

Texas Education Code 28.025(b) requires that Grade 9 students entering in 2004-2005 and thereafter are enrolled in courses necessary to complete the Recommended or Distinguished Achievement Program) unless the student, his/her parent/guardian, and a school counselor or school administrator agree that the student should be permitted to take courses under the minimum High School Program. See your high school counselor to complete the process for any program changes.

### Texas High School Graduation Programs Chart

*Bolded boxes highlight “4 by 4” graduation requirements for Grade 9 students entering in 2007-2008 and thereafter.)*

<b>Curriculum</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Recommended</b>	<b>Distinguished Achievement*</b>
English Language Arts	4 Credits	4 Credits	4 Credits
Mathematics	3 Credits	3 Credits	3 Credits
		<b>4 Credits (Students in Gr. 9 2007-2008 and thereafter)</b>	<b>4 Credits (Students in Gr. 9 2007-2008 and thereafter)</b>
Social Studies	2.5 Credits	3.5 Credits	3.5 Credits
Science	2 Credits	3 Credits	3 Credits
		<b>4 Credits (Students in Gr. 9 2007-2008 and thereafter)</b>	<b>4 Credits (Students in Gr. 9 2007-2008 and thereafter)</b>
Academic Elective	1 Credit •World History or •World Geography or •Approved Science	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Economics	.5 Credit	.5 Credit	.5 Credit
World Languages (Languages other than English)	None	2 Credits, Same Language Levels I, II	3 Credits, Same Language Levels I, II, III
		<b>2 Credits, any two levels in the same language Students in Gr. 9 2007-2008 and thereafter)</b>	<b>3 Credits, any three levels in the same language Students in Gr. 9 2007-2008 and thereafter)</b>
Physical Education/ Athletics	1.5 Credits	1.5 Credits	1.5 Credits
Health Education	.5 Credit	.5 Credit	.5 Credit
Speech	.5 Credit	.5 Credit	.5 Credit
Technology Applications (Computers)	1 Credit <i>(A and B semesters of the same course must be completed) Keyboarding competency is a prerequisite for all Technology Applications courses.</i>	1 Credit	1 Credit
Fine Arts • Art      • Dance • Music    • Theatre	None	1 Credit	1 Credit
Program Credits Excluding Electives	16.5 Credits	20.5 Credits	21.5 Credits
		<b>22.5 Credits</b>	<b>23.5 Credits</b>
Elective Credits	5.5 Credits	3.5 Credits	2.5 Credits
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>22 Credits</b>	<b>24 Credits</b>	<b>24 Credits</b>
<b>Total Credits (Students in Gr. 9 2007-2008 and thereafter)</b>	<b>22 Credits</b>	<b>26 Credits</b>	<b>26 Credits</b>
* To earn the Distinguished Achievement diploma, students must complete four advanced measures in addition to the above credit requirements. See your high school counselor for additional information.			