsements; and
- (2) the student's parent or person standing in parental relation files with a school counselor written permission, on a form adopted by the agency, allowing the student to graduate under the foundation high school program without earning an endorsement

# Speech Requirement SBOE Rule

A specific speech course will not be a requirement under the Foundation High School Program. However, MISD will continue to offer Professional Communications as an elective credit.

# Endorsements

## Statutory Requirements

A student may earn an endorsement by successfully completing:

- curriculum requirements for the endorsement
- four credits in mathematics
- four credits in science
- two additional elective credits



# Endorsements

## Statutory Requirements

Each school district must make available to high school students courses that allow a student to complete the curriculum requirements for at least one endorsement.

A school district defines advanced courses and determines a coherent sequence of courses for an endorsement area, provided that prerequisites are followed. To access MISD course offerings, please see the 2017-2018 Course Register at [www.midlandisd.net](http://www.midlandisd.net).

# STEM Endorsement (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

This pathway will allow students to select courses from: science, including environmental science, technology. Including computer science, engineering, and advanced mathematics.

# Business and Industry Endorsement

The pathway will allow students to select courses from: database management, information technology, communications, accounting, finance, marketing, graphic design, architecture, construction, welding, logistics, automotive technology, agricultural science, and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning.

# Public Services Endorsement

This pathway will allow students to select courses from: health sciences and occupations, education and training, law enforcement, and culinary arts and hospitality.

# Arts and Humanities Endorsement

This pathway will allow students to select courses from: political science, world languages, cultural studies, English literature, history, and fine arts.

# Multidisciplinary Studies Endorsement

This pathway will allow students to:

- Select courses from the curriculum of each endorsement area described by Subdivisions **and**
- Earn credits in a variety of advanced courses from multiple content areas sufficient to complete the distinguished level of achievement under the foundation high school program.

# Distinguished Level of Achievement

A student may earn a distinguished level of achievement by successfully completing:

- a total of four credits in mathematics, which must include Algebra II
- a total of four credits in science
- the remaining curriculum requirements
- the curriculum requirements for at least one endorsement

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