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EXHIBIT A

GRADUATION PROGRAMS: CLASSES 2014 THROUGH 2017

Students are strongly encouraged to pursue the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program or the Recommended Program. The following credits must be earned for each program:

Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program		Recommended High School Program		Minimum Program	
Subject Areas	Credits	Subject Areas	Credits	Subject Areas	Credits
English	4	English	4	English	4
Communications Applications	1/2	Communications Applications	1/2	Communications Applications	1/2
Mathematics (including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Precalculus)	4	Mathematics (including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II)	4	Mathematics (including Algebra I, Geometry)	3
Science (Biology + select from Chemistry, Physics/Principles of Technology, or another approved course)	4	Science (Biology + select from IPC, Chemistry, Physics/Principles of Technology, or another approved course)	4	Science (Biology + select from IPC, Chemistry, Physics, or Principles of Technology)	2
Social Studies (World Geography, World History, U.S. History, Government, Economics)	4	Social Studies (World Geography, World History, U.S. History, Government, Economics)	4	Social Studies (World Geography, World History, U.S. History, Government, Economics)	4
Physical Education*	1	Physical Education*	1	Physical Education*	1
Health	1/2	Health	1/2	Health	1/2
Languages Other Than English	3	Languages Other Than English	2	Languages Other Than English	0
Fine Arts	1	Fine Arts	1	Fine Arts	1
Electives	4	Electives	5	Electives	6
Total Credits Required:	26	Total Credits Required:	26	Total Credits Required:	22

*Credit for physical education courses may be earned through participation in athletics, JROTC, or an appropriate private or commercially sponsored physical activity program for a maximum of 4 credits, or through participation in marching band, cheerleading, or drill team.

Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program

In order to complete the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program, students must meet the requirements of the Recommended High School Program, of which 5 credits must be taken in Pre-AP, GT, or AP level courses. Additionally, students must complete four Advanced Measures to be chosen from any combination of:

1. Original culminating research/project judged by a panel of professionals in the field of study, or conducted under the direction of mentor(s) and reported to an appropriate audience. (Limited to 2)
2. Score of 3 or better on a College Board AP Exam. (Each exam may count as one measure.)
3. PSAT score that qualifies for recognition as a Commended Scholar or higher.
4. College Courses: college academic courses and Tech Prep articulated college courses with a grade of 3.0 or higher.

EXHIBIT B

GRADUATION PROGRAMS: CLASSES 2018 AND THEREAFTER

All District students must pursue the foundation program with an endorsement or the distinguished level of achievement on entering grade 9. The endorsement requirements are listed below the following chart.

Foundation program		Foundation program with an endorsement		Distinguished level of achievement under the foundation program+	
Subject Areas	Credits	Subject Areas	Credits	Subject Areas	Credits
English English I, II, and III and an advanced English course	4	English Same	4	English Same	4
Communications Applications / Professional Communications (Speech)*	1/2	Communications Applications / Professional Communications (Speech)* Same	1/2	Communications Applications / Professional Communications (Speech)* Same	1/2
Mathematics Algebra I, Geometry, and an advanced math course	3	Mathematics Algebra I, Geometry, and two advanced math courses	4	Mathematics Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and an additional advanced math course	4
Science Biology, IPC, and one advanced course OR Biology and two advanced courses	3	Science Biology, IPC and two advanced courses OR Biology and three advanced courses	4	Science Same as foundation with an endorsement	4
Social Studies World Geography*, World History, U.S. History, Government, and Economics	4	Social Studies Same	4	Social Studies Same	4

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Physical Education**	1	Physical Education**	1	Physical Education**	1
Health*	1/2	Health*	1/2	Health*	1/2
Languages Other Than English	2	Languages Other Than English	2	Languages Other Than English	2
Fine Arts	1	Fine Arts	1	Fine Arts	1
		Requirements for an endorsement	See next page	Requirements for an endorsement	See next page
Electives	3	Electives (including endorsement courses)	5	Electives (including endorsement courses)	5
Total Credits Required:	22	Total Credits Required:	26	Total Credits Required:	26

+ A student must earn the distinguished level of achievement under the foundation program to be eligible for top ten percent automatic admission.

