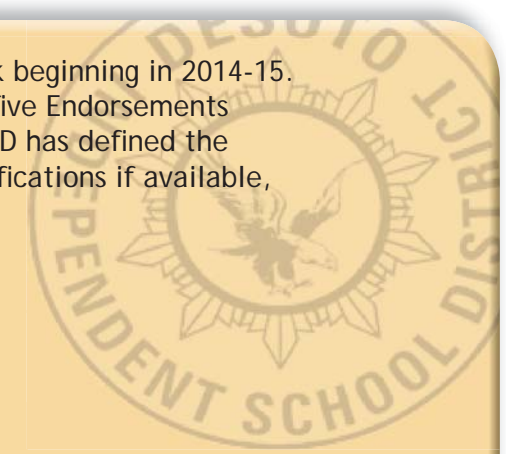


GRADUATION PLANS

As required by HB5, Texas high school graduation plans will take on a new look beginning in 2014-15. Under the new plans, incoming ninth-grade students will choose one of five Endorsements (broad area of study) to focus on when they enter high school. DeSoto ISD has defined the Pathways and Concentrations within each Endorsement, as well as the certifications if available,



Distinguished Level of Achievement

Successful completion of at least one endorsement, including four credits of science and four credits of mathematics, one must be Algebra II. STEM Endorsement is required to take Algebra II, others can take the course as their advanced mathematics.

Eligible for top 10% automatic admission to Texas colleges and universities and are eligible for TEXAS grant.

The STEM Endorsement

(Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

Requires Algebra II*



STEM

- Engineer-Designer
- Robotics

MATH

SCIENCE

The Multidisciplinary Studies Endorsement

Pathways and Concentrations



- 1 Adv. Math/CTE Math
- 1 Adv. Science/CTE Science
- 2 Electives

Students select courses from the curriculum of each endorsement pathway and earn credits in a variety of advanced courses from multiple concentrations.

The Public Services Endorsement

EDUCATION AND TRAINING



- Teacher

HEALTH SCIENCE

- Certified Nurse Aide
- Pharmacy Technician
- Sports Medicine
- General Practice/Pre-Med

HUMAN SERVICES

- Social Work
- Security, Law Enforcement
- Forensic or CSI

COSMETOLOGY

- Stylist

The Arts and Humanities Endorsement

LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH



SOCIAL STUDIES

FINE ARTS:

ART

BAND

- Instrumental Music

CHOIR

DANCE

THEATER

- Theater Director
- Technical Theater
- Actor
- Social Studies

The Business and Industry Endorsement

AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND NATURAL RESOURCES



- Welding or Carpentry
- Animal Systems, Veterinary Assc.
- Plant Systems

TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATIONS

- TV and Radio Broadcasting
- Fashion Design
- Graphic Designer
- A/V Broadcast Production

BUSINESS MGMT. AND ADMIN.

- Management and Supervision
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
- Mgmt. Information Systems (MIS)
 - Software Developer/Engineer
 - Multi-Media Developer
 - Network Engineer

FINANCE

- Accountant
 - Financial Planner, Officer
- MARKETING, SALES & SERVICE
- Entrepreneurship
 - Fashion Marketing
 - Sports and Entertainment Mktg.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

- Aviation
 - Automotive
- HOSPITALITY OR TOURISM

- Chef or Hospitality
- JOURNALISM
- Journalism, PR, Photography

PERFORMANCE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS - A student may earn a performance acknowledgement on their diploma and transcript for *outstanding performance** on any of the following: At least 12 hours of college academic courses; bilingualism or bi-literacy; College Board AP Exam (4-5 score) or IB exam (5 or above score); PSAT (Commended), ACT-PLAN, SAT (1250) or ACT (28); earning a nationally or internationally recognized industry certification. (*see online for details)

22 CREDITS

FOUNDATION GRADUATION PROGRAM



4 CREDITS

ENDORSEMENT



26 CREDITS

DESOTO DIPLOMA

FOUNDATION GRADUATION PROGRAM

(All students must choose an Endorsement plan)

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| 4 ENGLISH
ELA 1,2,3
Advanced English | 3 MATHEMATICS
Algebra I, Geometry
Advanced Math | 3 SCIENCE
Biology, 2 Sciences | 3 SOCIAL STUDIES
U.S. History, Gov./Econ.
World History or Geography | 2 FOREIGN LANGUAGE
1 FINE ARTS
1 PHYSICAL EDUCATION
5 ELECTIVES |
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Personal Graduation Plan (PGP) Sample

GRADE LEVEL	Prd.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9th	English I / Pre-AP English I EOC	Algebra I / Pre-AP Algebra I EOC	World Geo. / Pre-AP World Geography / Endorsement / Elective	Biology / Pre-AP Biology EOC	Languages other than English I (LOTE)	Fine Arts	Physical Education (PE)	Endorsement Course/Elective	Endorsement Course/Elective
10th	English II / Pre-AP English II EOC	Geometry / Pre-AP Geometry	World History / Pre-AP, AP World History / Endorsement / Elective	Chemistry / Pre-AP or Advanced Science	Languages other than English I (LOTE)	Endorsement Course	Endorsement Course/Elective	Endorsement Course/Elective	Endorsement Course/Elective
11th	English III / AP English III	Advanced Math	U.S. History / AP U.S. History EOC	Chemistry / Pre-AP or Advanced Science	Endorsement Course	Endorsement Course	Endorsement Course/Elective	Endorsement Course/Elective	Endorsement Course/Elective
12th	4th English / English IV / Dual Credit	Advanced Math	Government Economics / AP Government Economics	Advanced Science	Endorsement Course	Endorsement Course	Endorsement Course/Elective	Endorsement Course/Elective	Endorsement Course/Elective

NOTES: Students may choose between *World Geography* and *World History* to meet graduation requirements. Many Endorsements have a course sequence, particularly for industry certifications. Students have the opportunity to earn high school credit during middle school that meet graduation requirements.

DeSoto ISD Terminology

DeSoto ISD has built our curriculum offerings into the **Endorsements** plan using the subsection of **Pathways** and then adding defined **Concentrations** to drive students toward their graduation goals and college and career aspirations. Students will select their PGP based on their Endorsement, Pathway and Concentration.

Most Endorsements include several Pathways and Concentrations (see inside) and must include:

- 1 - Adv. Math/CTE Math
- 1 - Adv. Science/CTE Science
- 2 - Electives

EXAMPLES:

- STEM Endorsement, STEM Pathway, Robotics Concentration with a Distinguished Level of Achievement
- Business & Industry Endorsement, Finance Pathway, Accountant Concentration
- Arts & Humanities Endorsement, Theater Pathway, Technical Theater Concentration
- Public Service Endorsement, Health Services Pathway, Pharmacy Technician Concentration, Pharmacy Technician Certification

DHS CTE Certifications

Several Concentrations include an industry certification earned simultaneously.

- Solo Pilot License
- Commercial Pilot License
- Medical Safety Certification
- Automotive All Data Certification
- Valvoline Certification
- OSHA Certification
- CPR/AED Certification
- National Academy of Emergency Dispatchers Certification
- Correctional Certification
- MOS Certification
- Adobe Premier Certification
- Dreamweaver Certification
- A++
- C++
- Cisco
- Food Handlers
- ServSafe
- Certified Daycare Assistant (CDA)
- HIPAA
- Pharmacy Technician
- Certified Nurses Assistant (CNA)
- PAL Mentor Certification
- Peacemaker Mediator Certification

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New Graduation Requirements under HB5

Beginning with incoming 9th grade students in 2014-15

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DeSoto ISD - HB5 Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Foundation Graduation Program?

The Foundation Graduation Program is a core set of classes in the areas of math, English, science, social studies, foreign language, fine arts, physical education and electives that all students must complete as a foundation to graduate from high school.

What is an Endorsement?

All incoming 9th grade students must choose an Endorsement plan to complete the required 26 credits for graduation. There are five Endorsements: STEM, Business & Industry, Public Services, Arts & Humanities, and Multidisciplinary Studies.

What is the Distinguished Level of Achievement (DLA)?

A student can earn the Distinguished Level of Achievement by completing the Foundation Program, earning at least one Endorsement and completing Algebra II. Algebra II must be one of the four math credits and a fourth advanced science must also be earned.

What are the higher education implications?

Foundation and Endorsement-only graduates are eligible for admission but not guaranteed. Distinguished Level students are eligible for **top 10% automatic admission** to Texas colleges and universities and eligible for financial assistance through TEXAS grant.

Which students do these changes impact?

Students entering 9th grade in 2014 (Class of 2018) must select an Endorsement. Students entering 10th, 11th and 12th grade in 2014 may elect to graduate on their current personal graduation plan (PGP) or choose to switch to one of the new PGP defined in HB5.

How will this transition happen?

In Spring 2014, staff will begin an intensive transition phase working with each student, and parents, to explain the differences in the plans and various implications. Informational meetings and individual time will be available for counselor meetings. All students will complete **Career Cruising**, an online plan selection program, that will be used to plan and assess each student's progress. Current DHS Academies will phase out by 2017.

What about End-of-Course (EOC) Exams?

The Legislation reduced the number of required end-of-course exams from 15 to 5 including: English Language Arts (ELA) I & II, Algebra I, Biology and U.S. History.

