

GRADUATION PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

Leadership Prep School

House Bill 5 Foundation Program

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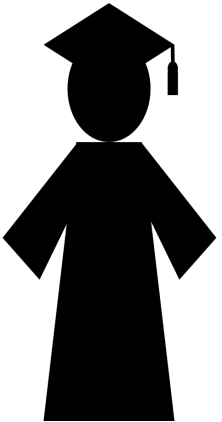
In 2013, the 83rd Texas Legislature established the new Foundation High School Program as the default graduation program for all students entering high school beginning in 2014-2015. The State Board of Education adopted rules related to the new Foundation High School Program in January 2014.

Foundation High School Program

A new, more flexible graduation program that allows students to pursue their interests that went into effect for all students who entered high school, beginning in the 2014-2015 school year.

The program contains up to five parts:

- LPS will require 24-credits foundation program which is the core of the new Texas high school diploma
- The state of Texas only requires 22 credits
- Five endorsement options that allow students to focus on a related series of courses
- A higher performance category called Distinguished Level of Achievement
- Performance Acknowledgments that note outstanding achievement



ENDORSEMENTS



Enhancements

A student may earn the Distinguished Level of Achievement and/or a Performance Acknowledgment for outstanding performance. The Distinguished Level of Achievement must be earned to be admitted to a Texas public university under the Top 10 percent automatic admission law.

Distinguished Level of Achievement

- Foundation Program requirements
- 4 credits in math including Algebra II
- 4 credits in science

Performance Acknowledgments

- dual credit course
- bilingualism and biliteracy
- PSAT, ACT's Plan, SAT or ACT
- at least 1 endorsement
- earning a nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license

TOP 10% RULE

If you're in the top 10% of your graduating class and earn the Distinguished Level of Achievement, you're eligible for automatic admission to any public university in Texas. To meet the requirements for automatic admission, you must:

- Graduate in the top 10% of your class at a public or private high school in Texas, or
- Graduate in the top 10% of your class from a high school operated by the U.S. Department of Defense and be a Texas resident or eligible to pay resident tuition;
- Enroll in college no more than two years after graduating from high school; and
- Submit an application to a Texas public university for admission before the application deadline. (Check with the university for specific deadlines).



CHOICES DETERMINE OPTIONS

Most of the very best jobs available now and in the future require education and training beyond a high school diploma. Whether you intend to pursue a high-demand, industry workforce credential from a community or technical college or a traditional four-year degree from a university, the choices made in high school will determine your future options.

To best prepare yourself now for the transition to post-high school education or quality workforce training, choosing and taking the right classes is essential. The Distinguished Level of Achievement will ensure the best preparation for your future.

Why it Matters- Benefits

The Distinguished Level of Achievement opens a world of educational and employment opportunities for you beyond high school. The Distinguished Level of Achievement will:

- **Allow you to compete for Top 10% automatic admissions eligibility at any Texas public university;**
- **Position you among those first in line for a TEXAS Grant* to help pay for university tuition and fees;**
- **Ensure you are a more competitive applicant at the most selective colleges and universities.**

*Must be financially qualified

What it means

The Distinguished Level of Achievement requires more math and more science than the Foundation High School Program. The Distinguished Level of Achievement requires:

- A total of four credits in math, including Algebra II;
- A total of four credits in science; and
- Successful completion of an endorsement in your area of interest.

Advantages

- Opportunity to earn an endorsement in an area of interest
- More college and university options
- More financial aid options
- Better preparation for college-level coursework at community/technical colleges and universities
- Opportunity for immediate enrollment in classes related to your chosen field of study
- Strong foundation to successfully complete an industry workforce credential or college degree

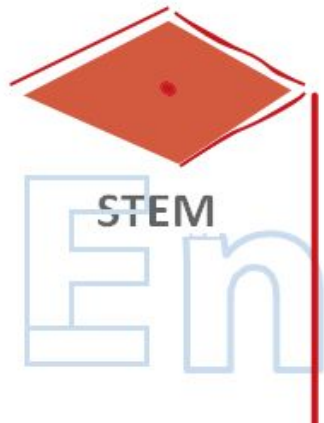
DISTINGUISHED LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT

