

House Bill 5 - The Foundation High School Program and High School Graduation Requirements

Lago Vista Independent School District

## + What does HB 5 change?

#### ■ New Graduation Plans

- From MHSP/RHSP/DAP (Current)
- To Foundation High School Plan
- Requires every student entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade in 2014-2015 to choose an endorsement

#### Courses

- College Prep Courses for Math and ELA
- Speech
- Algebraic Reasoning & Statistics

## What are other changes?

#### Changes to Testing Requirements

- From 15 to 5 EOCs (Algebra I, Biology, English I/ II, and US History)
- Eliminated 15% rule
- TEA must assign a scale score to each EOC and convert it to a 100 point scale
- No more than 2 benchmarks per year
- Students may not be removed for remedial instruction more than 10% of the days class is offered (except with parent permission)
- LEP students must be enrolled 60 consecutive days for the purpose of determining state test participation.

### What about our current students?

- House Bill 5 graduation requirements will only affect students entering Grade 9 in 2014-2015
- Lago Vista ISD is strongly encouraging all current 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> graders to remain on their Recommended or Distinguished graduation plans.
- The Uniform Admission Policy for Texas institutions of higher education has NOT been updated to reflect new graduation requirements.

## Comparison of Graduation Changes

CURRENT (prior 2014-15)	FUTURE (2014-15 and after)
<ul><li>✓ Minimum Program</li><li>✓ (22 credits)</li></ul>	<ul><li>✓ Foundation program</li><li>✓ (22 credits)</li></ul>
<ul><li>✓ Recommended Program</li><li>✓ (26 credits)</li></ul>	<ul><li>✓ Foundation + Endorsement</li><li>✓ (26 credits with major)</li></ul>
<ul> <li>✓ Distinguished Achievement Program</li> <li>✓ (26 credits)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Distinguished Level of Achievement</li> <li>✓ (26 credits with major + Algebra 2)</li> </ul>

## What's included in the Foundation?

- ELA 4 credits
- Math 3 credits
  - Algebra II not required
- Social Studies 3 credits
- Science 3 credits
- Foreign Language 2 credits
  - Computer programming counts
- Fine Arts 1 credit
- Physical Education 1 credit
- 5 Elective Credits

## Foundation Plan Plus Endorsements

- 26 Credits
- ■Foundation Plan plus the following:
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Math Course
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Science Course
  - **Endorsement Area Coursework**

## Distinguished Level of Achievement

- ■Top 10%
- ■A student must complete:
  - Foundation Plan
  - At least 1 Endorsement
  - 4 credits in Mathematics (including Algebra II)
  - 4 credits in Science



### What are the Endorsement Areas?



#### STEM Science, Technology, Engineering and Math

This path includes
courses directly
related to science
(including
Environmental
Science), Engineering,
and Advanced
Mathematics, or a
coherent sequence
in some Career and
Technical Education
Courses



#### **Business & Industry**

Includes courses
directly related
to Database
Management,
Information
Technology,
Communications,
Accounting, Finance,
Marketing, Graphic
Design, Architecture,
Construction, Welding,
Logistics, Automotive
Technology,
Agricultural Science
and HVAC



#### **Public Services**

Includes courses directly related to Health Sciences, Education and Training, Law Enforcement, Culinary Arts and Hospitality and Tourism



#### **Arts & Humanities**

Includes courses directly related to Political Science, World Languages, Cultural Studies, English Literature, History and Fine Arts, Journalism and Broadcasting



#### Multidisciplinary Studies

Includes courses
from the curriculum
of each Endorsement
area and credits in a
variety of advanced
courses from multiple
content area sufficient
to complete the
Distinguished Level
of Achievement under
the Foundation High
School Program





## **STEM**

Computer Science



# Business & Industry



- Architecture and Construction
- Welding
- Business Management & Administration
- Marketing



## **Public Services**

Health Science



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## **Arts & Humanities**

- Spanish
- Fine Arts



## Performance Acknowledgments

- Students may also earn a performance acknowledgment for:
  - Outstanding performance
    - In a dual credit course
    - In bilingualism and biliteracy
    - On an AP test or IB exam
    - On the PSAT, the ACT-Plan, the SAT, or the ACT
  - Earning a nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license

## +Good to know...

- TEA gives authority to individual school districts to add local requirements to state plans. Lago Vista will continue to require speech and health.
- Students cannot choose to graduate on the Foundation Only plan until <u>after</u> their 10<sup>th</sup> grade school year and only with parent permission.
- Students will select an endorsement in 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

## College Prep Courses in LVISD

- LVISD is partnering with ACC
- College Prep English English IV (Non-AP)
- College Prep Math Independent Study (Requires Algebra II)
- Successful completion of either course grants an exemption to TSI at the partnering institution.



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