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Courses	Foundation High School Program	Foundation High School Program with Endorsement	Foundation High School Program with Distinguished Level of Achievement (requires completion of at least one Endorsement)
English Language Arts	4 credits	4 credits *	4 credits *
Mathematics	3 credits	4 credits *	4 credits * (Algebra II required)
Science	3 credits	4 credits *	4 credits *
Social Studies	3 credits	3 credits *	3 credits *
Languages other than English	2 credits	2 credits *	2 credits *
Physical Education	1 credit	1 credit	1 credit
Health Education	.5 credit	.5 credit	.5 credit
Fine Arts	1 credit	1 credit *	1 credit *
Electives	4.5 credits	6.5 credits	6.5 credits
Total	22	26	26

* Students will choose one of five endorsement options: Multidisciplinary Studies, STEM, Business and Industry, Public Services, or Arts and Humanities. Each endorsement requires specific courses. Additional credits may be required depending upon the specific endorsement you choose. Please see your counselor for more details. Students may also earn a Performance Acknowledgement through Dual Credit, Bilingualism/Biliteracy, Languages Other Than English, Advanced Placement, PSAT/SAT/ACT, or a Business Certification or License.

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English Language Arts	Four credits are required. English I, II, III, and an Advanced English Course are required. Immigrant students with limited English proficiency may substitute English I SOL and English II SOL for English I and II only.	Four credits are required. English I, II, III, and an Advanced English Course are required. Immigrant students with limited English proficiency may substitute English I SOL and English II SOL for English I and II only. *	Four credits are required. English I, II, III, and an Advanced English Course 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. Algebra I and Geometry are required courses. The remaining credit is an Advanced Math.	Four credits are required. Algebra I and Geometry are required courses. The remaining two credits must be Advanced Math courses. *	Four credits are required. Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II are required courses. The remaining credit must be an Advanced Math course. *
Science	Three credits are required. One credit must be Biology. One credit must be either IPC, Chemistry, or Physics. One credit must be an Advanced Science.	Four credits are required. One credit must be Biology. One credit must be either IPC, Chemistry, or Physics. The remaining two credits must be Advanced Science courses. *	Four credits are required. One credit must be Biology. One credit must be either IPC, Chemistry, or Physics. The remaining two credits must be Advanced Science courses. *
Social Studies	Three credits are required. World Geography or World History is required. U.S. History, U.S. Government, and Economics (free enterprise) are required.	Three credits are required. World Geography or World History is required. U.S. History, U.S. Government, and Economics (free enterprise) are required. *	Three credits are required. World Geography or World History is required. U.S. History, U.S. Government, and Economics (free enterprise) are required. *
Languages other than English	Two credits of the same language OR two credits in computer programming languages are required. Some exceptions exist—see your counselor for more information.	Two credits of the same language OR two credits in computer programming languages are required. Some exceptions exist—see your counselor for more information. *	Two credits of the same language OR two credits in computer programming languages are required. Some exceptions exist—see your counselor for more information. *
Physical Education	One credit is required. This credit may be earned through PE or an approved PE substitution.	One credit is required. This credit may be earned through PE or an approved PE substitution.	One credit is required. This credit may be earned through PE or an approved PE substitution.
Health Education	One-half credit is required.	One-half credit is required.	One-half credit is required.
Fine Arts	One credit is required and may be selected from courses in the areas of Art, Dance, Music, Theatre, Floral Design, Digital Art and Animations, and 3-D Modeling and Animations.	One credit is required and may be selected from courses in the areas of Art, Dance, Music, Theatre, Floral Design, Digital Art and Animations, and 3-D Modeling and Animations. *	One credit is required and may be selected from courses in the areas of Art, Dance, Music, Theatre, Floral Design, Digital Art and Animations, and 3-D Modeling and Animations. *
Electives	Four and one-half credits are required.	Six and one-half credits are required.	Six and one-half credits are required.

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