



High School Graduation Requirements

Foundation High School Program

4 credits in English language arts

English I, English II, English III, Advanced English Course

3 credits in Mathematics

Algebra I, Geometry, Advanced Mathematics Course

3 credits in Science

Biology, IPC or Chemistry or Physics

3 credits in Social Studies

US History, W Geography or W History and Government (.5), Economics (.5),

2 credits in Languages Other than English

1 credit in Fine Arts

1 credit in PE

5 credits in electives

(22 Total Credits)

Foundation High School Program with Endorsements

An endorsement requires successfully completing the Foundation High School Program (22 credits) and:

- An additional advanced mathematics course = 4 total credits
- An additional advanced science course = 4 total credits
- Coherent sequence of 4+ credits in CTE
 - 2 of which are in the same career cluster
 - including at least 1 advanced CTE

(26 Credits Total)

Foundation High School Program with Endorsements

What is an Endorsement?

An endorsement a sequence of courses in a concentrated area of study.

Endorsement Areas:

- Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM)
- Business and Industry
- Public Services
- Arts and Humanities
- Multidisciplinary

STEM Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics

INCLUDES COURSES

DIRECTLY RELATED TO:

- Science
- Technology
- Engineering
- Advanced Mathematics

GSHS PATHWAY OPTIONS:

- Math
 - Algebra I , Geometry,
Algebra II and 2
advanced math courses
- Science
 - Biology, Chemistry,
Physics and 2 advanced
science courses

Business & Industry Endorsement

INCLUDES COURSES

DIRECTLY RELATED TO:

- Accounting/Finance
- Agricultural Science
- Business
- Culinary Arts
- Welding
- Information Technology
- Hospitality & Tourism

GSHS PATHWAY OPTIONS:

- Agribusiness
- Animal Science
- Business Management
- Finance
- Horticulture
- Hospitality
- Marketing
- Metal Fabrication
- Wildlife
- Yearbook

Public Services Endorsement

INCLUDES COURSES DIRECTLY RELATED TO:

- Health Sciences
- Human Services
- Education & Training
- Law Enforcement

GSHS PATHWAY OPTIONS:

- Health Science
 - Medical Terminology
 - Medical Certifications
- Human Service
 - Child Development
 - Family & Consumer Services

Arts and Humanities Endorsement

INCLUDES COURSES DIRECTLY RELATED TO:

- Political Science
- World Languages
- Cultural Studies
- English Literature
- History
- Fine Arts

GSHS PATHWAY OPTIONS:

- Social Studies
 - 5 credits
- Spanish
 - 4 credits of the same language
- Fine Arts – Band, Art & Theater
 - 4 credits in the same area OR
 - 2 credits in one area and 2 credits in a different fine arts area

Multidisciplinary Studies Endorsement

- Four by Four
 - 4 English credits
 - 4 Math credits
 - 4 Science credits
 - 4 Social Studies credits
- Dual Credit
 - Four DC courses for 4 credits in English, math, science, social studies foreign language or fine arts
- CTE
 - Four advanced course that prepare students to enter the workforce or postsecondary education

How Will Students Select an Endorsement?

Each 8th grade student will:

- complete an interest inventory
- complete an educational plan of study (4 year plan) based on the student's interests
 - the educational plan of study designates the endorsement the student will pursue
 - students may earn more than one endorsement

Completion of Educational Plan

Counselors will meet with students and parents to create each student's educational plan of study (4 year plan) with an endorsement selection.

What else do I need to know?

Distinguished Achievement

Successful completion of all of the following:

- A total of four (4) credits in mathematics which must include Algebra II
- A total of four (4) credits in science
- The curriculum requirements for at least one (1) endorsement

*Students must graduate at the Distinguished Level to qualify for top 10% automatic admissions to Texas public colleges and universities.

What else do I need to know?

Performance Acknowledgements

Successfully completing one of the following:

- 12 hours in dual credit courses with a grade of A or B
- achieve National Merit/Commended Scholar on PSAT, SAT or the ACT
- earning an industry-based license or certification

What else do I need to know?

Dual Credit Opportunities

- Currently offering courses to complete an Associate of Arts degree in General Studies
- Courses available to all high school students meeting TSI testing criteria
- Cost - \$175 per course per semester
 - Currently up to \$525 per student/per semester is paid by GSISD for tuition
 - Currently books paid by GSHS
 - If < 3 courses student pays \$100/per course deposit which is reimbursed with a final grade of C or better

GRAND SALINE HS ASSOCIATES PLAN-ADV MATH

Course Name/ISD	Credit	Course #	Course Name/TJC	Credit
Year 1 Grade 9				
Learning Framework (Local)	0.5	EDUC 1300	Learning Framework	3
Teen Leadership	0.5			0
English 1A	1			0
Geometry A	1			0
Biology	1			0
Spanish I	1			0
W Geo or W Hist	1			0
Art DC	0.5	ART 1301	Art Appreciation	3
Elective	1.5			0
Total Year 1/Grade 9	8			6
Year 2 Grade 10				
English 2 A	1			0
Algebra 2 A	1			0
Chemistry or Physics	1			0
Psychology DC	0.5	PSYCH 2301	General Psychology	3
Spanish 2	1			0
US History DC	1	HIST1301/1302	US History 1/2	6
Electives	2.5			0
Total Year 2/Grade 10	8			9
Year 3/ Grade 11				
English 3A	1	ENGL1301/1302	Comp 1&2	6
Ind Study Math	1	MATH 1314/1316	Coll Alg/PreCal	6
Sci Res Des	1	BIOL2406/2411	Env Sci/Gen Botany	8
Economics	0.5			0
Elective	4.5			0
Total Year 3/Grade 11	8			20
Year 4/Grade 12				
Speech/Humanities DC (4th Yr Eng Req)	1	SPCH 1315/HUM 1301	Public Spkg/Intro Hum 1	6
Ind Study Math 2	1	MATH 2413/1342	Calculus/Stats	7
Sci Res Des	1	BIOL 1406/1407	Majors Biology	8
Government DC/SS Adv	1	GOVT2305/2306	Govt Fed/TX	6
Electives	4			0
Total Year 4/Grade 12	8			27
Total Credits/ 4 Years	32			62

What else do I need to know?

- Graduation requirements
 - 5 credits must be earned to become a 10th grader
- Become Involved
 - Extra-curricular activities
 - Community service
 - Leadership roles
 - Summer academic programs

- Prepare document organizer
 - Academic records
 - Activities
 - Awards
- College and Career Readiness
 - Maintain good grades
 - College entrance is determined by GPA, rank and scores on college entrance exams (SAT/ACT)



Questions?

For questions, please contact your student's counselor.

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