

NEISD Students Entering 9th Grade in the 2007-08 through 2009-10 School Years

Courses	Minimum	Recommended	Distinguished
English Language Arts	4 credits	4 credits	4 credits
Mathematics	3 credits	4 credits	4 credits
Science	2 credits*	4 credits	4 credits
Social Studies	2.5 credits*	3.5 credits	3.5 credits
Economics	.5 credit	.5 credit	.5 credit
Languages other than English	None	2 credits	3 credits
Physical Education	1.5 credit	1.5 credit	1.5 credit
Health Education	.5 credit	.5 credit	.5 credit
Speech	.5 credit	.5 credit	.5 credit
Technology Applications	1 credit	1 credit	1 credit
Fine Arts	None	1 credit	1 credit
Electives	5.5 credits	3.5 credits	2.5 credits
Academic Elective* (science or social studies)	1 credit	None	None
Total	22	26	26

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The default program for ALL NEISD students is the Recommended Program. Any student considering graduation on the Minimum Program must see a counselor. Only students meeting strict criteria during the spring semester of their senior year will be able to select the Minimum Graduation Program. A waiver acknowledging understanding of the Texas Minimum Graduation Program must be signed. Students graduating on this program are not eligible to attend a four-year college upon graduation from high school.

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English Language Arts	English I, II, III, and IV are required. Immigrant students with limited English proficiency may substitute English I SOL and English II SOL for English I and II only.	English I, II, III, and IV are required. Immigrant students with limited English proficiency may substitute English I SOL and English II SOL for English I and II only.	English I, II, III, and IV are required. Immigrant students with limited English proficiency may substitute English I SOL and English II SOL for English I and II only.
Mathematics	Three credits are required and must consist of Algebra I, Geometry and one additional state-approved math course.	Four credits, must consist of Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and one additional state-approved math course, which may include Math Models if taken prior to Algebra II. Computer Science AP will count as a math credit under this plan.	Four credits are required and must consist of Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and one additional state-approved math course for which Algebra II is a prerequisite. Computer Science AP will not count for DAP.
Science	**Two credits must consist of Biology and IPC. A student may substitute Chemistry or Physics for IPC and then must take the second of these two courses as the academic elective.	Four credits are required and must consist of Biology, two credits from either IPC, Chemistry, or Physics, and one additional state-approved science course. Principles of Technology I may substitute for Physics.	Four credits are required and must consist of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and one additional state-approved science course. IPC, Principles of Technology, Medical Microbiology/Pathophysiology will not count for DAP.
Social Studies	**Two and one-half credits must consist of World History or World Geography, United States History and US Government.	Three and one-half credits are required and must include World Geography, World History, US History, US Government.	Three and one-half credits are required and must include World Geography, World History, US History, US Government.
Economics	One-half credit is required; transfer Economics courses must have an emphasis on the free enterprise system.	One-half credit is required; transfer Economics courses must have an emphasis on the free enterprise system.	One-half credit is required; transfer Economics courses must have an emphasis on the free enterprise system.
Languages other than English	None	Two credits of the same language are required. Exploratory Language and Culture courses do not meet the foreign language requirement.	Three credits of the same language are required. Exploratory Language and Culture courses do not meet the foreign language requirement.
Physical Education	On and off campus substitutions/waivers are allowed. Students may earn a total of two PE credits for graduation. Waivers; Drill team, Marching band (fall only), cheerleading, dance, approved private programs or certain Career Technology Education courses. See your counselor for specific waiver information.	On and off campus substitutions/waivers are allowed. Students may earn a total of two PE credits for graduation. Waivers; Drill team, Marching band (fall only), cheerleading, dance, approved private programs or certain Career Technology Education courses. See your counselor for specific waiver information.	On and off campus substitutions/waivers are allowed. Students may earn a total of two PE credits for graduation. Waivers; Drill team, Marching band (fall only), cheerleading, dance, approved private programs or certain Career Technology Education courses. See your counselor for specific waiver information.
Health Education	One-half credit is required; may substitute Health Science Technology (one credit) in place of Health.	One-half credit is required; may substitute Health Science Technology (one credit) in place of Health.	One-half credit is required; may substitute Health Science Technology (one credit) in place of Health.
Speech	One-half credit is required. Only Communications Applications meets the requirement. NO SUBSTITUTIONS.	One-half credit is required. Only Communications Applications meets the requirement. NO SUBSTITUTIONS.	One-half credit is required. Only Communications Applications meets the requirement. NO SUBSTITUTIONS.
Technology Applications	One credit is required and may be selected from the designated courses in Technology Applications or Career Technology. See the course catalog for specific courses.	One credit is required and may be selected from the designated courses in Technology Applications or Career Technology. See the course catalog for specific courses.	One credit is required and may be selected from the designated courses in Technology Applications or Career Technology. See the course catalog for specific courses.
Fine Arts	None	One credit is required and may be selected from courses in the areas of art, music, theatre arts or dance.	One credit is required and may be selected from courses in the areas of art, music, theatre arts or dance.
Electives	Five and one-half credits are required.	Three and one-half credits are required	Two and one-half credits are required.
Academic Elective** (science or social studies)	One credit consisting of World History or World Geography, or an approved science course (see Science above).	None	None

***To graduate on the Distinguished Program, four advanced measures are required. These include national recognition on the PSAT (one measure maximum); original research/project (2 measures maximum); performance on AP exams or grades in college credit courses (4 measures maximum). SEE YOUR COUNSELOR FOR SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.