Side-by-Side Comparison: Graduation Program Options to be Implemented Beginning in 2014-2015

Discipline	Foundation HSP	*MHSP	*RHSP	*DAP
English Language Arts	**Four credits:** • English I • English II • English III • An advanced English course	**Four credits:** • English I • English II • English III • English IV or approved alternate course	**Four credits:** • English I • English II • English III • English IV	**Four credits:** • English I • English II • English III • English IV
Mathematics	**Three credits:** • Algebra I • Geometry • An advanced math course	**Three credits:** • Algebra I • Geometry • SBOE approved math course	**Four credits:** • Algebra I • Algebra II • Geometry • An additional math credit	**Four credits:** • Algebra I • Algebra II • Geometry • An additional math credit
Science	**Three credits:** • Biology • IPC or an advanced science course • An advanced science course	**Two credits:** • Biology • IPC or Chemistry and Physics (one of the two serves as an academic elective)	**Four credits:** • Biology • Chemistry • Physics • An additional science credit	**Four credits:** • Biology • Chemistry • Physics • An additional science credit
Social Studies	**Three credits** • U.S. History • U.S. Government (one-half credit) • Economics (one-half credit) • World History or World Geography	**Three credits:** • U.S. History (one credit) • U.S. Government (one-half credit) • Economics (one-half credit) • World History (one credit) or World Geography (one credit)	**Four credits:** • U.S. History (one credit) • U.S. Government (one-half credit) • Economics (one-half credit) • World History (one credit) • World Geography (one credit)	**Four credits:** • U.S. History (one credit) • U.S. Government (one-half credit) • Economics (one-half credit) • World History (one credit) • World Geography (one credit)
Physical Education	**One credit**	**One credit**	**One credit**	**One credit**
Languages Other Than English	**Two credits in the same language** Two credits from Computer Science I, II, and III (other substitutions)	**None**	**Two credits in the same language**	**Three credits in the same language**
Fine Arts	**One credit**	**One credit**	**One credit**	**One credit**
Speech	[Demonstrated proficiency in speech skills](#)	**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)
Electives	**Five credits**	**Seven and one half credits (one must be an academic elective)**	**Five and one-half credits**	**Four and one-half credits**
Total Credits	22	22	26	26

* Only available for students who entered grade 9 before the 2014-2015 school year

Endorsements	**A student may earn an endorsement by successfully completing** • **curriculum requirements for the endorsement** • **a total of four credits in mathematics** • **a total of four credits in science** • **two additional elective credits**
STEM	A coherent sequence or series of courses selected from one of the following: • CTE courses with a final course from the STEM career cluster • Computer science • Mathematics • Science • A combination of no more than two of the categories listed above
Business and Industry	A coherent sequence or series of courses selected from one of the following: • CTE courses with a final course from the Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources; Architecture & Construction; Arts, Audio/Video, Technology & Communications; Business Management & Administration; Finance; Hospitality & Tourism; Information Technology; Manufacturing, Marketing; Transportation, or Distribution & Logistics CTE career cluster • The following English electives: public speaking, debate, advanced broadcast journalism including newspaper and yearbook • Technology applications • A combination of credits from the categories listed above
Public Services	A coherent sequence or series of courses selected from one of the following: • CTE courses with a final course from the Education & Training; Government & Public Administration; Health Science, Human Services; or Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security career cluster • JROTC
Arts and Humanities	A coherent sequence or series of courses selected from one of the following: • Social studies • The same language in Languages Other Than English • Two levels in each of two language in Languages Other Than English • American Sign Language (ASL) • Courses from one or two categories (art, dance, music, and theater) in fine arts • English electives that are not part of Business and Industry
Multidisciplinary Studies	A coherent sequence or series of courses selected from one of the following: • Four advanced courses that prepare a student to enter the workforce successfully or postsecondary education without remediation from within one endorsement area or among endorsement areas that are not in a coherent sequence • Four credits in each of the four foundation subject areas to include English IV and chemistry and/or physics • Four credits in AP, IB, or dual credit selected from English, mathematics, science, social studies, economics, languages other than English, or fine arts
	Total Credits w/endorsement - 26
Distinguished Level of Achievement	• A total of four credits in math, including credit in Algebra II • A total of four credits in science • Completion of curriculum requirements for at least one endorsement
Performance Acknowledgments	▪ For outstanding performance • in a dual credit course • in bilingualism and biliteracy • on an AP test or IB exam • on the PSAT, the ACT-Plan, the SAT, or the ACT ▪ For earning a nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license