

Graduation Requirements and Credits

Endorsements

The Arts & Humanities Endorsement

Social Studies

Languages Other Than English

Fine Arts including:

Art
Dance
Music
Theater
Tech Theater

The Business & Industry Endorsement

Agriculture Sciences
Architecture & Construction
Arts, Audio/Video, Tech & Communication
Finance
Hospitality & Tourism
Manufacturing
Transportation

English Electives Including:
Newspaper
Public Speaking
Debate

The Public Services Endorsement

Human Services
Law, Criminal Justice
Health Science

JROTC (Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps)

The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Endorsement

STEM Including Engineering

High Level Core Areas of Mathematics
Science

The Multidisciplinary Studies Endorsement

Four credits in each of the foundation core areas

Four Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

Four International Baccalaureate (IB) courses

26
Credits

The 26 credits that make up the Foundation Plan + Endorsement come from:

English 1, English 2, English 3, English 4

Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, and one additional Math

Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and one additional Science

W. Geography*, W. History, US History, Government, Economics

Two Years of the same Foreign Language

One Fine Art credit and One PE credit

Half credit Health

Five and a half elective credits (usually what makes up your endorsements)

*AP Human Geo taught at CHS 9 can substitute for World Geo

Students may also obtain these performance acknowledgements-

Testing- AP, SAT, ACT, PSAT

Bilingual

Dual Credit

Licensures/Certifications



Distinguished Graduates

- Take required course work
- Earn an endorsement
- Take Algebra 2
- Required for the Top 10% Rule

Top 10% students have automatic admission to Texas public universities, except UT who can lower theirs as needed.

How credits are determined-

- Credits are awarded based on the semester average
- Each 9 weeks grade is worth 42.5%, the semester exam is worth 15%
- If a student fails the fall semester, they can use the spring semester to average. Ex: Fall is 65 and Spring is 75, yearly average would be 70 and credit is awarded for the year. Student MUST pass the spring to bring the average up.
- Semester averages are what is used to determine GPA and Rank
- Semester averages are posted on the student's transcript

Grade breakdown

A = 100-90

B = 89-80

C = 79-75

D = 74-70

F = below 70

The level of the course and the semester average determine the GPA points you earn. Your GPA determines your class rank. See chart from Program of Studies:

Grade Range	Letter Semester Grade	*AP/DC	Core PreAP/H	Level & All Other Courses
90-100	A	6.0	5.0	4.0
80-89	B	5.0	4.0	3.0
75-79	C	4.0	3.0	2.0
70-74	D	3.0	2.0	1.0
Below 70	F	0	0	0

*Includes all AP courses plus dual credit required core courses taught on the high school campus.