

Graduation Requirements

9th Grade Students entering 2014 – 2015 and beyond

Discipline	Ysleta Graduation Plan Distinguished Level – Eligible for top 10% Automatic Admission**
English	<p>Four credits to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• English I• English II• English III <p>Advanced English to include ONE of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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
Mathematics	<p>Four credits to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Algebra I• Algebra II• Geometry <p>The additional Math credit will meet the criteria to earn an endorsement and may be selected from any of the following courses after successful completion of Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry, subject to prerequisite requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mathematical Models with Applications• Precalculus• Advanced Quantitative Reasoning• Independent Study in Mathematics• AP Statistics• AP Calculus AB• AP Calculus BC• AP Computer Science A• Engineering Mathematics• Statistics and Business Decision Making• Algebraic Reasoning• Statistics• Digital Electronics• Financial Mathematics• Accounting II• Robotics II

- Mathematics for Medical Professionals
- College Preparatory Mathematics

Science

Four credits to include:

1st Science credit:

- Biology
- AP Biology

2nd Science credit:

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

3rd Science credit:

Additional credit to include any 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
- AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based
- AP Physics 2: Algebra-Based
- AP Environmental Science
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Medical Microbiology
- Pathophysiology
- Food Science
- Forensic Science
- Advanced Animal Science
- Biotechnology I
- Biotechnology II
- Principles of Technology*
- Scientific Research and Design
- Advanced Plant and Soil Science
- Engineering Design and Problem Solving
- Engineering Science

4th Science credit:

The fourth Science credit will meet the criteria to earn an endorsement and may be selected from any 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
- AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based
- AP Physics 2: Algebra-Based

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP Environmental Science • Anatomy and Physiology • Medical Microbiology • Pathophysiology • Food Science • Forensic Science • Advanced Animal Science • Biotechnology I • Biotechnology II • Principles of Technology* • Scientific Research and Design • Advanced Plant and Soil Science • Engineering Design and Problem Solving • Engineering Science <p>*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)(5)(x).</p>
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Social Studies	<p>Four credits to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Geography • World History • AP World History • U.S. History • U.S. Government (one-half credit) • Economics (one-half credit)
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Languages Other Than English	<p>Two credits to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any two levels in the same language; or • Computer programming languages, including computer coding, to be selected from Computer Science I, II, and III, and AP Computer Science A
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Physical Education	<p>One credit</p> <p>Credit may be earned from any combination of the following one-half to one credit courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundations of Personal Fitness • Adventure/Outdoor Education • Aerobic Activities • Team or Individual Sports <p>In accordance with local district policy, credit for any of the courses listed above may be earned through participation in the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) <p>All allowed substitution activities must include at least 100 minutes per five-day school week of moderate to vigorous physical activity.</p>
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Health	One-half credit
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Speech	<p>One-half credit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications Applications <i>or</i> • Professional Communications (CTE)
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Fine Arts	<p>One credit from any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art • Dance
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music • Theatre • Technical Theatre
Elective Courses	Five credits

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.

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

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 or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license

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.