

**ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT:  
GRADUATION**

**EIF-R**

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS  
9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS ENTERING 2014-2015 AND BEYOND**

DISCIPLINE                      Ysleta Graduation Plan

Distinguished Level – Eligible for top 10% Automatic Admission\*\*

ENGLISH                      Four credits to include:

- English I
- English II
- English III

A fourth credit may be selected from one full credit or a combination of two half credits from two different courses, subject to prerequisite requirements, from the following courses:

- English IV
- Independent Study in English
- Literary Genres
- Creative Writing
- Research and Technical Writing
- Humanities
- Public Speaking III
- Communication Application (must be combined with another half credit from this list)
- Oral Interpretation III
- Debate III
- Independent Study in Speech
- Independent Study in Journalism
- Advanced Broadcast Journalism III
- Advanced Journalism: Newspaper III
- Advanced Journalism: Yearbook III
- AP English Literature & Composition
- Business English
- English IV Dual Credit
- College Preparatory English Language Arts

**Note:** The HB5 College Preparatory English Language Arts Course may count as a 4<sup>th</sup> year English, but is **not** a direct substitute for English IV which is a requirement for the Multidisciplinary Studies Endorsement under Chapter 74.13 (f) (5) (B).

MATHEMATICS                      Four credits to include:

- Algebra I
- Algebra II

- Geometry

A fourth credit may be selected from one full credit or a combination of two half credits from two different courses, subject to prerequisite requirements, from the following courses:

- Mathematical Models with Applications
- Digital Electronics
- Financial Mathematics
- Accounting II
- Robotics II
- Precalculus\*
- Advanced Quantitative Reasoning\*
- Independent Study in Mathematics\*
- Algebraic Reasoning\*
- Statistics\*
- AP Statistics\*
- AP Calculus AB\*
- AP Calculus BC\*
- AP Computer Science A\*
- Engineering Mathematics\*
- Statistics and Business Decision Making\*
- Mathematics for Medical Professionals\*
- College Preparatory Mathematics\*

\*Course meets the criteria towards earning an endorsement per TAC, §74.13(e)(2)

## SCIENCE

Four credits to include:

1<sup>st</sup> Science credit:

- Biology
- AP Biology

2<sup>nd</sup> Science credit:

- Integrated Physics and Chemistry
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Principles of Technology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based

3<sup>rd</sup> Science credit:

A third credit may be selected from one full credit or a combination of two half credits from two different courses, subject to prerequisite requirements, from the following laboratory-based courses.

- Chemistry
- Physics\*
- Astronomy

- Earth and Space Science
- Environmental Systems
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based
- AP Physics 2: Algebra-Based
- Advanced Animal Science
- Advanced Plant and Soil Science
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Medical Microbiology
- Pathophysiology
- Food Science
- Forensic Science
- Biotechnology I
- Biotechnology II
- Principles of Technology\*
- Scientific Research and Design
- Engineering Design and Problem Solving
- Engineering Science

4<sup>th</sup> Science credit:

A fourth Advanced Science course will meet the criteria to earn an endorsement and may be selected from one full credit or a combination of two half credits from two different courses, subject to prerequisite requirements, from the following courses:

- Chemistry
- Physics\*
- Astronomy
- Earth and Space Science
- Environmental Systems
- AP Chemistry
- Physics 1: Algebra-Based
- AP Physics 2: Algebra-Based
- Advanced Animal Science
- Advanced Plant and Soil Science
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Medical Microbiology
- Pathophysiology
- Food Science
- Forensic Science
- Biotechnology I
- Biotechnology II
- Principles of Technology\*
- Scientific Research and Design
- Engineering Design and Problem Solving
- Engineering Science

\* Credit may not be earned for both physics and Principles of

*Technology to satisfy science credit requirements §TAC 74.12 (b)(3)(c) and §TAC 74.13 (e)(66)(x).*

SOCIAL STUDIES

Four credits to include:

- World Geography
- World History
- AP World History
- U.S. History
- U.S. Government (one-half credit)
- Economics (one-half credit)

LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH

Two credits to include:

- Any two levels in the same language; or
- Two credits in computer programming languages, including computer coding, to be selected from Computer Science I, II, and III, and AP Computer Science A

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

One credit

Credit may be earned

- Foundations of Personal Fitness
- Adventure/Outdoor Education
- Aerobic Activities
- Team or Individual Sports

In accordance with local district policy, credit for any of the courses listed above may be earned through participation in the following activities:

- Athletics (up to 4 credits)\*
- JROTC (up to 4 credits)\*
- Approved private/commercially sponsored physical activity programs (up to 4 credits)
- Drill Team (up to 1 credit)\*
- Marching Band (up to 1 credit)\*
- Cheerleading (up to 1 credit)\*

*\* All allowed substitution activities must include at least 100 minutes per five-day school week of moderate to vigorous physical activity. No more than 4 substitution credits may be earned through any combination of substitution courses.*

