## **FORT WORTH ISD**

## GUIDE TO GRADUATION UNDERSTANDING ENDORSEMENTS AND GRADUATION PLANS

## **GRADUATION PLANS**

Fort Worth ISD offers three (3) graduation plans:

- Distinguished Level of Achievement 26 credits \*Recommended graduation plan for all students
- Foundation High School Program + Endorsements 26 credits
- Foundation High School Program 22 credits
  - \*Option not eligible for selection until after the completion of sophomore year.

The Distinguished Level of Achievement (DLA) designation upon graduation must be earned in order to be eligible for top 10 percent automatic admission to a public Texas university.

In order to earn a DLA designation, a student must successfully complete four math credits, including Algebra II; four science credits and an endorsement requirement.

Foundation High School Program = 22 CREDITS	Foundation High School Program + Endorsements = <b>26 CREDITS</b>	Distinguished Level of Achievement =  26 CREDITS  (Recommended graduation plan for all students)
<ul> <li>4 English Credits:</li> <li>ELA I</li> <li>ELA II</li> <li>ELA III</li> <li>One credit in any advanced English course</li> </ul>	4 English Credits:  ELA I  ELA II  ELA III  One credit in any advanced English course	<ul> <li>4 English Credits:</li> <li>ELA I</li> <li>ELA II</li> <li>ELA III</li> <li>One credit in any advanced English course</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>3 Math Credits:</li> <li>Algebra I</li> <li>Geometry</li> <li>One credit in any authorized math course</li> </ul>	4 Math Credits:      Algebra I      Geometry      Two credits in any advanced math course (one of those credits is to satisfy endorsement requirements)	4 Math Credits:     Algebra I     Geometry     Algebra II     One credit in any advanced math course to satisfy endorsement requirements
<ul> <li>3 Science Credits:</li> <li>Biology</li> <li>One credit in IPC or Chemistry or Physics One credit in any advanced science course</li> </ul>	4 Science Credits:  • Biology  • One credit in IPC or Chemistry or Physics  • Two credits in any advanced science course (one of those credits is to satisfy endorsement requirements)	<ul> <li>4 Science Credits:</li> <li>Biology</li> <li>One credit in IPC or Chemistry or Physics</li> <li>Two credits in any advanced science course (one of those credits is to satisfy endorsement requirements)</li> </ul>
4 Social Studies Credits:  World/Human Geography  World History  U.S. History  Government, Economics	4 Social Studies Credits:  World/Human Geography  World History  U.S. History  Government, Economics	4 Social Studies Credits: World/Human Geography World History U.S. History Government, Economics
2 World Language Credits	2 World Language Credits	2 World Language Credits
l Physical Education Credit	l Physical Education Credit	1Physical Education Credit
1 Fine Arts Credit	l Fine Arts Credit	1Fine Arts Credit
<b>0.5</b> Health Credit	0.5 Health Credit	0.5 Health Credit
0.5 Speech Credit	0.5 Speech Credit	0.5 Speech Credit
3 Elective Credits	5 Elective Credits	5 Elective Credits
Students may opt to Foundation-only after completing Sophomore year	Credit requirements specific to at least one endorsement	Credit requirements specific to at least one endorsement. A student must graduate under this plan to be eligible for the Top 10% Automatic Admission in State Universities