ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: GRADUATION



MINIMUM PROGRAM

For students entering grade 9 in the 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006, or 2006-2007 school years the following criteria applies. In addition to the 22 credits required by the state for graduation under the Minimum Program, the District shall require 3 credits, for a total of 25. One credit may be a local elective. Students must earn at least 22 credits to complete the Minimum High School Program. All students shall be required to take World Geography. Students completing Algebra I in middle school shall be required to take 3 additional mathematics credits in grades 9-12.

RECOMMENDED PROGRAM

For students entering grade 9 in the 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006, or 2006-2007 school years the following criteria applies. In addition to the 24 credits required by the state for graduation under the Recommended Program, the District shall require 1 credit, for a total of 25. This credit may be a local elective. Students completing Algebra I in middle school shall be required to take 3 additional mathematics credits in grades 9-12.

DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

For students entering grade 9 in the 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006, or 2006-2007 school years the following criteria applies. In addition to the 24 credits required by the state for graduation under the Distinguished Achievement Program, the District shall require 1 credit, for a total of 25. This credit may be a local elective. Students completing Algebra I in middle school shall be required to take 3 additional mathematics credits in grades 9-12.

NINTH GRADERS IN 2007-2008 AND THEREAFTER

To receive a high school diploma, a student entering Grade 9 in the 2007-2008 school year, and thereafter, must complete the requirements of the Minimum High School Program, the Recommended High School Program, or the Distinguished Achievement Program, as well as pass the exit level test.

NOTE: For current state graduation requirements, see http://www.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter074/ch074b.html

PHYSICAL EDUCATION SUBSTITUTIONS

The District shall allow students to substitute certain physical activities for the 1.5 required credits of physical education. Such substitutions shall be based on the physical activity involved in:

- 1. Drill team, marching band, and cheerleading during the fall semester
- 2. Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC)
- 3. Athletics
- 4. Dance I-IV
- 5. Two- or three-credit career and technology work-based training courses

OTHER PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMS

The District shall award state graduation credit for physical education for appropriate private or commercially-sponsored physical activity programs conducted either on or off campus, upon approval by the Commissioner of Education.

READING CREDITS

The District shall offer up to 3 credits of reading for state graduation credit. The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for establishing procedures to assess individual student needs and evaluate student progress, and shall monitor instructional activities to ensure that student needs are met. Students shall be identified as eligible to earn reading credit based on:

- 1. Recommendation by teacher or counselor
- 2. Scores on assessment instruments and/or achievement tests

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