

# 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 *available at SHS:*



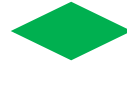
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### Enhancements

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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.