

CFISD Graduation Requirements for the Classes of 2018 and Beyond

Students who enter the ninth grade in the **fall of 2014 and thereafter** must enroll in courses necessary to complete the *Foundation High School Program with an endorsement*. Students may also earn *Distinguished Level of Achievement* by including and successfully completing Algebra II in their selected coursework. Students should study the table below which outlines requirements for 22 credits for the *Foundation High School Program* plus the 4 additional credits required for an endorsement. Counselors at each high school will furnish details associated with endorsements and other information necessary for student to complete registration.

Course	Foundation	+ Endorsement	Notes
English	4		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English I, II, and III are required with options for the 4th credit.
PACE (Personal, Academic, & Career Exploration) Or PACE Plus	$\frac{1}{2}$ Or 1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One-half credit is required in grade 9. One credit is required for 9th-grade students who did not pass all 8th-grade core academic classes (language arts, reading, math, science, and social studies) and who have not met the state standards on any 8th-grade STAAR assessment.
Mathematics	3 Algebra I, Geometry, <u>and</u> an additional math course	+ 1 additional advanced math course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra II must be taken to earn the Distinguish Level of Achievement.
Science	3 Biology <u>and</u> IPC, Chemistry, <u>or</u> Physics, <u>and</u> an additional science course	+ 1 additional advanced science course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology is required for all students.
Social Studies	3 World Geography <u>or</u> World History, U.S. History, Government ($\frac{1}{2}$), & Economic ($\frac{1}{2}$)		
Languages other than English (Foreign Language)	2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students may take and earn two credits in the same language.

Health	½		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health may be taken in any grade or through correspondence, summer school, or credit-by-exam.
Physical Education	1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students may earn a maximum of four (4) credits in PE toward graduation-including athletics. Students may meet the PE requirement through after school participation in the fall semester of marching band and cheerleading, and both semesters of drill team and JROTC. Student may also meet the PE requirement if they participate in a district-approved Olympic caliber, off-campus training program. PE credit may be earned through approved correspondence courses.
Fine Arts	1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved fine arts courses include art, music, dance, and theatre courses.
Electives	4	+ 2 additional electives	
Total Credits Required	22	26	

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