

High School Guidance Counselor— Recommended Program

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- I. Welcome and Introduction
- II. What is the Purpose of High School?
- III. How do we help our kids achieve this?
 - A. Know your child.
 - a. Learning Styles:
 - b. Strengths and Weaknesses:
 - B. Know your college
 - a. Cost
 - b. Size

c. Types

d. Degree Offered

e. Research

i. Websites

ii. Visits

iii. Talk with parents/ students

C. Tailor curriculum to individual (See Handouts)

1. What is a credit?

2. Differences between programs

3. Which program is best?

D. Build a transcript

1. What should be in it?

2. Grade Weighting

3. Dual Credit

4. Extra-Curricular

5. Community Service

E. Testing

1. SAT

2. ACT

3. TSI- Texas Success Initiative

4. AP Exams

5. Subject Tests

IV. Timeline (See Handout)

V. High School Plan (See Handout)

VI. Questions

VII. Closing

HIGH SCHOOL PLAN

SUBJECT	9th	10th	11th	12th
ENGLISH				
HISTORY				
MATH				
SCIENCE				
SPEECH				
FOREIGN LANGUAGE				
FINE ARTS				
PE				
ELECTIVES				
CREDITS				

TIMELINE FOR HIGH SCHOOL

9 th	<p>English Math – Algebra 1 History Science- Biology Foreign Language</p> <p><u>Fall</u>- PSAT practice</p>
10 th	<p>English Math-Geometry History Science –Chemistry Foreign Language</p> <p><u>Fall</u> -PSAT practice</p>
11 th	<p>English Math- Algebra 2 History Science</p> <p><u>Fall</u>- PSAT (National Merit Scholar) <u>Spring</u>- SAT, ACT <u>Summer</u>-College applications, Research scholarships</p>
12 th	<p>English Math Government/ Economics Science</p> <p><u>Fall</u>- SAT, ACT <u>Fall</u>- College applications, Scholarship applications</p>

Side-by-Side Comparison – Current Graduation Requirements and HB 5 Requirements to be Implemented Beginning in 2014-2015

Discipline	Foundation High School Program	Minimum High School Program	Recommended High School Program	Distinguished Achievement Program
English Language Arts	Four credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English I English II English III An advanced English course 	Four credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English I English II English III English IV or approved alternate course 	Four credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English I English II English III English IV 	Four credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English I English II English III English IV
Mathematics	Three credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I Geometry An advanced math course 	Four credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I Geometry SBOE approved math course 	Four credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I Algebra II Geometry An additional math credit 	Four credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I Algebra II Geometry An additional math credit
Science	Three credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology IPC or an advanced science course Any advanced science course 	Two credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology IPC or Chemistry and Physics (one of the two serves as an academic elective) 	Four credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology Chemistry Physics An additional science credit 	Four credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology Chemistry Physics An additional science credit
Social Studies	Three credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World History or World Geography or combined W. History/W. Geography U.S. History U.S. Government (one-half credit) Economics (one-half credit) 	Four credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World History Studies (one credit) or World Geography Studies (one credit) U.S. History Studies Since 1877 (one credit) U.S. Government (one-half credit) Economics (one-half credit) 	Four credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World History Studies (one credit) World Geography Studies (one credit) U.S. History Studies Since 1877 (one credit) U.S. Government (one-half credit) Economics (one-half credit) 	Four credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World History Studies (one credit) World Geography Studies (one credit) U.S. History Studies Since 1877 (one credit) U.S. Government (one-half credit) Economics (one-half credit)
Physical Education	One credit	One credit	One credit	One credit
Languages Other Than English	Two credits in the same language <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computer programming languages (other exceptions) 	None	Two credits in the same language	Three credits in the same language
Fine Arts	One credit	One credit	One credit	One credit
Speech		One-half credit from either of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication Applications Professional Communications (CTE) 	One-half credit from either of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication Applications Professional Communications (CTE) 	One-half credit from either of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication Applications Professional Communications (CTE)
Electives	Five credits	Seven and one half credits (one must be an academic elective)	Five and one-half credits	Four and one-half credits
Total Credits	22	22	26	26

Endorsements	A student may earn an endorsement by successfully completing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> curriculum requirements for the endorsement four credits in mathematics four credits in science two additional elective credits 			
STEM	Includes courses directly related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> science, including environmental science technology, including computer science engineering advanced math 			

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STEM	Includes courses directly related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • science, including environmental science • technology, including computer science • engineering • advanced math 			
Business and Industry	Includes courses directly related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • accounting • communications • finance • HVAC • marketing • agricultural science • automotive technology • database management • information technology • architecture • construction • graphic design • logistics • welding 			
Public services	Includes courses directly related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • health sciences and occupations • education and training • law enforcement • culinary arts and hospitality 			
Arts and Humanities	Includes courses directly related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • political science • world languages • cultural studies • English literature • history • fine arts 			
Multidisciplinary Studies	Allows a student to select courses from the curriculum of each endorsement area and earn credits in a variety of advanced courses from multiple content areas sufficient to complete the distinguished level of achievement			
Total Credits w/endorsements - 26				
Distinguished achievement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four credits in math, including credit in Algebra II • Four credits in science • Completion of curriculum requirements for at least one endorsement 			
Performance acknowledgment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ for outstanding performance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in a dual credit course • in bilingualism and biliteracy • on an AP test or IB exam • on the PSAT, the ACT-Plan, the SAT, or the ACT ▪ for earning a nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license 			

Extracurricular Activities

[illegible]

Community or Volunteer Service

[illegible]

Talents / Awards / Honors

[illegible]

Employment / Internships / Summer Activities

[illegible]

Helpful Websites:

General information

www.hslda.org

www.tea.state.tx

www.collegeforalltexas.com

Testing

www.collegeboard.com

www.act.org

www.APcentral.com

www.collegeforalltexas.com

www.majortests.com

www.testprepreview.com

www.studyguidezone.com

College Search

www.Edref.com

www.commonapp.org

www.applytexas.org

www.colleges.com

www.topchristiancolleges.com

Scholarship and Financial Aid

www.collegeforalltexas.com

www.collegeanswer.com

www.fafsa.ed.gov

www.fastweb.com

www.schoolsoup.com