Sec. 1. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Credit counted toward high school graduation may be earned only if the student received a grade equivalent to 70 on a scale of 100, based upon the essential knowledge and skills of each course completed. Credit earned toward state graduation requirements in an accredited school district shall be transferable and must be accepted by any other school in the state.

Sec. 2. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT RECORD

Raul Yzaguirre Schools for Success ("RYSS") shall use the academic achievement record (transcript) form designated by the Commissioner of Education ("Commissioner"). This form shall serve as the academic record for each student and shall be maintained permanently by RYSS.

Any credit earned by a student must be recorded on the academic achievement record, regardless of when the credit was earned. A student's performance on a state assessment, including an end-of-course assessment instrument required under Education Code 39.023(c), must be included in the student's academic achievement record.

Copies of the academic achievement record shall be made available to students transferring to another public school. RYSS shall respond promptly to all requests for student records from receiving schools.

Education Code 28.025(e); 19 TAC 74.5(b)-(d).

a) *Transcript Seals*

A student who completes high school graduation requirements shall have attached to the academic achievement record the State Board-approved seal.

19 TAC 74.5(e).

b) *Endorsement*

A student who completes the requirements for an endorsement shall have the endorsement clearly indicated on the academic achievement record.

19 TAC 74.5(f).

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c) *Performance Acknowledgment*

A student who earns a performance acknowledgment shall have the performance acknowledgment clearly indicated on the academic achievement record.

19 TAC 74.5(g).

d) *Distinguished Level of Achievement*

A student who earns the distinguished level of achievement shall have the distinguished level of achievement clearly indicated on the academic achievement record and on the diploma.

19 TAC 74.5(h).

e) *Completion of Speech Requirements*

A student who demonstrates proficiency in speech as specified in 19 Texas Administrative Code § 74.11 shall have completion of the speech requirement clearly indicated on the academic achievement record.

19 TAC 74.5(i).

f) *Completion of CPR Instruction*

A student who completes instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) as specified in 19 Texas Administrative Code § 74.38 in grade 9, 10, 11, or 12 shall have completion of the CPR instruction clearly indicated on the academic achievement record.

19 TAC 74.5(j).

g) *Proper Interaction with Peace Officers*

A student who completes the required instruction on proper interaction with peace officers shall have completion of the instruction clearly indicated on the academic achievement record.

19 TAC 74.5(k).

h) *Languages Other than English*

A student who satisfies a graduation credit requirement related to a language other than English by successfully completing a dual language immersion program at an elementary school as specified in 19 Texas Administrative Code § 74.12(b)(5)(F) shall have the credit clearly indicated on the academic achievement record.

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19 TAC 74.5(l).

i) *Certificate of Coursework Completion*

A student who completes all graduation requirements except for required end-of-course assessment instruments may be issued a certificate of coursework completion. The academic achievement record shall include a notation of the date a certificate of completion was issued to the student.

19 TAC 74.5(m).

RYSS may allow a student who receives a certificate to participate in a graduation with students receiving high school diplomas.

Sec. 3. CLASS RANK

High school rank for students seeking automatic admission to a general teaching institution on the basis of their class rank is determined and reported as follows:

1. Most recent available class rank, based on a point in time no earlier than the end of the 11th grade, shall be used for admission decision-making.
2. The top 10 percent and top 25 percent of a high school class shall not contain more than 10 percent and top 25 percent, respectively, of the total class size.
3. The student's rank shall be reported by the applicant's high school or school district as a specific number out of a specific number total class size.
4. Class rank shall be determined by the Texas school or district from which the student graduated or is expected to graduate.

19 TAC 5.5(f).

If the program meets the requirements of Education Code 51.8045, Tejano Center for Community Concerns may treat a high school magnet program, academy, or other special program conducted by the district at a high school attended by high school students who are not in the special program as an independent high school with its own graduating class for purposes of Education Code 51.803 and 51.804 only (top 10 and top 25 percent rule). *Education Code 51.8045.*

A student's performance on an end-of-course assessment instrument may not be used in determining the student's class ranking for any purpose, including entitlement to automatic college admission. *Education Code 39.0232(b)(1).*

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