Note: Information and sample language addressing the Required Notification Regarding Algebra II[1] are posted on TEA's website.

Required Notification Regarding Algebra II

In accordance with law, not later than September 1 of each year, the District will notify by regular mail or email the parents of or person standing in parental relation to each student enrolled in grade 9 or above that a student is not required to complete Algebra II to graduate under the foundation high school program.

Note: Information and an opt-out form addressing the student financial aid requirement[2] for graduation are posted on TEA's website.

Student Financial Aid Application

In accordance with law and TEA guidance, prior to graduation each student must:

- Submit confirmation to the District that either a free application for federal student aid (FAFSA) or a Texas application for state financial aid (TASFA) was completed and submitted. See EIF(LOCAL) for the acceptable methods of confirmation; or
- Provide to the District a signed opt-out form provided by the TEA.

Note to administrator: The provisions below only need to be used if the Board approves local alternative graduation requirements differing from those in state rule for an eligible individual who entered grade 9 before the 2011–12 school year to be awarded a high school diploma.

[1] Graduation Information, Required Notification Regarding Algebra II: https://tea.texas.gov/Academics/Graduation_Information
[2] Financial Aid Requirement: https://tea.texas.gov/academics/college-career-and-military-prep/financial-aid-requirement

Alternative Local Graduation Requirements for Certain Individuals

An individual who entered grade 9 before the 2011–12 school year and meets the requirements of Education Code 28.02541(a) [see EIF(LEGAL)] may be awarded a high school diploma if a local graduation committee determines that the individual has demonstrated proficiency in the content areas related to the assessments on which the individual has not performed satisfactorily.

Local Graduation Committee

The local graduation committee for an eligible individual will consist of the following:

1. The campus principal, lead counselor, and district representative;
2. A representative of the District with knowledge of the assessments on which the individual has not performed satisfactorily and the subject areas covered by such assessments; and
3. The individual seeking graduation under these provisions.

Alternative Requirements

To be eligible to graduate and receive a high school diploma under these provisions, an eligible individual must demonstrate proficiency to the satisfaction of the local graduation committee in the content areas related to the assessments on which the individual has not performed satisfactorily.

As approved by resolution of the Board, proficiency must be established through one or more of the following factors:

4. The individual's grade in each course in the subject areas applicable to the assessments on which the individual has not performed satisfactorily;
5. The individual's score on each assessment instrument on which the individual has failed to perform satisfactorily;
6. The individual's performance on any projects or work samples in the subject areas applicable to the assessments on which the individual has not performed satisfactorily (including any projects or work samples identified and assigned by the local graduation committee to be completed by the individual);

7. The individual's participation in offered remediation;
8. The individual's school attendance rate;
9. The individual's transcript of course work;
10. The individual's completion of career and technical education (CTE) program courses; or
11. Any other academic, work, or life experience determined to be relevant by the local graduation committee.

Finality of Decision

The decision of the local graduation committee regarding whether an individual qualifies to graduate and receive a high school diploma is final and may not be appealed. The decision of the local graduation committee must be unanimous in order for the individual to be eligible to receive a diploma.