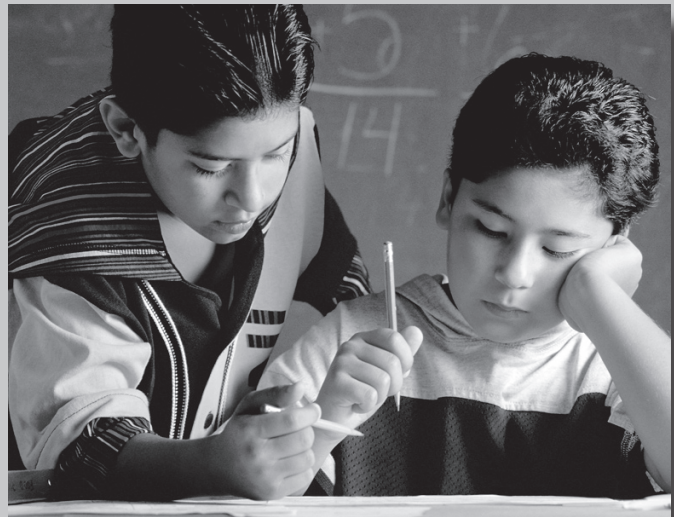


## Middle school curriculum

AREA	UNITS
English-Language Arts	3 units
Reading	3 units
Math	3 units
Science	3 units
Science I	
Science II	
Science III	
Physical Education	3 units
Social Studies	3 units
World Geography	(1)
Texas History	(1)
American History/Citizenship	(1)
Electives*	3 units
Choral and General Music	Band
Art and Yearbook	Spanish
Industrial Arts	Drama

\*may vary among schools



## Graduation requirements

MINIMUM PROGRAM	RECOMMENDED PROGRAM
English I, II, III, IV (4 credits) Math—including Algebra I and Geometry (3 credits taken in high school) Science: Biological and Physical Sciences (3 credits) One credit must come from Biology, and one credit in IPC•  Social Studies: U.S. History, World Geography, World History, U.S. Government, Economics (4 credits) Health or Waiver (1/2 credit)* Physical Education or Waiver (1 1/2 credits)** Technology Applications (1 credit)**** Communication Applications (1/2 credit)  Electives (8 1/2 credits) – (4) may be local  <b>26 CREDITS TOTAL</b>	English I, II, III, IV (4 credits) Math: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II (3 credits taken in high school) Science: Biological and Physical Sciences (3 credits) One credit must be Biology and two credits will be from Chemistry, Physics and IPC• Social Studies: U.S. History, World Geography, World History, U.S. Government, Economics (4 credits) Health or Waiver (1/2 credit)* Physical Education or Waiver (1 1/2 credits)** Technology Applications (1 credit)**** Communication Applications (1/2 credit) Foreign Language (2 credits in the same language must be Level I & II) Fine Arts (1 credit)*** Electives (5 1/2 credits) – (2) may be local  <b>26 CREDITS TOTAL</b>

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.

Freshmen (2007-08) must graduate under the Recommended Plan unless waived by a special committee.

\*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 (first 9 weeks only); External PE; Athletics; Sport Training; JROTC; three-hour Career & Technology course (employment and pre-employment labs) – 1/2 credit/9 weeks.

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

\*\*\*\*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, Technology Systems, and Technology Applications Independent Study.

•One credit in Chemistry and one credit in Physics may be substituted for IPC (Integrated Physics and Chemistry).

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