

# NORTH EAST ISD HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE IN FALL 2007 - 2011\*

All students enroll in the Recommended High School or the Distinguished Achievement Programs

<b>RECOMMENDED HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM</b>	
<b>SUBJECT AREA</b>	<b>CREDITS</b>
English	4.0
Communication Applications	.5
Math	4.0
Science	4.0
Social Studies	3.5
Economics	.5
Health	.5
Physical Education	1.5
Other Languages	2.0
Fine Arts	1.0
Technology Applications	1.0
Electives	3.5
<b>TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED</b>	<b>26.0</b>

<b>DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM</b>	
<b>SUBJECT AREA</b>	<b>CREDITS</b>
English	4.0
Communication Applications	.5
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Science	4.0
Social Studies	3.5
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**TEXAS MINIMUM GRADUATION PLAN**

Any student considering graduation on the Minimum Plan 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 plan. A waiver acknowledging understanding of the Texas Minimum Graduation Plan must be signed.

**PLUS FOUR (4) ADVANCED MEASURES**

- One measure maximum: national recognition on PSAT
- Two measures maximum: original research/project
- Four measures maximum:  
Performance on AP exams (Scoring 3, 4, or 5);  
Grades in college credit courses (Grades of "A" or "B")

*SEE YOUR COUNSELOR FOR SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS*

<b>SUBJECT AREA</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM</b>
<b>ENGLISH</b>	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.
<b>COMMUNICATION APPLICATIONS</b>	One-half credit Communication Applications is required. NO SUBSTITUTIONS
<b>MATHEMATICS</b>	Four credits are required. The four credits must include Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry. Computer Science AP counts as a math credit.
<b>SCIENCE</b>	Four credits are required. The four credits must include Biology and 2 credits from either IPC, Chemistry, Physics or Principles of Technology
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>	Three and one-half credits are required and must consist of World Geography, World History, US History, and US Government.
<b>ECONOMICS</b>	One-half credit is required; transfer Economics courses must have an emphasis on the free enterprise system.
<b>HEALTH</b>	One-half credit is required; may substitute Health Science Technology (one credit) in place of Health.
<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>	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 semester only), cheerleading, dance, approved private programs, or certain 2 or 3 credit Career and Technology Education courses. See your counselor for specific waiver information.
<b>OTHER LANGUAGES</b>	Two credits of the <u>same</u> language are required. Exploratory Language and culture courses do not meet the Other Languages requirement.
<b>FINE ARTS</b>	One credit is required, selected from courses in the areas of art, music, theatre arts, or dance.
<b>TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS</b>	One credit is required and may be selected from designated courses in Technology Applications or Career Technology. See the course catalog for specific courses.
<b>ELECTIVES</b>	Three and one-half credits are required.

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**\*GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OR THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE.** Beginning in Fall 2012, IPC will no longer count as one of the four required science credits for the Recommended High School Program. Updated 1-22-07

# STUDENTS ENTERING 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE IN FALL 2007 - FALL 2011

## ACADEMIC RIGOR

All students are encouraged and have the opportunity to enroll in Pre-AP /AP courses without recommendation. All GT courses are available for students upon recommendation. See your counselor for more information.

## RECOMMENDED & DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAMS

All students are enrolled in the Recommended or Distinguished Graduation Plans unless the administrator, counselor, student and parent determine the student may waiver to the Minimum Plan. Students can meet their general elective options by taking any combination of state-approved high school graduation courses (including up to a half-credit of driver's education) and/or up to four years of Junior ROTC.

## TEXAS SCHOLARS

Students who complete the state requirements for the *Recommended High School Program* or the *Distinguished Achievement Program* also meet the requirements to be considered a **Texas Scholar**. Students are eligible to apply for the **TEXAS GRANT**. See university Financial Aid Officers for specific requirements.

## MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to earn 4 credits of mathematics and science in grades 9-12. High school courses taken in middle school shall earn credit which shall be reflected in the AAR (transcript). Students are required to take at least three credits of math while in high school.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT

In accordance with the State Board of Education's graduation requirements, NEISD allows students to substitute certain physical activities for the 1.5 required credits of physical education. Such substitutions shall be based on the physical activity involved in:

1. MARCHING BAND (fall only)	THREE Semesters
2. JROTC	THREE Semesters
3. ATHLETICS	THREE Semesters
4. DANCE I-V	THREE Semesters
5. CAREER TECH (Work-Based Training) <u>successfully completed</u>	ONE course (2or 3 Credits) <u>Entire course must be</u>

See your course catalog, a CT teacher or your counselor to determine which Career & Technology courses may be substituted for PE requirements.

## SPECIAL CREDIT OPTIONS

Alternate scheduling of a course through summer school, night school, correspondence, or credit by exam may be requested through the school counselor.

## STATE TESTING PROGRAMS

State mandated testing requirements must be met before earning a high school diploma from the State of Texas. Enrollment at some colleges and universities also requires submission of college entrance exam scores.

## NCAA

Student athletes will be required to file with the NCAA Clearinghouse to determine initial eligibility to participate in college athletics. Not all NEISD courses allowing graduation credit are accepted by NCAA as core courses for college athletic eligibility. All grades recorded on the transcript and the student progress reports and report cards are the earned, unweighted course average.

## CAREER CONCENTRATION

Students should plan **ELECTIVES** to reflect their career goals. Course selection should develop a coherent sequence of courses leading toward a selected career path. Career concentration options include:

Business	Health and Human Services
Arts and Humanities	Science and Technology
Undecided	

The student's individual career concentration plan may be flexible enough to allow for adjustments to the career concentration choice.

## PROMOTION POLICY

Freshmen entering high school in Fall 2007 are the first students to be required to take four years of math, four years of science, and 26 credits for graduation under the Recommended Graduation Program and/or the Distinguished Achievement Program. For this reason, the NEISD Promotion Policy for this class and those that follow is being reviewed. The promotion policy for students entering high school in 2007 - 2011 will be published and distributed to students, parents, and the community as soon as it is available.

## RANK IN CLASS

Class Rank is currently under review. After the NEISD School Board has approved any changes to the Class Rank Policy, the policy and any changes will be published, distributed, and communicated to parents, students and the community.

## EARLY GRADUATES

A student who completes all graduation requirements within 36 - 41 months of entry into ninth grade is eligible to receive an Early Graduate Scholarship to attend a Texas public college or university, provided all high school years were completed in Texas and the student is a Texas resident. Specific rules are governed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. See your counselor for details.

## HONOR GRADUATES

Honor Graduates are designated based on the following criteria:

- A. Cumulative grade average as follows:  
*Summa Cum Laude* 100  
*Magna Cum Laude* 95-99  
*Cum Laude* 90-94
- B. Completion of the Recommended or Distinguished Achievement Plan
- C. Acquired a minimum of 48 semesters of coursework

## GRADUATION CEREMONY

To participate in the commencement ceremony students must meet **ALL** graduation requirements, including state exit level exams and required course credits. Summer graduation is available for students completing all requirements during the summer.

Students are required to follow the graduation plan in effect when they enter 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Graduation plans are subject to change by the Texas Legislature and the NEISD Board of Trustees.

**PLEASE DIRECT SPECIFIC  
QUESTIONS TO YOUR  
HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR**