

Texas Graduation
Requirements

Course Category	Credits Needed	Courses Needed
English Language Arts	4 Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • English II • English III • 1 Advanced English Course
Mathematics	4 Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra I • Geometry • 2 Advanced Math Courses
Science	4 Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology • IPC / Chemistry / Physics • 2 Advanced Science Courses
Social Studies	3 Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Geography / World History • United States History • Government (0.5) • Economics (0.5)
World Languages	2 Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Credits in the Same Language
Physical Education	1 Credit	
Fine Arts	1 Credit	
Electives	7 Credits	

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Graduation Checklists

8th Grade

- Review** choices offered under the **Foundation High School Program** and the **endorsements** to decide on your future academic path.
- Select** the endorsement and CTE Program of Study, if applicable, that best fits your area of personal interest and the major you plan to study in college or the career training you plan to pursue.
- Recognize** that most college admissions processes value rigorous advanced courses including **Algebra II**, higher-level science courses, and languages other than English.

9th/10th Grade

- Monitor** high school credits; be sure to meet all **local and state requirements**.
- Take dual credit** or **AP courses** if possible, to earn college credit while still in high school.
- Consider** CTE courses related to your career interests.
- Keep** a list of awards, honors, and extracurricular activities for scholarship and college applications.
- Research** colleges or universities you are interested in attending.
- Check** admission and application requirements and timelines.
- Consider** taking SAT/ACT preparation classes.
- Explore** interests, take advantage of **career exploration** opportunities, and attend site visits during college open house days.
- Attend college nights** hosted by your high school.
- Talk** with college representatives about academic programs and financial aid available.
- Take** the preliminary SAT (PSAT)/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test in your sophomore year for practice. In your junior year, take the PSAT for eligibility for the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Students who take the PSAT or ACT ASPIRE® tend to score higher on the SAT or ACT than those who do not.

11th/12th Grade

- Sign up** and take the ACT and/or SAT test preferably in your junior year but no later than the fall of your senior year.
- Take dual credit** or **AP courses** if possible to earn college credit while you are still in high school.
- Visit** with your counselor or college advisor about available scholarships. Be sure to apply early and for as many scholarships as possible. Do not limit yourself to local scholarships.
- Fill out** the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) or the TASFA (Texas Application for State Financial Aid) early in the fall of your senior year.
- Apply** to college during the fall of your senior year.

If you plan to pursue technical training or enter the workforce after graduation, see the **Information - Workforce Resources** page or visit Texas Reality Check at www.texasrealitycheck.com/.

GRADE WEIGHTS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING HS AFTER TO 2018-2019

For the purposes of college and scholarship applications high schools will calculate GPA using the 4.0 weighted scale below.

**All High School Credit Courses:
Weighted 4.0 GPA SCALE**

	100-90	89-80	79-70
AP/Dual	5	4	3
Honors	4.50	3.50	2.50
Academic	4.25	3.25	2.25
Leveled Academic	4	3	2

EXAMPLE		
Course	Grade	Pts
AP Biology	88	4
Dual Physics	88	4
Algebra II PAP	88	3.50
English IV	88	3.25

Total points earned divided by (4) classes = GPA
 14.75 divided by (4) = 3.68 GPA

NUMERICAL GRADE WEIGHTS

For the purposes of Class Rank a numerical multiplier will be applied as follows below to calculate a student's GPA. Calculation of students' official class rank is governed by Policy EIC (LOCAL).

- AP/Dual 1.3 Multiplier
- Honors 1.2 Multiplier
- Academic 1.1 Multiplier
- Leveled Academic 1.0 Multiplier

Example:

Course Grade X Multiplier = Points Earned

AP Biology

OR Dual Physics 88 x 1.3 = 114.4

Algebra II PAP 88 x 1.2 = 105.6

English IV 88 x 1.1 = 96.8

Total points earned divided by (3) classes = GPA

316.80 divided by (3) = 105.60 Wgt. Numerical GPA

Weighted numerical GPA will determine class rank.