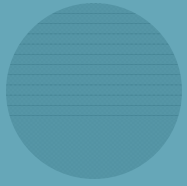




NEW STATE GRADUATION PLANS EFFECTIVE 2010 - 2011



CHANGES TO GRADUATION PLANS

On Jan 15, 2010
the State Board of
Education adopted
amendments to
the graduation
requirements

New requirements
are effective
beginning in the
2010-2011 school
year

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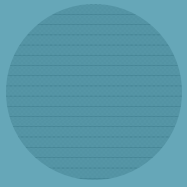
RECOMMENDED AND DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT PLANS (DAP)

Recommended	DAP
English – 4 credits	English – 4 credits
Mathematics – 4 credits	Mathematics – 4 credits
Science – 4 credits	Science – 4 credits
Social Studies – 4 credits	Social Studies – 4 credits
Speech - .5 credit	Speech - .5 credit
PE – 1 credit	PE – 1 credit
World Language – 2 credits of same language	World Language – 3 credits of same language
Fine Arts – 1 credit	Fine Arts – 1 credit
Electives – 5 ½ credits	Electives – 4 ½ credits
26 total credits	26 total credits <i>plus 4 advanced measures</i>

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Subject Area	Courses
English	English I, II, III, IV
Math <i>Must include Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II</i>	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and 4 th math from courses listed in the <i>DISD High School Course Catalog & Planning Guide</i>
Science <i>Must include Biology, Chemistry, and Physics</i>	Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and 4 th science from courses listed in the <i>DISD High School Course Catalog & Planning Guide</i>
Social Studies	World Geography, World History, US History, Government (.5), Economics (.5)
Speech	Speech or Professional Communications
PE	PE, Athletics, ROTC, Marching Band (fall only), Cheerleading (fall only), Drill Team (fall only), Athletic Training
World Languages	American Sign Language, French, German, Latin, Spanish
Fine Arts	Art, Band, Choir, Dance, Orchestra, Theater



DAP ADVANCED MEASURES

ANY COMBINATION OF THE FOLLOWING:

Score of 3 or above on College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Exam

Score of 4 or above on an International Baccalaureate (IB) Exam

PSAT qualifying score for Commended (or higher), Nat'l Hispanic, or Outstanding Negro Students

A grade of 3.0 or higher on courses that count for college credit or tech prep articulated classes

Original research/project judged by professionals conducted under direction of a mentor

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WHAT ARE THE MAJOR CHANGES?

No
technology
credit
required

No health
credit
required

PE/Athletics
requires
only 1 credit
but can
count up to
4 state
credits

WHAT TO WATCH OUT FOR

Students may no longer substitute Dance for PE credit*

**Dance taken prior to 2010-2011 will count for PE.*

Students may no longer substitute 2-3 credit Career and Technology work-based training courses for PE credit*

**Those courses taken prior to 2010-2011 will count for PE*

Career and Technology courses have been reorganized beginning next year

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

[DISD Counseling Services](#)

The above site includes links to DISD Registration Videos

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/graduation.aspx>

The above site includes links to:

[Side by Side graduation programs](#)

(includes lists of all courses which fulfill specific graduation requirements)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Letters to School Districts](#)