HEALTH

One-half credit

SPEECH

One-half credit

- Communications Applications or
- Professional Communications (CTE)

FINE ARTS

One credit from any of the following:

- Art

- Dance
- Music
- Theatre
- Technical Theatre

ELECTIVE COURSES  
ADDITIONAL  
GRADUATION  
REQUIREMENTS

Five credits

1. The following instruction must be provided to each student at least once before graduation from high school:

- CPR Instruction
- Peace Officer Instruction

*Refer to EHAC (Legal) for detailed information regarding the above requirements.*

2. The following must be completed before graduating from high school:

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA)

*Refer to EIF (Legal) for detailed information regarding the above requirements.*

3. In order to participate in the commencement ceremonies at the conclusion of a student's senior year, each student must complete the following:

- A total of 80 volunteer service hours

*Refer to FMH-R for detailed information regarding the above requirement.*

POSTSECONDARY  
PREPARATION  
REQUIREMENTS

1. Postsecondary Readiness Assessment

- Each student must complete 1 or more of the following college and career readiness assessments:
  - TSIA
  - PSAT
  - SAT
  - ACT
  - ASVAB

2. Minimum of one application to a postsecondary institution.

CAMPUS VERIFICATION  
PROCESS

In partnership with the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) and the El Paso Community College (EPCC), counselors and Go Centers provide ApplyTexas workshops early fall of each year to support seniors through the college admissions application process.

Within the allowable class time, students are provided the opportunity to apply to one to two Texas public post-secondary institutions using the ApplyTexas application. Staff from UTEP, EPCC, counselors and Go Centers can walk

students through the application process. During parent meetings, they are notified of the workshops and how their child applied to a post-secondary institution.

Through the ApplyTexas Counselor Suite, the campus can verify students have submitted at least one admissions application to meet this district graduation requirement. Should a student decide not to apply to a Texas public institution, a confirmation email or admissions letter from an Institute of Higher Education (IHE) may also be used to verify the requirement has been met. Many IHE representatives will also provide the campus with reports of the students who have applied and their admissions status.

Should a student not apply during the school year, the Go Center Specialist will assist students through this process during the senior clearance process at the end of the year.

The YISD College Admissions website (<http://collegeadmissions.yisd.net/>) has also been created to provide students and parents with information regarding the admissions application process accessible to the public.

**TRANSFER STUDENTS**

Students who transfer into YISD during their Junior or Senior years with insufficient time to complete credits for the Distinguish Level of Achievement diploma may graduate under the Texas Foundation Plan.

**STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

Changes to the graduation plan or education plan of a student with disabilities must be addressed at an ARD Committee meeting. If you have any questions or concerns regarding students with disabilities, please contact the Special Education Department at 434-0900.

**DISTINGUISHED LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT**

Distinguished Level of Achievement is earned by a student after successful completion of the following:

- A total of four credits in mathematics, which must include Algebra II
- A total of four credits in science
- The remaining curriculum requirements
- The curriculum requirements for at least one endorsement

\*\*Check with the University/College for admission requirements.

**ENDORSEMENT ADVANCED COURSES**

The District defines advanced courses to fulfil the endorsement requirements.

**ADVANCED CTE COURSES** All CTE courses from Chapter 127, Subchapter B and Chapter 130 of the Texas Administrative Code, CTE courses outlined in Chapter 74.13 used to fulfill the 4th -year of academic credit for math and/or science or any CTE innovative courses approved by the Commissioner of Education are advanced CTE courses, except for the introductory CTE courses. A list of current advanced CTE courses may be found at [www.yisd.net/CTE](http://www.yisd.net/CTE).

**ADVANCED COURSES FOR MULTI-DISCIPLINARY STUDIES** All courses listed within any endorsement area are advanced courses for Multi-Disciplinary studies except for introductory CTE courses not on the above list of advanced CTE courses.

The HB5 College Preparatory English course is considered an advanced course under Chapter 74.13 (f) (5) (A).

**Fine Arts**

All courses above Entry Level Fine Arts are considered advanced. Therefore, all II, III, and IV high school level Fine Arts courses are listed as advanced and are indicated with an asterik in the YISD District Course Catalog.

**Foreign Language**

All courses above Level II Foreign Language are considered advanced in addition to the specific courses below. All courses are indicated with an asterik in the YISD District Course Catalog.

- Advanced Language for Career Applications
- Seminar in Languages other than English

**PERFORMANCE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** Performance Acknowledgement may be earned upon completion of the Distinguished Level of Achievement and for an outstanding performance in the following areas:

- Dual credit courses
- Bilingualism and Biliteracy
- AP Exams
- PSAT, ACT, or SAT
- Earning a nationally

Specialty campuses may have specific graduation course requirements. Please check with the campus for more information.

Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and college-level concurrent or dual enrollment courses may be substituted for requirements. For a complete list of course options, see 19 TAC, chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements.