

Hidalgo High School Graduation Requirements[▲]
For Students Entering Grade 9 in 2006-2007 and Thereafter

Discipline	Recommended High School Program (27 credits)	Distinguished Achievement Program (27 credits)
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS & READING*	<p>Four credits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ English I, II, III, and IV ◆ English I and II for Speakers of Other Languages may be substituted for English I and II only for immigrant students with limited English proficiency. 	<p>Four credits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ English I, II, III, and IV ◆ English I and II for Speakers of Other Languages may be substituted for English I and II only for immigrant students with limited English proficiency.
MATHEMATICS*	<p>Three credits</p> <p>Must consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Algebra I, ◆ Geometry and ◆ Algebra II. 	<p>Three credits</p> <p>Must consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Algebra I, ◆ Geometry and ◆ Algebra II.
SCIENCE*	<p>Four credits:</p> <p>Three credits must consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ IPC or Pre-AP IPC, Biology or Pre-AP Biology, and Chemistry or Pre-AP Chemistry <p>The remaining credit must be selected from.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ AP Chemistry ◆ AP Environmental Science ◆ Anatomy & Physiology ◆ Physics or Pre-AP Physics ◆ Principles of Technology ◆ AP Physics 	<p>Four credits:</p> <p>Three credits must consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ IPC or Pre-AP IPC, Biology or Pre-AP Biology, and Chemistry or Pre-AP Chemistry <p>The remaining credit must be selected from.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ AP Chemistry ◆ AP Environmental Science ◆ Anatomy & Physiology ◆ Physics or Pre-AP Physics ◆ Principles of Technology ◆ AP Physics

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SOCIAL STUDIES*	Three and one-half credits must consist of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ World Geography (one credit) ◆ World History (one credit) ◆ U.S. History (Since Reconstruction), and ◆ U.S. Government (one -half credit). 	Three and one-half credits must consist of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ World Geography (one credit) ◆ World History (one credit) ◆ U.S. History (Since Reconstruction), and ◆ U.S. Government (one -half credit)
ECONOMICS WITH EMPHASIS ON THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM & ITS BENEFITS*	One-half credit	One-half credit
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	One and one-half credit Student's must choose from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Marching Band ◆ JROTC ◆ Athletics ◆ Folklorico ◆ Dance ◆ Color guard ◆ CTE Equivalent classes (2 –3 Credits) 	One and one-half credit Student's must choose from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Marching Band ◆ JROTC ◆ Athletics ◆ Folklorico ◆ Dance ◆ Color guard ◆ CTE Equivalent classes (2 –3 Credits)
HEALTH EDUCATION	One-half credit selected from either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Health or, one credit of ◆ Health Science Technology I 	One-half credit selected from either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Health or, one credit of ◆ Health Science Technology I
LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH*	Two credits must consist of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Level I and II in the same language. 	Three credits must consist of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Level I, II, and III in the same language.

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FINE ARTS *	One credit selected from either: ◆ Band ◆ Color guard ◆ Mariachi ◆ Theatre ◆ Art ◆ Folkloric ◆ Choir ◆ Ensemble Guitar ◆ Dance ◆ Pre-AP Music Theory ◆ AP Music Theory ◆ AP Art Studio	One credit selected from either: ◆ Band ◆ Color guard ◆ Mariachi ◆ Theatre ◆ Art ◆ Folkloric ◆ Choir ◆ Ensemble Guitar ◆ Dance ◆ Pre-AP Music Theory ◆ AP Music Theory ◆ AP Art Studio
SPEECH	One-half credit must consist of: ◆ Communication Applications	One-half credit must consist of: ◆ Communication Applications
TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS	One credit selected from either: ◆ Computer Science ◆ Business Computer Information Systems I ◆ Business Computer Information Systems II ◆ Business Computer Programming ◆ Desktop Publishing ◆ Business Imaging & Multimedia ◆ Database Fundamentals (Oracle I) ◆ Database Programming (Oracle II)	One credit selected from either: ◆ Computer Science ◆ Business Computer Information Systems I ◆ Business Computer Information Systems II ◆ Business Computer Programming ◆ Desktop Publishing ◆ Business Imaging & Multimedia ◆ Database Fundamentals (Oracle I) ◆ Database Programming (Oracle II)
ADDITIONAL COMPONENTS	Five credits selected from ◆ State approved courses in any career pathway.	Four credits selected from ◆ State approved courses in any career pathway.
KEYBOARDING	One-half credit	One-half credit

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ADVANCED MEASURES	None	<p>Standards for Approval of Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The measures must focus on demonstrated student performance at the college or professional level. ◆ Student performance on advanced measures must be assessed through an external review process. <p>Requirements: <i>A student must achieve any combination of four of the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Original research/project: judged by a panel of professionals in the field that is the focus of the project; or conducted under the direction of mentor(s) and reported to an appropriate audience; and related to the required curriculum set forth in 19 TAC 74.1 (relating to Essential Knowledge and Skills). may not be used for more than two of the four advanced measures. <p>Test Data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A score of three or above on The College Board Advanced Placement examination during junior year; ✓ a score on the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT) that qualifies a student for recognition as a Commended Scholar or higher by the National Hispanic Program of the College Board; or as part of the National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The PSAT score may count as only one advanced measure regardless of the number of honors received by the student. <p>College courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A Final grade of 80% or 3.0 or higher on courses that count for college credit, including Tech Prep articulated courses.
TOTAL CREDITS	27 ⁺	27 ⁺

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† Must pass all Exit Level TAKS.

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