



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Required Classes and Credit Totals

- **Credits** - Texas requires a student must have at least **26 credits** to graduate high school. Having more than 26 credits is acceptable.
 - **4 English Language Arts** - English 1 and 2 required
 - **4 Mathematics** - Algebra 1 and Geometry required
 - **4 Science** - Biology and 1 lab based science required
 - **3 or 4 Social Studies** - W. Geography or History, US History, Economics, and Government required
 - **2 Foreign Languages** - must be 2 years of the same foreign language
 - **1 Physical Education** - Gym, Athletics, Marching Band, Cheer, JROTC
 - **1 Fine Arts** - Art, Band, Choir, Theatre, FA CTE Course
 - **6 or 7 electives** - it is advised that students focus on a career pathway related to what they want to pursue after high school.



STATE Testing Requirements

- **End of Course testing: STAAR tests** - Texas requires a student must take and pass the 5 tests below when they take the corresponding course.
 - Algebra 1, English 1, English 2, Biology, US History
 - Score rate:
 - Did not Pass = failed STAAR test & you must retake it
 - Approaches = passed, close to grade level
 - Meet = passed, on grade level
 - Masters = passed, above grade level



STATE Testing Requirements

- **STAAR Retakes** - if a student is not successful on their first attempt of a STAAR test, they will have many opportunities to retake them until they pass.
 - Summer retakes in June
 - Fall retakes in December
 - Spring retakes in April
- **Students CANNOT be opted out of taking a STAAR test to meet graduation requirements. This testing requirement is state law.**



Attendance for credit

State law requires a student to be in each class at **least 90% of EACH semester's attendance** in order to get credit for their classes. IF a student goes below the 90% rate, they cannot legally be awarded the credit for a class, no matter what grade they have in the class itself.

- **If a student is between 75%-89% of attendance for the semester, they will be given an opportunity to make up time for attendance.**
- **If a student does not complete their makeup days, they will not gain credit for their classes.**
- **If a student makes up their hours/time BUT misses more days afterwards, they MUST make up additional time because they will drop back down below the 90% state attendance requirement.**



Other Graduation Requirements

- **FAFSA:** a student must complete the FAFSA Financial Aid application.
- **CPR:** a student must be informed about CPR training.
- **Police Officer Interaction (POI):** a student must be informed about interacting with officers of the law.
- **SPEECH:** a student must meet speech proficiency
- **COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Midlothian Independent School District policy requires all graduating students to complete at least **10 hours** of community service.
- **COLLEGE, CAREER, MILITARY (CCMR):** Midlothian Independent School District requires all graduating students to be CCMR ready. This can be accomplished in multiple ways - speak to your Counselor.



