

Course Requirements	To graduate, a student must complete the courses required by the District in addition to those mandated by the state.
Foundation Program	<p>A student shall enroll in courses specified by the District to complete the distinguished level of achievement under the foundation program.</p> <p>A student may graduate under the foundation program without earning the distinguished level of achievement if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The student and the student's parent or person standing in parental relation to the student are advised by the school counselor of the specific benefits of graduating from high school under the distinguished level of achievement; and2. The student's parent or person standing in parental relation to the student files with a school counselor written permission, on a form provided by the District, allowing the student to graduate with an endorsement without earning the distinguished level of achievement. <p>The courses that satisfy District requirements under the foundation program, including courses for the distinguished level of achievement and courses for endorsements offered by the District, shall be listed in appropriate District publications.</p>
Without an Endorsement	The District requires no additional credits beyond the number mandated by the state to graduate under the foundation program without an endorsement. Graduation under the foundation program without an endorsement shall be permitted only as authorized under state law and rules.
With an Endorsement	The District requires no additional credits beyond the number mandated by the state to graduate under the foundation program with an endorsement.
Distinguished Level of Achievement	The District requires no additional credits beyond the number mandated by the state to graduate under the foundation program with the distinguished level of achievement.
Required Elective	Beginning with the graduating class of 2021, all students in grade 9 shall be required to complete a project-based learning course on college and career planning offered by the District as one of their electives under the foundation program. Students who transfer to the District after grade 9 shall not be required to complete the course.
Fine Arts Substitutions	To the extent permitted by state rules, the District shall award state graduation credit in fine arts for participation in an approved community-based fine arts program.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
GRADUATION

EIF
(LOCAL)

**Physical Education
Substitutions**

Activities and
Courses

To the extent permitted by state rules, the District shall award state graduation credit in physical education for participation in approved activities and elective courses.

Private or
Commercial
Programs

The District shall award state graduation credit in physical education for appropriate private or commercially sponsored physical activity programs conducted either on or off campus, upon approval by the commissioner of education. [See also EHAC]