

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## SENIOR

2009 – 2010

**All students must pass State Mandated Assessments in order to graduate**

RECOMMENDED PROGRAM	MINIMUM PROGRAM *
<p><b>English I, II, III, IV</b> (4 credits)</p> <p><b>Math:</b> Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II (3 credits taken in high school)</p> <p><b>Science:</b> Biological and Physical Sciences (3 credits) One credit must come from Biology and two credits from Chemistry, Physics or IPC</p> <p><b>Social Studies:</b> World Geography, World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government, Economics (4 credits)</p> <p><b>Health or Waiver</b> (½ credit)**  <b>Physical Education</b> or Waiver (1½ credits)***  <b>Technology Applications</b> (1 credit)*****</p> <p><b>Communication Applications</b> (½ credit)</p> <p><b>Language Other Than English</b> (2 credits in the same language)</p> <p><b>Fine Arts</b> (1 credit)****</p> <p><b>Electives</b> (5½ credits) – (2) may be local</p> <p><b>26 CREDITS TOTAL</b></p>	<p><b>English I, II, III, IV</b> (4 credits)</p> <p><b>Math</b>—including Algebra I and Geometry (3 credits taken in high school)</p> <p><b>Science:</b> Biological and Physical Sciences (3 credits) One credit must come from Biology, and one credit from IPC</p> <p><b>Social Studies:</b> World Geography, World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government, Economics (4 credits)</p> <p><b>Health or Waiver</b> (½ credit)**  <b>Physical Education</b> or Waiver (1½ credits)***  <b>Technology Applications</b> (1 credit)*****</p> <p><b>Communication Applications</b> (½ credit)</p> <p><b>Electives</b> (8½ credits) – (4) may be local</p> <p><b>26 CREDITS TOTAL</b></p>

**NOTE:** *Within the RECOMMENDED PROGRAM an additional program is available. See additional information on the Distinguished Achievement Program.* Students who graduate with the RECOMMENDED PROGRAM or DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM are eligible for the TEXAS Grant I Program (H.B. 713) if financial need is determined.

**\*\*Health Waiver** – Students may receive a waiver for Health upon successful completion of Health Science Technology I, or JROTC I-III.

**\*\*\*PE Credit/Waiver** - No more than 2 credits of PE or PE equivalency may be used toward state graduation requirements. The following courses may be taken as a PE waiver: Cheerleading (Varsity, Jr. Varsity, Freshman); Drill Team; Dance; Marching Band (1st 9 weeks only); External PE; Athletics; Sport Training; JROTC; three hour Career & Technology course (employment and pre-employment labs) – ½ credit / 9weeks.

**\*\*\*\*Fine Arts** credit under the Recommended Program must be earned from the following list of courses: Art I-IV, all AP Art ,Orchestra I-IV, Choir I-IV, Dance I, Theatre Arts I-IV, Theatre Production I-IV, Technical Theatre I-IV, Band I-IV, or Music Theory.

**\*\*\*\*\*Technology Applications** – The following courses satisfy this requirement: Computer Science I & II, Desktop Publishing, Multimedia, Web Mastering, Business Computer Information Systems I and II, Business Computer Programming and Technology Systems.

Courses which can count in two different categories will satisfy the requirements for both but one will receive a credit and one will be considered as a waiver.

**It is the student's – parent's / guardian's responsibility to be certain that the student meets the requirements for graduation.**