

Side-by-Side Comparison – Current Graduation Requirements and HB 5 Requirements to be Implemented Beginning in 2014-2015

Discipline	MHSP	RHSP	DAP	Foundation HSP
English Language Arts	Four credits: • English I • English II • English III • English IV or approved alternate course	Four credits: • English I • English II • English III • English IV	Four credits: • English I • English II • English III • English IV	Four credits: • English I • English II • English III • An advanced English course
Mathematics	Three credits: • Algebra I • Geometry • SBOE approved math course	Four credits: • Algebra I • Algebra II • Geometry • An additional math credit	Four credits: • Algebra I • Algebra II • Geometry • An additional math credit	Three credits: • Algebra I • Geometry • An advanced math course
Science	Two credits: • Biology • IPC or Chemistry and Physics (one of the two serves as an academic elective)	Four credits: • Biology • Chemistry • Physics • An additional science credit	Four credits: • Biology • Chemistry • Physics • An additional science credit	Three credits: • Biology • IPC or an advanced science course • Any advanced science course
Social Studies	Four credits: • World History Studies (one credit) or World Geography Studies (one credit) • U.S. History Studies Since 1877 (one credit) • U.S. Government (one-half credit) • Economics (one-half credit)	Four credits: • World History Studies (one credit) • World Geography Studies (one credit) • U.S. History Studies Since 1877 (one credit) • U.S. Government (one-half credit) • Economics (one-half credit)	Four credits: • World History Studies (one credit) • World Geography Studies (one credit) • U.S. History Studies Since 1877 (one credit) • U.S. Government (one-half credit) • Economics (one-half credit)	Three credits: • World History or World Geography or combined W. History/W. Geography • U.S. History • U.S. Government (one-half credit) • Economics (one-half credit)
Physical Education	One credit:	One credit:	One credit	One credit
Languages Other Than English	None	Two credits in the same language	Three credits in the same language	Two credits in the same language Computer programming languages (other exceptions)
Fine Arts	One credit	One credit	One credit	One credit
Speech	One-half credit from either of the following: • Communication Applications • Professional Communications (CTE)	One-half credit from either of the following: • Communication Applications • Professional Communications (CTE)	One-half credit from either of the following: • Communication Applications • Professional Communications (CTE)	
Electives	Seven and one half credits (one must be an academic elective)	Five and one-half credits	Four and one-half credits	Five credits
Total Credits	22	26	26	22
Endorsements				A student may earn an endorsement by successfully completing: • curriculum requirements for the endorsement • four credits in mathematics • four credits in science • two additional elective credits
STEM				Includes courses directly related to: • science, including environmental science • technology, including computer science • engineering • advanced math
Business and Industry				Includes courses directly related to: • database management • information technology • communications • accounting • finance • marketing • graphic design • architecture • construction • welding • logistics • automotive technology • agricultural science • HVAC
Public services				Includes courses directly related to: • health sciences and occupations • education and training • law enforcement • culinary arts and hospitality
Arts and Humanities				Includes courses directly related to: • political science • world languages • cultural studies • English literature • history • fine arts
Multidisciplinary Studies				Allows a student to select courses from the curriculum of each endorsement area and earn credits in a variety of advanced courses from multiple content areas sufficient to complete the distinguished level of achievement
				Total Credits w/endorsement - 26
Distinguished achievement				• Four credits in math, including credit in Algebra II • Four credits in science • Completion of curriculum requirements for at least one endorsement
Performance acknowledgment				▪ for outstanding performance • in a dual credit course • in bilingualism and biliteracy • on an AP test or IB exam • on the PSAT, the ACT-Plan, the SAT, or the ACT ▪ for earning a nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license