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Spring
Branch

Independent School District

Graduation Plans for SBISD Students

**Parent U – September 22,
2018**

Purpose

- ★ **To identify the graduation plan options and tools available to SBISD students in order that they can successfully navigate their path to high school graduation and post-secondary success**

The factory model of education is the wrong model for the 21st century. Today, our schools must prepare all students for college and careers-and do far more to personalize instruction and employ the smart use of technology.

Arne Duncan

Build on the strengths
and gifts of each child

Provide students
from poverty the same
opportunities for
success after high
school as those from
non-poverty homes

Instill in every student
the belief that they
can achieve more
than they think
possible

Assure that every
adult in the system is
committed to the
successful completion
of some form of
higher education for
every child



The Foundation Graduation Plan

★ Coursework

- ◆ 22 Foundation Credits
- ◆ 4 Endorsement Credits

★ STAAR EOC Exams

- ◆ Algebra I, Biology, U.S. History, English I, and English II

SBISD Programs of Study

- ★ Spring Branch ISD
- ★ Academy of Choice
- ★ Memorial High School
- ★ Northbrook High School
- ★ Spring Woods High School
- ★ Stratford High School
- ★ Westchester Academy

Graduation Program – Overview

Foundation High School Program

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

The program contains:

- A 22-credit Foundation Plan which is the core of the new Texas high school diploma
- Five endorsement options that allow students to focus on a related series of courses

Foundation Plan (22 credits)

English (4 credits)	English I	English II	English III	An advanced English course
Mathematics (3 credits)	Algebra I	Geometry	An advanced math course	
Science (3 credits)	Biology	Integrated Physics & Chemistry or an advanced science	An advanced science course	
Social Studies (3 credits)	W. History or W. Geography	U.S. History	U.S. Government (.5 credit)	Economics (.5 credit)
Languages other than English (2 credits)	2 credits in the same language or 2 credits in Computer Science			
Physical Education (1 credit)	Fine Arts (1 credit)	Electives (5 credits)		

Foundation Plan with Endorsements (26 credits)

Spring Branch ISD encourages every student to graduate with at least one endorsement.* Select an endorsement below to view specific graduation requirements:



[STEM](#)



[Business/Industry](#)



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[Arts/Humanities](#)



[Multidisciplinary](#)

Enhancements

Additionally, 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	Performance Acknowledgments
• Foundation Program requirements	• dual credit course
• 4 credits in mathematics including Algebra II	• bilingualism and biliteracy
• 4 credits in science	• PSAT, ACT's PLAN, SAT, or ACT
• at least 1 endorsement	• Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exam
	• earning a nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license

* A student entering 9th grade must indicate an endorsement he or she plans to follow. A student may change or add an endorsement at any time.
* A student may graduate without earning an endorsement if, after his or her sophomore year, the student's parent signs a form permitting the student to omit the endorsement requirement.

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Distinguished Achievement

- ★ **To earn Distinguished Achievement:**
 - ◆ **Algebra II**
 - ◆ **4th Science**
 - ◆ **Graduate with at least one Endorsement**

**Only students who have attained
Distinguished Achievement are eligible
for “Top 10%” recognition**

Performance Acknowledgements

- ★ **Dual credit coursework**
- ★ **Bilingualism/biliteracy**
- ★ **PSAT, ACT Plan, SAT, SAT**
- ★ **AP/IB**
- ★ **National certification**

Students Entering 9th Grade

- ★ **Each student selects (in Skyward) an Endorsement and Pathway during 8th Grade. Parents sign off on their student's choices in Skyward**
- ★ **Endorsements can be changed at any time. Please speak with your student's counselor to revisit Endorsement decisions**

9th Grade Students

- ★ **Complete a Four-Year Plan of coursework that will outline the coursework required for graduation with their chosen Endorsement**

Annual Meeting with Counselor

- ★ **Review graduation plan**
 - ◆ **Endorsement**
 - ◆ **Progress on 4-year plan**
- ★ **Discuss post-secondary plan**

Graduation without an Endorsement

- ★ **Students may move to the Foundation Plan without Endorsements after their 10th Grade year with parent approval.**
 - ◆ **SBISD encourages every student to graduate with an Endorsement**

Credit Checklists

MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES ENDORSEMENT

NAME: _____

GRADE: 9 10 11 12

	Credits	Sem A	Sem B	*Subject to campus offerings
ENGLISH				
English 1	4			STAAR:
English 2				STAAR:
English 3				
4th English*				Advanced Course:
MATH				
Algebra 1	4			STAAR:
Geometry				
3 rd Math*				
4 th Math*				Advanced Course:
SCIENCE				
Biology	4			STAAR:
IPC/Chem/Physics				
3 rd Science*				Advanced Course:
4 th Science*				Advanced Course:
SOCIAL STUDIES				
W Geo or W History	3			
US History				STAAR:
US Government				
Economics				
LOTE				
SP FR LN GR CH ASE	2			
SP FR LN GR CH ASE				
PHYSICAL ED	1			
FINE ARTS	1			

ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENTS AND ELECTIVES

MDS ADVANCED COURSES	MDS - 4x4 (English 4; and Chemistry and/or Physics Required)	MDS - AP/DCIB (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, LOTE, or Fine Arts)
1 st Adv Course:	English 4:	1 st AP/DCIB:
2 nd Adv Course:	4 th Math:	2 nd AP/DCIB:
3 rd Adv Course:	4 th Science:	3 rd AP/DCIB:
4 th Adv Course:	4 th Social Studies:	4 th AP/DCIB:

ADDITIONAL CREDITS	A	B	A	B	TOTAL CREDITS	9	10	11	12
					SUBTOTAL				
					CUMULATIVE TOTAL				

COLLEGE READINESS

PSAT (Critical Reading 50, Math 50, Composite 107)	SAT (Critical Reading 500, Math 500, Composite 1070)	TSI (Writing 363/4, Reading 351, Math 350)
Read:	Read:	Write:
Math:	Math:	Read:
		Math:

Credit Checklists

★ **May be downloaded:**

◆ <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B3QcuaE6hmw5MnhzTS1ZNmNELTQ?usp=sharing>

For More Information

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Texas Education Agency

★ TEA - Graduation Toolkit