



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATIONAL ITEM

TOPIC: House Bill 5 Update

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OF: Curriculum & Instruction Department

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

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INFORMATIONAL REPORT:

Provide an update on HB 5 and status on the three sub-committees

1. Assessment and Accountability – Chair: E. Leza, Executive Director of Instructional Accountability
2. Foundation Program/Personal Graduation Plan – Chair: C. Flores, Director of Guidance & Counseling
3. Endorsements – Chair: D. Canales, Executive Director of High School Education



HB 5 Update

By Curriculum & Instruction

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- Under House Bill 5 (HB 5), passed by the 83rd Texas Legislature and signed by the governor, high school students are now required to pass five State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) end-of-course exams to meet the new graduation requirements instead of 15 tests.
- The five assessments under HB 5 include Algebra I, English I (combined reading/writing), English II (combined reading/writing), biology, and U.S. history.
- HB 5 also eliminates the 15 percent grading requirement. Under the rule previously connected to the STAAR end-of-course examinations, a student's score on the STAAR end-of-course exams would have counted 15 percent of the student's final grade in each tested subject area. The STAAR end-of-course cumulative score component has also been eliminated.



Mothers in the Know!

- Texans Advocating for Meaningful Student Assessment (TAMSA) is a statewide, grassroots organization comprised of parents and other community members concerned with the overemphasis on high stakes STAAR tests was the leading group to initiate change.

<http://www.tamsatx.org/>



What Does This Mean?

- We've given students the flexibility they need to pursue whatever dreams may be while maintaining those high standards is a testament to the work we've put into this bill," the Governor said.

Zaragovia, Veronica:. "Now That 'Ink's Dry' on HB 5, Future of Texas Education Bill Secured." Kut.Org: 4:02 pm Mon June 10, 2013 at <http://kut.org/post/now-inks-dry-hb-5-future-tx-education-bill-secured>

- Flexibility for students to move into the workforce or enter post-secondary studies

- Bill still promotes college readiness
- Bill is very much CTE laden
- Bill is very much geared for workforce opportunities
- Bill encourages post-secondary and community partnerships



HB 5 Layout

Broken Into Four Components

- ❖ Curriculum
- ❖ Assessment
- ❖ Accountability
- ❖ Higher Education

Sub-Committees



Committees composed of teachers, counselors, administrators
at all levels, district and post-secondary personnel

- Endorsements/Community Involvement
- Foundation Program/Personal Graduation Plans (PGP) Committee
- Assessment & Accountability Committee



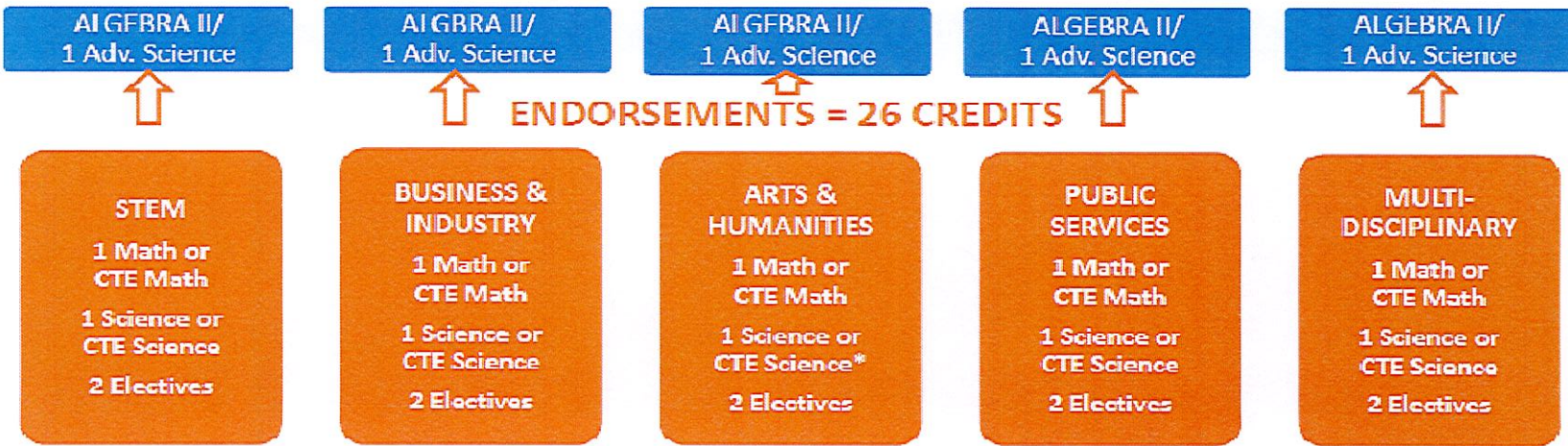
Example: Curriculum

- Foundation
- Endorsements
 - 1. STEM
 - 2. Business and Industry
 - 3. Public Service
 - 4. Arts and Humanities
 - 5. Multidisciplinary

Foundation Plan

Texas High School Diploma

DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT = Eligible for Top 10% Automatic Admission



FOUNDATION = 22 CREDITS **Eligible for General Admission**

4 English Language Arts (ELA I, II, III & advanced English) → **Required EOCs: English I and English II R/W combined**

3 Mathematics (Algebra I, Geometry, & 1 advanced math) → **Required EOC: Algebra I**

3 Soc. Studies (W. Geography or W. History or combined, US History, & government/economics) → **Required EOC: US History**

3 Science (Biology, IPC or advanced science, and additional advanced science) → **Required EOC: Biology**

2 Foreign Languages/programming* 1 Fine Art 1 Physical Education* 5 Electives

*Some additional flexibility is available under specific circumstances.



Clarifying Points

- Commissioner of Education is reviewing and interpreting HB 5 and has provided feedback intermittently to districts.
- The commissioner and TEA will provide more direction in the spring

QUESTIONS