

Side-by-Side Comparison: Graduation Program Options to be Implemented Beginning in 2014-2015

<b>Endorsements</b>	<p>A student may earn an endorsement by successfully completing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• curriculum requirements for the endorsement</li> <li>• a total of four credits in mathematics</li> <li>• a total of four credits in science</li> <li>• two additional elective credits</li> </ul>
<b>STEM</b>	<p>A coherent sequence or series of courses selected from one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CTE courses with a final course from the STEM career cluster</li> <li>• Computer science</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> <li>• Science</li> <li>• A combination of no more than two of the categories listed above</li> </ul>
<b>Business and Industry</b>	<p>A coherent sequence or series of courses selected from one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CTE courses with a final course from the Agriculture, Food, &amp; Natural Resources; Architecture &amp; Construction; Arts, Audio/Video, Technology &amp; Communications; Business Management &amp; Administration; Finance; Hospitality &amp; Tourism; Information Technology; Manufacturing, Marketing; Transportation, or Distribution &amp; Logistics CTE career cluster</li> <li>• The following English electives: public speaking, debate, advanced broadcast journalism including newspaper and yearbook</li> <li>• Technology applications</li> <li>• A combination of credits from the categories listed above</li> </ul>
<b>Public Services</b>	<p>A coherent sequence or series of courses selected from one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CTE courses with a final course from the Education &amp; Training; Government &amp; Public Administration; Health Science, Human Services; or Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security career cluster</li> <li>• JROTC</li> </ul>
<b>Arts and Humanities</b>	<p>A coherent sequence or series of courses selected from one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social studies</li> <li>• The same language in Languages Other Than English</li> <li>• Two levels in each of two language in Languages Other Than English</li> <li>• American Sign Language (ASL)</li> <li>• Courses from one or two categories (art, dance, music, and theater) in fine arts</li> <li>• English electives that are not part of Business and Industry</li> </ul>
<b>Multidisciplinary Studies</b>	<p>A coherent sequence or series of courses selected from one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four advanced courses that prepare a student to enter the workforce successfully or postsecondary education without remediation from within one endorsement area or among endorsement areas that are not in a coherent sequence</li> <li>• Four credits in each of the four foundation subject areas to include English IV and chemistry and/or physics</li> <li>• Four credits in AP, IB, or dual credit selected from English, mathematics, science, social studies, economics, languages other than English, or fine arts</li> </ul>
<b>Total Credits w/endorsement – 26</b>	
<b>Distinguished Level of Achievement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A total of four credits in math, including credit in Algebra II</li> <li>• A total of four credits in science</li> <li>• Completion of curriculum requirements for at least one endorsement</li> </ul>
<b>Performance Acknowledgments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ For outstanding performance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• in a dual credit course</li> <li>• in bilingualism and biliteracy</li> <li>• on an AP test or IB exam</li> <li>• on the PSAT, the ACT-Plan, the SAT, or the ACT</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ For earning a nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license</li> </ul>

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Discipline	Foundation HSP	*MHSP	*RHSP	*DAP
English Language Arts	<b>Four credits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English I</li> <li>English II</li> <li>English III</li> <li>An advanced English course</li> </ul>	<b>Four credits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English I</li> <li>English II</li> <li>English III</li> <li>English IV or approved alternate course</li> </ul>	<b>Four credits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English I</li> <li>English II</li> <li>English III</li> <li>English IV</li> </ul>	<b>Four credits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English I</li> <li>English II</li> <li>English III</li> <li>English IV</li> </ul>
Mathematics	<b>Three credits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Algebra I</li> <li>Geometry</li> <li>An advanced math course</li> </ul>	<b>Three credits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Algebra I</li> <li>Geometry</li> <li>SBOE approved math course</li> </ul>	<b>Four credits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Algebra I</li> <li>Algebra II</li> <li>Geometry</li> <li>An additional math credit</li> </ul>	<b>Four credits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Algebra I</li> <li>Algebra II</li> <li>Geometry</li> <li>An additional math credit</li> </ul>
Science	<b>Three credits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biology</li> <li>IPC or an advanced science course</li> <li>An advanced science course</li> </ul>	<b>Two credits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biology</li> <li>IPC or Chemistry and Physics (one of the two serves as an academic elective)</li> </ul>	<b>Four credits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biology</li> <li>Chemistry</li> <li>Physics</li> <li>An additional science credit</li> </ul>	<b>Four credits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biology</li> <li>Chemistry</li> <li>Physics</li> <li>An additional science credit</li> </ul>
Social Studies	<b>Three credits</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>U.S. History</li> <li>U.S. Government (one-half credit)</li> <li>Economics (one-half credit)</li> <li>World History or World Geography</li> </ul>	<b>Three credits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>U.S. History (one credit)</li> <li>U.S. Government (one-half credit)</li> <li>Economics (one-half credit)</li> <li>World History (one credit) or World Geography (one credit)</li> </ul>	<b>Four credits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>U.S. History (one credit)</li> <li>U.S. Government (one-half credit)</li> <li>Economics (one-half credit)</li> <li>World History (one credit)</li> <li>World Geography (one credit)</li> </ul>	<b>Four credits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>U.S. History (one credit)</li> <li>U.S. Government (one-half credit)</li> <li>Economics (one-half credit)</li> <li>World History (one credit)</li> <li>World Geography (one credit)</li> </ul>
Physical Education	<b>One credit</b>	<b>One credit</b>	<b>One credit</b>	<b>One credit</b>
Languages Other Than English	<b>Two credits in the same language</b> Two credits from Computer Science I, II, and III (other substitutions)	<b>None</b>	<b>Two credits in the same language</b>	<b>Three credits in the same language</b>
Fine Arts	<b>One credit</b>	<b>One credit</b>	<b>One credit</b>	<b>One credit</b>
Speech	<u>Demonstrated proficiency in speech skills</u>	<b>One-half credit from either of the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communication Applications</li> <li>Professional Communications (CTE)</li> </ul>	<b>One-half credit from either of the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communication Applications</li> <li>Professional Communications (CTE)</li> </ul>	<b>One-half credit from either of the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communication Applications</li> <li>Professional Communications (CTE)</li> </ul>
Electives	<b>Five credits</b>	<b>Seven and one half credits (one must be an academic elective)</b>	<b>Five and one-half credits</b>	<b>Four and one-half credits</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>

\* Only available for students who entered grade 9 before the 2014-2015 school year