* Some designated courses will substitute for speech; those courses will be designated in the course description book.

** Credit for PE courses may be earned through participation in athletics, JROTC, marching band, cheerleading, drill team, or appropriate private or commercially sponsored physical activity programs for a maximum of 4 credits.

A student may graduate under the foundation high school program without an endorsement if, after the student's sophomore year, a committee including the student, the student's parent, and the school counselor determine that it is in the best interest of the student to bypass the benefits of graduating with an endorsement. A student served by an ARD committee may also graduate without an endorsement.

Endorsement Areas*	
STEM	<p>Student must take foundation curriculum plus one additional math and science, including Algebra II, Chemistry, and Physics, and one of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coherent sequence of four courses in the following programs of study: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Computer science b. Engineering – Aerospace, Aviation, Biomedical, Civil, or Environmental c. Aviation Science 2. Five credits in Mathematics – Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and two additional advanced courses. 3. Five credits in science – Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and two additional advanced courses.

	4. In addition to Algebra II, Chemistry, and Physics, a sequence of three additional courses from 1, 2, and 3 above.
Business and Industry	<p>Student must take foundation curriculum plus one additional math and science and one of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coherent sequence of 4 credits in the following programs of study: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Agriculture b. Applied Technology, Office Management c. Architecture and Construction d. Arts, AV Technology, and Communications e. Business, Marketing, and Finance f. Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics g. Airport Operations and Management h. Information Technology i. Manufacturing j. Hospitality and Tourism 2. Four English elective credits include three levels of one of the following: journalism, broadcast journalism, newspaper, yearbook, or debate.
Public Services	<p>Student must take foundation curriculum plus one additional math and science and one of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coherent sequence of four courses in the following programs of study: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Education and training b. Health sciences c. Human services - Cosmetology d. Law and public service 2. Four courses in JROTC.
Arts & Humanities	<p>Student must take foundation curriculum plus one additional math and science and one of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A total of five social studies courses. 2. Four levels of the same language in a language other than English, including ASL. 3. Two levels of two different languages other than English. 4. Coherent sequence of 4 credits in one or two disciplines of fine arts. 5. Four English elective advanced courses, which may include English IV and beyond.
Multidisciplinary Studies	<p>Student must take foundation curriculum plus one additional math and science and one of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Four advanced courses from within one endorsement area or among endorsement areas that are not in a coherent sequence. 2. Four credits in each of the four foundation subject areas to include English IV and chemistry and/or physics. 3. Four credits in AP or dual credit selected from the foundation subject areas, languages other than English, or fine arts.

* Not all programs of study are available at all campuses.

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PERFORMANCE ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A student may earn a performance acknowledgement under the foundation program for outstanding performance as described below:

Dual credit course	At least 12 college hours with a grade of 3.0 out of 4.0
Bilingualism and Biliteracy	Minimum GPA in English courses and has satisfied one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least 3 credits in the same language other than English with at least an 80 average;• A score of 3 or higher on a College Board AP exam in a language other than English; or• If the student is an English language learner, he or she must also have exited the ESL program and scored Advanced High on the TELPAS.
AP Exam	Score of at least a 3 on an AP exam.
PSAT, ACT-Plan, SAT, ACT	A minimum score as described below on one of the following exams: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Earning a score on the PSAT/NMSQT that qualifies the student for recognition as a commended scholar or higher, or recognized as a National Hispanic Scholar or National Achievement Scholar;• Achieving the college readiness benchmark score on the ACT-Plan in at least two of the four subjects;• Earning a combined critical reading and mathematics score of at least 1250 on the SAT; or• Earning a composite score of 28 on the ACT.
Nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certificate	Qualification for an approved federal, state, or industry certification or license related to the student's program of study. An approved list will be provided by the Texas Education Agency.

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