

ORE CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT HB 5 GRADUATION PLAN

During the 83rd Texas Legislature, House Bill 5 was signed into law and changed high school graduation requirements for students who will be freshmen during the 2014-2015 school year. The bill provides more flexibility for high school students to pursue higher education or a career pathway. It established one graduation plan—Foundation High School Program (FHSP) - with an opportunity to earn Endorsements and Performance Acknowledgements along with graduating as a Distinguished student.

Below is a snapshot of the new graduation requirements. Please note: This is a working document and changes could be forthcoming. OCISD will provide a detailed high school course description guide that outlines these requirements to students who will be freshmen during the 2014-2015 school year.

Foundation – Only 22 CREDITS

Students may opt to the foundation Only after completing sophomore year.

English Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies	Foreign Language	PE	Fine Arts	Required Electives	Elective Credits
4 Credits	3 Credits	3 Credits	3 Credits	2 Credits	1 Credit	1 Credit	1 ½ Credit	3 ½
ELA I ELA II ELA III ELA 4 or Advanced ELA	Algebra I Geometry Advanced Math	IPC Biology Advanced Science	U.S. History World Geography Govt/Economics	Spanish I Spanish II	PE Athletics Marching Band	Art Band Theater	Professional Communications (½) World History	Student Choice

Foundation + Endorsements

(One advanced math and one advanced science required + 4 courses in selected Endorsement)

Business and Industry	Agriculture	Information Technology	Journalism- Yearbook	
Arts and Humanities	Social Studies	Fine Arts: Music	Fine Arts: Art	Fine Arts: Theatre
Public Services	Human Services	Education and Training		
Stem	STEM Math	STEM Science		
Multidisciplinary	4 Advanced	4 x 4 Plan	4 Dual Credit Courses	

Distinguished Level of Achievement

Complete the FOUNDATION PLAN

4 credits in Math which includes Algebra II

4 credits in science

Complete curriculum requirements for at least one ENDORSEMENT

A student in the top 10% must earn Distinguished Level of Achievement to be eligible for automatic admission to a Texas public college or university

Performance Acknowledgements

Outstanding performance in:

Dual credit course
Bilingualism & Biliteracy
On an AP test
On the PSAT, ACT-Plan, the ACT
Earn a nationally or internationally recognized business/
industry certification/ license by achievement on an exam.

State Assessment Required for Graduation

English I, II; Algebra I; U.S. History; Biology

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