

Texas State Graduation Guidelines

A student may graduate and receive a diploma only if the student successfully completes [see EIF Legal]:

I The curriculum requirements identified by the State Board of Education [For current state graduation requirements, see <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter074/index.html>.] **and** has performed satisfactorily on the exit-level assessments

or

II An individualized education program (IEP) developed under Education Code 29.005.

Commencement

Board policy FMH states to participate in commencement exercises, all students shall successfully complete the necessary requirements in I or II above and shall obey the rules regarding appropriate conduct at graduation ceremonies and practices.

Transcript

A student's transcript is the academic achievement record by year of each course taken by the student. Upon entering 9th grade in high school, students will receive grade classification based upon the number of state graduation credits earned. Each semester of a high school state course successfully passed will give the student one-half credit toward graduation.

Along with this record, Crowley ISD reports two grade point averages on each student's transcript: the Straight 4.0 GPA and the Weighted/Calibrated GPA which is used to determine class rank. Each Grade Point Average converts a numeric semester grade from each course taken for high school credit to grade points.

GPA Calculation

Grade Point Averages (GPA) and Class Rank are calculated/updated three times annually:

- ◆ after the end of the first semester
- ◆ after the end of the school year
- ◆ after summer courses, including college credit courses

and per board policy EIC (Local), for graduating seniors GPA and Class Rank will be calculated at the end of the 5th Six-Weeks.

How do I request a copy of my student's transcript?

- A student or parent/guardian may request a transcript from the counseling office in writing indicating the desired deadline.
- Provide the school a reasonable amount of time to fulfill each request:, approximately three (3) business days to one week (5 business days).

The cost per transcript copy will be \$1.00 after two initial copies are provided free of charge.



**Great Expectations,
Great Rewards**

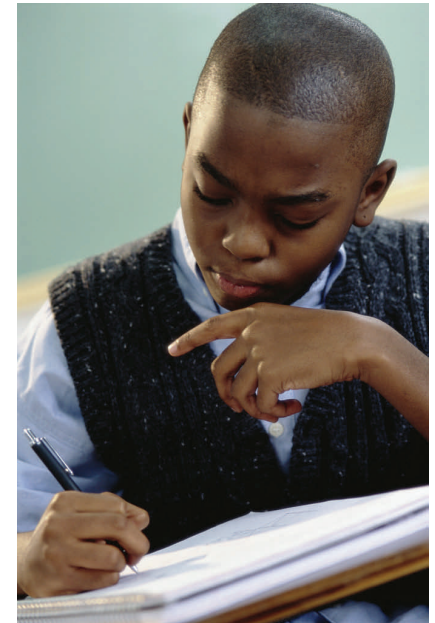
If you have questions regarding graduation requirements, please contact your child's counselor at their home campus.

See also Academic Handbook
at www.crowley.k12.tx.us
From Parents and Students
Parent Toolbox to
Student Policies and Forms

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A Parent's Guide to Graduation Requirements



**Beginning with the
Graduation Class
of 2011
and beyond**

Distinguished Achievement High School Program*
Total Credits: 26

English Language Arts ♦ Four credits:

Mathematics ♦ Four credits:

Science ♦ Four credits:

Social Studies ♦ Three and one-half credits:

Economics with emphasis on the free enterprise system and its benefits ♦ One-half credit

Academic Elective None:

Languages Other Than English ♦ Three credits:

The credits must consist of any three levels in the same language.

Physical Education One credit:

Speech One-half credit:

Fine Arts ♦ One credit:

Elective Courses ♦ Four and one-half credits:

***Advanced Measures** Four:

A student must achieve any combination of four of the following:

Test data:

--a score of three or above on the College Board Advanced Placement exam

--a score on the PSAT that qualifies a student for recognition as a Commended Scholar or higher by the National

Merit Scholarship Corp.; as part of the National Hispanic Scholar Program of the College Board; or as part of the National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

The PSAT score may count as only one advanced measure regardless of the number of honors received by the student.

College/Dual Credit Courses:

--a grade of 3.0 or higher on a 3 hour (or more) academic courses that count for college credit, including Career Technology Ed tech prep programs.

Recommended High School Program

Total Credits: 26

English Language Arts ♦ Four credits:

Mathematics ♦ Four credits:

Science ♦ Four credits:

Social Studies ♦ Three and one-half credits:

Economics with emphasis on the free enterprise system and its benefits ♦ One-half credit

Academic Elective None:

Languages Other Than English ♦ Two credits:

The credits must consist of any two levels in the same language.

Physical Education One credit:

Speech One-half credit:

Fine Arts ♦ One credit:

Elective Courses ♦ Five and one-half credits:

Advanced Measures None:

Minimum High School Program

Total Credits: 23⁺

English Language Arts ♦ Four credits:

Mathematics ♦ Three credits:

Science ♦ Two credits:

Social Studies ♦ Two and one-half credits:

Economics with emphasis on the free enterprise system and its benefits ♦ One-half credit

Academic Elective

One credit: in Science or Social Studies

Languages Other Than English ♦ None:

Physical Education One credit:

Speech One-half credit:

Fine Arts ♦

None:

for students who entered Grade 9 before 2010-11.

One credit:

for students who enter Grade 9 in 2010-11** or later

Elective Courses ♦ Eight⁺ and one-half credits:

** For students who enter Grade 9 in 2010-11 or later, the number of electives will be seven⁺ and one-half credits.

Advanced Measures None:

According to HB3, certain restrictions apply to students who wish to choose this high school plan.

*A student, the student's parent or other person standing in parental relation to the student, and a school counselor or school administrator must agree in writing signed by each party that the student should be permitted to take courses under this high school plan **and** the student must satisfy one of the following criteria:*

- be at least 16 years of age;
- have completed two credits required for graduation in each subject of the foundation curriculum;
- or have failed to be promoted to Grade 10 one or more times.