

GRADUATION PROGRAMS AND REQUIREMENTS

Courses	Number of Credits Foundation Plan	Number of Credits Foundation Plan with Endorsement <sup>5</sup>
English/Language Arts	4	4
Mathematics	3	4
Science	3	4
Social Studies	3 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup>
Physical Education	1 <sup>3</sup>	1 <sup>3</sup>
Speech	0.5	0.5
Personal Financial Literacy/Dollars & Sense	0.5	0.5
Teen Leadership <sup>1</sup>	0.5	0.5
Language Other than English	2 <sup>4</sup>	2 <sup>4</sup>
Fine Arts	1	1
Electives	9.5 credits	7.5 credits
Miscellaneous	Successful completion of state testing requirements.	Successful completion of state testing requirements;  Complete, coherent sequence courses for 4 or more credits;  Eligible for Distinguished Level of Achievement <sup>6</sup> ; and  Eligible for Performance Acknowledgments <sup>7</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>28 credits</b>	<b>28 credits</b>

<sup>1</sup>Required for graduation effective for students entering the ninth grade in 2016–17 school year.

<sup>2</sup>World Geography, U.S. History, Government, and Economics required.

<sup>3</sup>P.E., athletics, or two fall semesters of marching band, cheer, or drill team.

<sup>4</sup>Two credits in the same language or computer programming language. If a student, in completing the first credit of LOTE, demonstrates that he or she is unlikely to be able to complete the second credit, World History may be substituted with administrator approval.

<sup>5</sup>Students must select an endorsement upon entering the ninth grade, and the endorsements offered at Whitewright High School include:

- STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics);
- Business and Industry;
- Public Services;
- Arts and Humanities; and
- Multidisciplinary Studies.

Information regarding specific courses offered in each curriculum area are distributed to students each spring in order to enroll in courses for the following school year. Please be aware that not all courses are offered every semester. A student who wishes to take a course not offered during a given semester should contact the counselor to discuss alternatives.

<sup>6</sup>Students must complete a total of 4 credits in math, including Algebra II. Students must also complete 4 credits in science and complete all of the curriculum requirements for at least one endorsement.

<sup>7</sup>Students may earn a performance acknowledgment in the following areas:

1. Outstanding performance in a dual credit course: At least 12 hours of college academic courses, including those taken for dual credit as part of the Texas core curriculum, and advanced technical credit courses, including locally articulated courses, with a grade of the equivalent of 3.0 or higher on a scale of 4.0.
2. Outstanding performance in bilingualism and biliteracy: Completing all English language arts requirements and maintaining a minimum grade point average (GPA) of the equivalent of 80 on a scale of 100, and completion of a minimum of 3 credits in the same language in a language other than English with a minimum GPA of the equivalent of 80 on a scale of 100.
3. Outstanding performance on a College Board Advanced Placement test: A score of 3 or above on a College Board Advanced Placement examination.
4. Outstanding performance on an established, valid, reliable, and nationally norm-referenced preliminary college preparation assessment instrument used to measure a student's progress toward readiness for college and the workplace:
  - a. Earning a score on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) that qualifies the student for recognition as a commended scholar or higher;
  - b. Achieving the college readiness benchmark score on at least two of the four subject tests on the ACT Aspire™ examination;
  - c. Earning scores of at least 410 on the evidence-based reading section and 520 on the mathematics section of the SAT®; and
  - d. Earning a composite score on the ACT® examination of 28 (excluding the writing sub-score).
5. Earning a state-recognized or nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license.