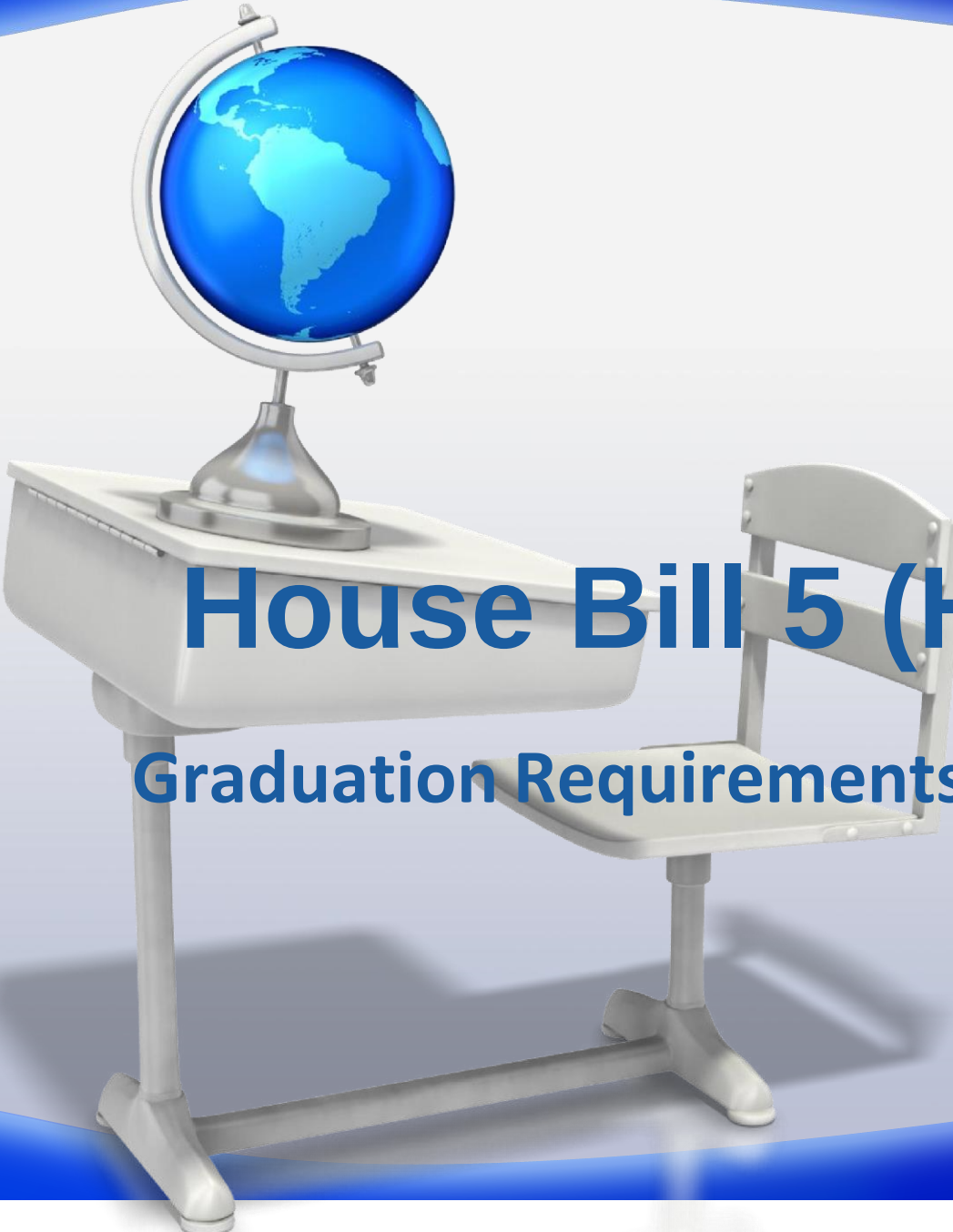


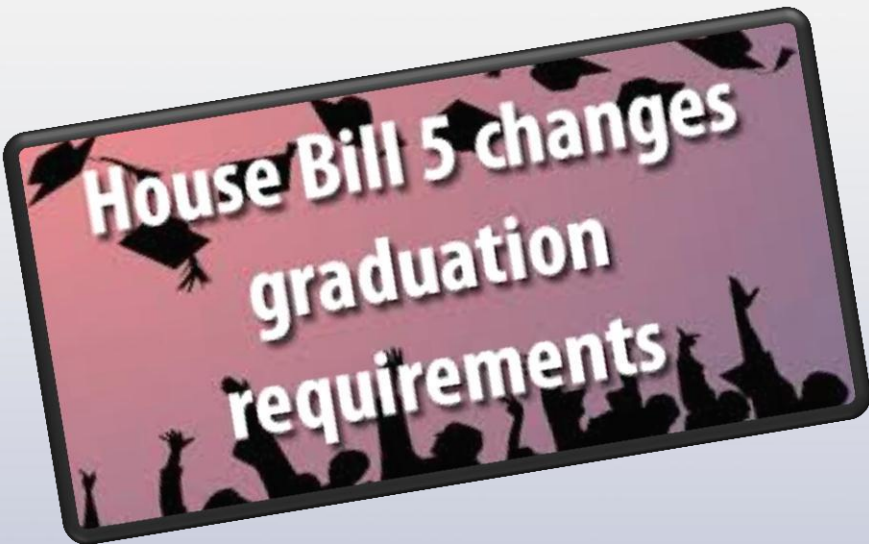


House Bill 5 (HB 5)

Graduation Requirements & Local Policy



What is House Bill 5?



