

# GUIDE TO GRADUATION UNDERSTANDING ENDORSEMENTS AND GRADUATION PLANS

## PERFORMANCE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Students can also earn a performance acknowledgement for dual credit, bilingualism and biliteracy, AP or IB exams, PSAT, ACT-Plan, SAT or ACT testing, or certifications and licensures.

<p>DUAL CREDIT</p>	<p>Successful completion of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least 12 hours of college academic courses, including those taken for dual credit as part of the Texas core curriculum, and advanced technical credit courses, including locally articulated courses, with a grade of the equivalent of 3.0 or higher on a scale of 4.0 or</li> <li>An associate degree while in high school</li> </ol>
<p>BILINGUALISM AND BILITERACY</p>	<p>Demonstrate proficiency in accordance with District grading policy in two or more languages by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete all English language arts requirements and maintaining a minimum grade point average (GPA) of the equivalent of 80 on a scale of 100; and</li> <li>Satisfy one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completion of a minimum of three credits in the same language other than English with a minimum GPA of the equivalent of 80 on a scale of 100; or</li> <li>Demonstrate proficiency in the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Level IV or higher in a language other than English with a minimum GPA of the equivalent of 80 on a scale of 100; or</li> <li>Complete at least three credits in foundation subject area courses in a language other than English with a minimum GPA of 80 on a scale of 100; or</li> <li>Demonstrate proficiency in one or more languages other than English through one of the following methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt;&gt; Score of 3 or higher on a College Board AP exam for a language other than English; or</li> <li>&gt;&gt; Score of 4 or higher on an IB exam for a higher-level languages other than English course; or</li> <li>&gt;&gt; Performance on a national assessment of language proficiency in a language other than English of at least Intermediate High or its equivalent</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>In addition to meeting the requirements to earn a performance acknowledgment in bilingualism and biliteracy, an English language learner must also have:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participated in and met the exit criteria for a bilingual or English as a second language (ESL) program; and</li> <li>Scored at the Advanced High level on the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS).</li> </ol> </li></ol>
<p>AP TEST OR IB EXAM</p>	<p>Earn a:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Score of 3 or above on a College Board advanced placement examination</li> <li>Score of 4 or above on an International Baccalaureate examination</li> </ol>
<p>PSAT, ACT-ASPIRE, SAT, ACT</p>	<p>Earn a:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Score on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) that qualifies the student for recognition as a commended scholar or higher by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation, as part of the National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP) of the College Board or as part of the National Achievement Scholarship Program of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation</li> <li>College readiness benchmark score on at least two of the four subject tests on the ACT-ASPIRE® examination</li> <li>Score of least 410 on the evidenced-based reading section and 520 on the mathematics section of the SAT (<i>Combined critical reading and mathematics score of at least 1310 on the SAT® [pending 2<sup>nd</sup> reading – Jan. 2018]</i>); or</li> <li>Composite score on the ACT® examination of 28 (excluding the writing subscore)</li> </ol>
<p>CERTIFICATION OR LICENSE</p>	<p>Earn a nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Performance on an examination or series of examinations sufficient to obtain a nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification, or</li> <li>Performance on an examination sufficient to obtain a government-required credential to practice a profession</li> </ol>