26 CREDITS* ALGEBRA II REQUIRED* ELIGIBLE FOR TOP 10% AUTOMATIC ADMISSIONS TO TEXAS PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

24 Credits for the Foundation High School Program

Requirements of 1 Endorsement

(including 4th credit of Math and Science and 2 additional electives)



STEM



**Business &
Industry**



**Public
Service**



**Arts &
Humanities**



**Multi-
Disciplinary
Studies**

Endorsements

ENDORSEMENT CHOICES

STEM

- Mathematics
- Science

Business and Industry (one of the following or a combination of areas)

- Arts
- Audio/Video
- English electives in public speaking, debate, advanced journalism such as yearbook

ENDORSEMENT CHOICES

Public Service

Government and Public Administration, Political Science I & II

Arts and Humanities (one of the following)

- 4 Levels of the same language in a language other than English (requires 2 dual credit classes)
- Courses from one or two areas (music, theater, art, dance) in fine arts
- English electives not included in Business and Industry
- 5 Social Studies Credits or Dual Credit Psychology & Sociology

ENDORSEMENT CHOICES

Multi -Disciplinary Studies (one of the following)

- 4 advanced courses from other endorsement areas
- 4 credits in each foundation subject area, including English IV and chemistry and/or physics
- 4 credits or dual credit selected from English, mathematics, science, social studies, economics, LOTE or fine arts

ELECTIVES 2018-2019

Athletics

Art

Band/Jazz Band

Choir

Spanish I/II

Speech/Debate

Theatre

Yearbook

Principles of Info Tech

Computer Programming I,II

Audio Visual Production

Video Game Design

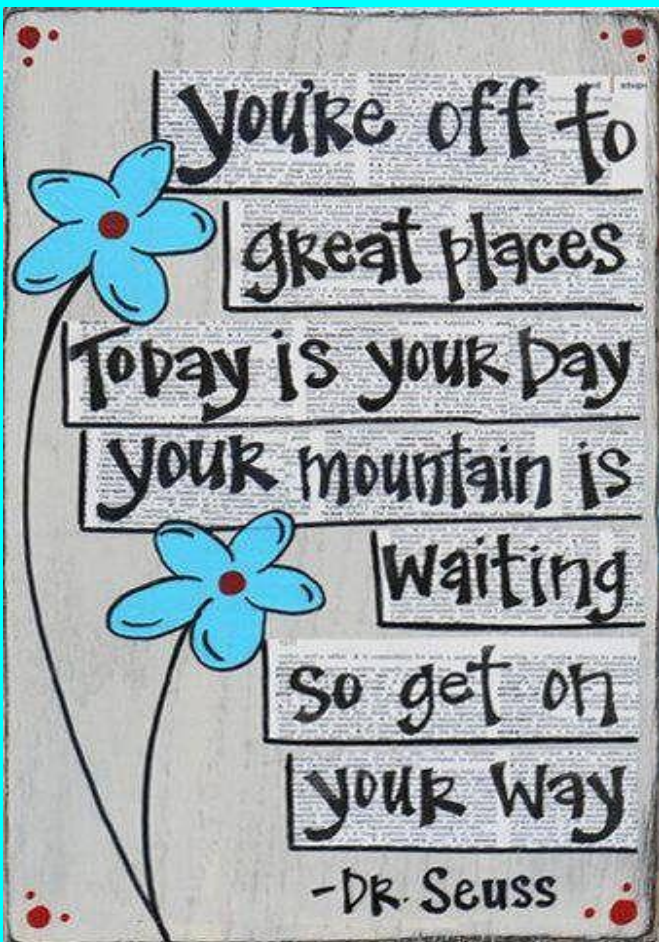
Graphic Design

**Principles of Government and Public
Administration**

Political Science I,II

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