

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FRESHMAN - SOPHOMORE - JUNIOR 2009 – 2010

All students must pass State Mandated Assessments in order to graduate

RECOMMENDED PROGRAM	MINIMUM PROGRAM *
<p>English I, II, III, IV (4 credits)</p> <p>Math: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, one additional approved***** math credit (4 credits)</p> <p>Science: ***** Biological and Physical Sciences (4 credits). One credit must come from Biology and two credits from Chemistry, Physics or IPC. For credit in IPC the course must be taken before the senior year.</p> <p>Social Studies: World Geography, World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government, Economics (4 credits)</p> <p>Health or Waiver (½ credit)**</p> <p>Physical Education or Waiver (1½ credits)***</p> <p>Technology Applications (1 credit)*****</p> <p>Communication Applications (½ credit)</p> <p>Language Other Than English (2 credits in the same language)</p> <p>Fine Arts (1 credit)****</p> <p>Electives (3½ credits)</p> <p>26 CREDITS TOTAL</p>	<p>English I, II, III, IV (4 credits)</p> <p>Math: Including Algebra I and Geometry (3 credits).</p> <p>Science: Biological and Physical Sciences (3 credits). One credit must come from Biology, and one credit from IPC or one credit in each of chemistry and physics.</p> <p>Social Studies: World Geography, World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government, Economics (4 credits)</p> <p>Health or Waiver (½ credit)**</p> <p>Physical Education or Waiver (1½ credits)***</p> <p>Technology Applications (1 credit)*****</p> <p>Communication Applications (½ credit)</p> <p>Electives (8½ credits) – (4) may be local</p> <p>26 CREDITS TOTAL</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.

*******MATH** – The following courses are approved as a fourth credit for math: Precalculus, Independent Study in Mathematics, Advanced Placement (AP) Statistics, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Computer Science, concurrent enrollment in college mathematics courses, Mathematical Models With Applications (taken prior to Algebra II)

*******Science** – The following courses are approved as a fourth credit for science: Astronomy, Aquatic Science, Environmental Systems, Geology, Meteorology and Oceanography (phased out as the new Earth and Space Science course is created), AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics B, AP Physics C, AP Environmental Science, Medical Microbiology and Pathophysiology, Concurrent enrollment in college courses.

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.