Graduation Credit Requirements for Students Entering Ninth Grade Beginning in 2012-2013

Discipline	Minimum HSP	Recommended HSP	Distinguished Achievement Program*
Academic Elective	One credit from any of the following: • World History Studies • World Geography Studies ▪ A student may not combine a half credit of either World History Studies or World Geography Studies with a half credit from another academic elective. • Any SBOE-approved science course ▪ If substituting Chemistry or Physics for IPC, a student must use the other of these two courses as academic elective credit.	None	None
Languages Other Than English ♦	None	Two credits: The credits must consist of any two levels in the same language.	Three credits: The credits must consist of any three levels in the same language.
Physical Education	One credit: • The required credit may be from any combination of the following one-half to one credit courses: ▪ Foundations of Personal Fitness ▪ Adventure/Outdoor Education ▪ Aerobic Activities ▪ Team or Individual Sports • In accordance with local district policy, credit for any of the courses listed above may be earned through participation in the following activities: ▪ Athletics ▪ JROTC ▪ Appropriate private or commercially-sponsored physical activity programs conducted on or off campus • In accordance with local district policy, up to one credit for any one of the courses listed above may be earned through participation in any of the following activities: ▪ Drill Team ▪ Marching Band ▪ Cheerleading • All allowed substitution activities must include at least 100 minutes per five-day school week of moderate to vigorous physical activity. • Credit may not be earned for any TEKS-based course more than once. No more than four substitution credits may be earned through any combination of substitutions. • A student who is unable to participate in physical activity due to disability or illness may substitute an academic elective credit (English language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies).	One credit: • The required credit may be from any combination of the following one-half to one credit courses: ▪ Foundations of Personal Fitness ▪ Adventure/Outdoor Education ▪ Aerobic Activities ▪ Team or Individual Sports • In accordance with local district policy, credit for any of the courses listed above may be earned through participation in the following activities: ▪ Athletics ▪ JROTC ▪ Appropriate private or commercially-sponsored physical activity programs conducted on or off campus • In accordance with local district policy, up to one credit for any one of the courses listed above may be earned through participation in any of the following activities: ▪ Drill Team ▪ Marching Band ▪ Cheerleading • All allowed substitution activities must include at least 100 minutes per five-day school week of moderate to vigorous physical activity. • Credit may not be earned for any TEKS-based course more than once. No more than four substitution credits may be earned through any combination of substitutions. • A student who is unable to participate in physical activity due to disability or illness may substitute an academic elective credit (English language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies).	One credit: • The required credit may be from any combination of the following one-half to one credit courses: ▪ Foundations of Personal Fitness ▪ Adventure/Outdoor Education ▪ Aerobic Activities ▪ Team or Individual Sports • In accordance with local district policy, credit for any of the courses listed above may be earned through participation in the following activities: ▪ Athletics ▪ JROTC ▪ Appropriate private or commercially-sponsored physical activity programs conducted on or off campus • In accordance with local district policy, up to one credit for any one of the courses listed above may be earned through participation in any of the following activities: ▪ Drill Team ▪ Marching Band ▪ Cheerleading • All allowed substitution activities must include at least 100 minutes per five-day school week of moderate to vigorous physical activity. • Credit may not be earned for any TEKS-based course more than once. No more than four substitution credits may be earned through any combination of substitutions. • A student who is unable to participate in physical activity due to disability or illness may substitute an academic elective credit (English language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies).
Speech	One-half credit from either of the following: • Communication Applications • Professional Communications (CTE)	One-half credit from either of the following: • Communication Applications • Professional Communications (CTE)	One-half credit from either of the following: • Communication Applications • Professional Communications (CTE)

♦ College Board Advanced Placement, college-level concurrent/dual enrollment, and International Baccalaureate courses may be substituted for requirements in appropriate areas.
***** Distinguished Achievement Program requirements also include student achievement of four advanced measures. See TAC §74.74(d) for more information.