

House Bill 5 and High School Graduation Requirements

House Bill 5

- Work to transition and implement the requirements of House Bill 5 is under way.
- The bill gives the SBOE decision-making authority on a number of issues and the SBOE has not yet had the opportunity to receive a briefing and begin planning next steps.
- There will be opportunities for districts to provide input and feedback once the SBOE begins the rulemaking process.
- The Commissioner must adopt a transition plan to implement the bill and replace the MHSP, RHSP, and DAP with the foundation program **beginning with the 2014-2015 school year.**

HB 5 - Foundation High School Program

English Language Arts

Four credits

- English I
- English II
- English III
- Advanced English Course (TBD by SBOE)

Mathematics

Three credits

- Algebra I
- Geometry
- Advanced Mathematics Course (TBD by SBOE)

Science

Three credits

- Biology
- IPC or Advanced Science Course (TBD by SBOE)
- Advanced Science Course (TBD by SBOE)

Social Studies

Three credits

- U.S. History
- U.S. Government (one-half credit)
- Economics (one-half credit)
- World Geography or World History or
Combined World History/World Geography

HB 5 - Foundation High School Program

Physical Education One credit

Languages Other Than English Two credits in the same language
Computer programming language (other exceptions)

Fine Arts One credit

Electives Five credits

HB 5 - Endorsements

A student may earn an endorsement by successfully completing:

- curriculum requirements for the endorsement (TBD by SBOE)
- four credits in mathematics
- four credits in science
- two additional elective credits

HB 5 - Endorsements

STEM

Includes courses directly related to:

- science, including environmental science
- technology, including computer science
- engineering
- advanced math

Business and Industry

Includes courses directly related to:

- database management
- information technology
- communications
- accounting
- finance
- marketing
- graphic design
- architecture
- construction
- welding
- logistics
- automotive technology
- agricultural science
- HVAC

HB 5 - Endorsements

Public services

Includes courses directly related to:

- health sciences and occupations
- education and training
- law enforcement
- culinary arts and hospitality

Arts and Humanities

Includes courses directly related to:

- political science
- world languages
- cultural studies
- English literature
- history
- fine arts

Multidisciplinary Studies

Allows a student to select courses from the curriculum of each endorsement area and earn credits in a variety of advanced courses from multiple content areas sufficient to complete the distinguished level of achievement

HB 5 - Endorsements

Each school district must make available to high school students courses that allow a student to complete the curriculum requirements for at least one endorsement.

A school district that offers only one endorsement curriculum must offer the multidisciplinary studies endorsement curriculum.

HB 5 - Distinguished Level of Achievement

A student may earn a distinguished level of achievement by successfully completing:

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

HB 5 – Performance Acknowledgment

A student may earn a performance acknowledgment
(requirements TBD by SBOE):

- for outstanding performance
 - in a dual credit course
 - in bilingualism and biliteracy
 - on an AP test or IB exam
 - on the PSAT, the ACT-Plan, the SAT, or the ACT
- for earning a nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license