House Bill 5 (HB 5) is a law passed during the Texas 83rd Legislative session that changed graduation requirements for students entering 9th grade (current 8th grade students) during 2014-15 school year.



HB5 is designed to allow students more flexibility in the selection of their high school courses to prepare them to either pursue a traditional path into colleges and universities or move directly into the workforce.

Creates the new Foundation High School Diploma program that affords all students a variety of post- secondary opportunities.



Allows students to earn an endorsement in one of five areas:

- Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM),
- Business and Industry,
- Public Services,
- Arts and Humanities, and
- Multidisciplinary.

Requires a student entering 9th grade 2014-15 school year and thereafter to enroll in the courses necessary to complete the requirements for the Foundation High School Program and requirements for at least one endorsement.



Replaces current Minimum, Recommended, and Distinguished Achievement Graduation Plans.

Allows for current 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students to choose to graduate under their current plan or opt for the new graduation plan created by House Bill 5.



Reduces the number of End of Course (EOC) Assessments students are required to pass for a high school diploma from 15 to 5. They are:

- English I
- English II
- Algebra I
- Biology
- U. S. History

Combines English exams into one assessment instead of separate reading and writing tests.



The New Foundation High School Program Created by House Bill 5

- **4 credits in English language arts**
 - English I, English II, English III, Advanced English Course
- **3 credits in Mathematics**
 - Algebra I, Geometry, Advanced Mathematics Course
- **3 credits in Science**
 - Biology, IPC or Advanced Science Course, Advanced Science Course
- **3 credits in Social Studies**
 - US History, Government (.5), Economics (.5), W Geography or W History
- **2 credits in Languages Other than English**
- **1 credit in Fine Arts** (community-based fine arts program can substitute)
- **1 credit in PE** (private or commercially sponsored physical activity may substitute)
- **5 credits in electives**

(22 Credits)



Foundation High School Program with Endorsements

What is an Endorsement?

An endorsement is earned when a student completes a sequence of courses in a concentrated area of study.

Endorsement Areas:

Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM)

Business and Industry

Public Services

Arts and Humanities

Multidisciplinary



STEM

Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics

The science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) endorsement includes courses directly related to science, including environmental science, technology, computer science, engineering, and advanced mathematics.

POSSIBLE CAREERS FOR STEM ENDORSEMENT

Engineer

Forensic Scientist

Computer Programmer

Mathematician

Environmental Science

Meteorologist

Neurobiologist

Technician

Scientist



Business and Industry Endorsement

The business and industry endorsement includes courses directly related to database management, information technology, communications, accounting, finance, marketing, graphic design, architecture, construction, welding, logistics, automotive technology, agricultural science, and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning.

POSSIBLE CAREERS IN BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

Purchasing Agent

Web Designer

Accountant

HVAC Technician

Welder

Media Director

Architect

Financial Analyst

Automotive Technician

Chef



Public Services Endorsement

The public services endorsement includes courses directly related to health sciences, human services, education and training, government and public administration, and law enforcement.

POSSIBLE CAREERS IN PUBLIC SERVICES

Police Officer

FBI Agent

Pharmacist

Social Worker

Teacher

Nurse

Military Officer

Medical Records Technician

Firefighter



Arts and Humanities Endorsement

The arts and humanities endorsement includes courses directly related to political science, world languages, cultural studies, English literature, history, and fine arts.

POSSIBLE CAREERS IN ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Photographer Musician Fashion Designer Actor

Writer

Historian

Politician

Digital Artist

Graphic Designer

Studio Artist



Multidisciplinary Studies Endorsement

Allows a student to complete prescribed courses from each of the four foundation subject areas, advanced placement courses from each of the four foundation subject areas or four advanced courses from within one endorsement area or among endorsement areas not in a coherent sequence.



Foundation High School Program with Endorsements

To earn any endorsement, a student must successfully complete the requirements for the Foundation High School Program **(22 credits)** and:

- An additional advanced mathematics course = 4 credits mathematics
- An additional advanced science course = 4 credits in science
- 2 elective credits in addition to the elective credits required for the FHSP

(26 Credits Total)



How Will Students Select an Endorsement?

Each 8th grade student will complete an educational plan of study (4 year plan) based on his/her career assessment while taking the Exploring Careers course in middle school.

The educational plan of study designates which endorsement the student will pursue.

Students may earn more than one endorsement.

The educational plan of study will be sent home for parental input and approval.



Distinguished Level of Achievement

- A student may earn a distinguished level of achievement by successfully completing:
- A total of four (4) credits in mathematics which must include Algebra II
- A total of four (4) credits in science
- The curriculum requirements for at least one (1) endorsement

Students must graduate at the Distinguished Level to qualify for top 10% automatic admissions to Texas public colleges and universities.



Performance Acknowledgements

A student may earn a performance acknowledgement on the student's diploma and transcript by completing one of the following:

- 12 hours in dual credit courses with a grade of A or B,
- earning an associate degree while in high school,
- in bilingualism and biliteracy,
- an Advanced Placement (AP) test (score of 3 or higher) or International Baccalaureate (IB) exam (score of 4 or higher), on the PSAT (National Merit/Commended Scholar), SAT (combined critical reading and mathematics score of 1250), or the ACT (composite score of 28), earning an industry-based license or certification.



So what happens now?



Step 1

The Counselor will meet with students to review their educational plan of study (4year plan) and endorsement selection.



Step 2

Students will be given an opportunity to change their plan.



Step 3

Educational plans of study will be sent home for parental input and approval.





For questions regarding graduation plans and requirements, or your student's progress towards graduation, please contact your student's assigned campus counselor.

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