**The Foundation High School Program & Endorsement Overview**

The following requirements apply to students entering the 9th grade beginning in the 2014-2015 school year

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| COURSE | COURSE REQUIREMENTS | REQUIRED CREDITS |
| ENGLISH | Must include English I, English II, English III and an advanced English course | 4 |
| MATHEMATICS | Must include Algebra, Geometry, and an advanced math course | 3 |
| SCIENCE | Must include one Biology credit, one credit from IPC, Chemistry or Physics and an additional advanced  | 3 |
| SOCIAL STUDIES | Must include World Geography or World History, United States History, Government and Economics  | 3 |
| OTHER LANGUAGES | Must consist of two levels in the same language | 2 |
| FINE ARTS | May include Choir, Band, Dance, Art, Theatre Art or other applicable substitutions | 1 |
| PHYSICAL EDUCATION | May include PE, Foundations of Personal Fitness, Team or Individual Sports, JROTC or other applicable substitutions; *Drill Team, Band and Cheerleading may earn ½ credit in fall semester only* | 1 |
| ELECTIVES | Credits must be selected from the list of eligible courses that do not satisfy a specific course requirement | 5 |
| TOTAL FHSP CREDITS |  | 22 |

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| COURSE | COURSE REQUIREMENTS | REQUIRED CREDITS |
| MATHEMATICS | Additional math course | 1 |
| SCIENCE | Additional science course | 1 |
| ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES | Electives must be chosen from one of the five endorsements | 2 |
| TOTAL CREDITS: FHSP + ENDORSEMENTS |  | 26 |

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| ENDORSEMENTS | RECOGNITIONS | STATE ASSESSMENT PERFORMANCE |
| There are five endorsement options, which allow students flexibility based on individual interests and career goals.The endorsement areas are as listed below:* STEM
* PUBLIC SERVICE
* BUSINESS & INDUSTRY
* ARTS & HUMANITIES
* MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
 | Students have the opportunity to earn additional recognitions in the following areas.PERFORMANCE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:* AP test score of 3 or higher or IB score of 4 or higher
* Bilingualism and biliteracy
* Dual credit (12 hours with 3.0 or higher)
* High performance on PSAT, SAT or ACT
* Earning a business and industry certification or license
 | In addition to the credit requirements as listed above, students must meet passing standards on the following End-of-Course Exams:* ENGLISH I
* ENGLISH II
* ALGEBRA I
* BIOLOGY
* UNITED STATES HISTORY
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| DISTINGUISHED LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT:Completion of four math credits including Algebra II, four science credits and requirements for at least one endorsement. |

*All students in GPISD are expected to graduate with successful completion of at least one endorsement.*