

**Hidalgo High School Graduation Requirements<sup>▲</sup>  
For Students Entering Grade 9 in 2007-2008, and Thereafter**

<b>Discipline</b>	<b>Recommended High School Program (27 credits)</b>	<b>Distinguished Achievement Program (27 credits)</b>
<b>ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS &amp; READING*</b>	<p><b>Four credits:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ English I, II, III, and IV</li> <li>◆ 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.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Four credits:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ English I, II, III, and IV</li> <li>◆ 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.</li> </ul>
<b>MATHEMATICS*</b>	<p><b>Four credits</b></p> <p><b>Three Credits must consist of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Algebra I,</li> <li>◆ Geometry and</li> <li>◆ Algebra II.</li> </ul> <p>Fourth credit must consist of SBOE approved math course.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Pre-calculus, AP Statistics, AP Calculus AB or BC and Concurrent enrollment in college course</li> </ul>	<p><b>Four credits</b></p> <p><b>Three Credits must consist of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Algebra I,</li> <li>◆ Geometry and</li> <li>◆ Algebra II.</li> </ul> <p>Fourth credit must consist of SBOE approved math course.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Pre-calculus, AP Statistics, AP Calculus AB or BC and Concurrent enrollment in college course</li> </ul>
<b>SCIENCE*</b>	<p><b>Four credits:</b></p> <p><b>One credit must consist of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Biology</li> </ul> <p><b>Two credits to be completed by taking one course from two of the following areas.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Integrated Physics and Chemistry</li> <li>◆ Chemistry or Pre AP Chemistry,</li> <li>◆ Physics or Pre AP Physics or Principles of Technology I</li> </ul> <p>After successful completion of biology, chemistry and physics course a student may select the fourth required credit from any of the following courses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Environmental Science</li> <li>◆ Anatomy &amp; Physiology</li> <li>◆ AP Chemistry</li> <li>◆ AP Physics</li> <li>◆ AP Biology</li> </ul>	<p><b>Four credits:</b></p> <p><b>One credit must consist of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Biology</li> </ul> <p><b>Two credits to be completed by taking one course from two of the following areas.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Integrated Physics and Chemistry</li> <li>◆ Chemistry or Pre AP Chemistry,</li> <li>◆ Physics or Pre AP Physics or Principles of Technology I</li> </ul> <p>After successful completion of biology, chemistry and physics course a student may select the fourth required credit from any of the following courses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Environmental Science</li> <li>◆ Anatomy &amp; Physiology</li> <li>◆ AP Chemistry</li> <li>◆ AP Physics</li> <li>◆ AP Biology</li> </ul>

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<b>SOCIAL STUDIES*</b>	<p><b>Three and one-half</b> credits must consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ World Geography Studies (one credit)</li> <li>◆ World History Studies (one credit)</li> <li>◆ U.S. History Studies Since Reconstruction, and</li> <li>◆ U.S. Government (one -half credit).</li> </ul>	<p><b>Three and one-half</b> credits must consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ World Geography Studies (one credit)</li> <li>◆ World History Studies (one credit)</li> <li>◆ U.S. History Studies Since Reconstruction, and</li> <li>◆ U.S. Government (one -half credit).</li> </ul>
<b>ECONOMICS WITH EMPHASIS ON THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM &amp; ITS BENEFITS*</b>	<b>One-half credit</b>	<b>One-half credit</b>
<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>	<p><b>One and one-half</b> credits to include Foundations of Personal Fitness (one-half credit)</p> <p>Can substitute:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Marching Band</li> <li>◆ JROTC</li> <li>◆ Athletics</li> <li>◆ Folklorico</li> <li>◆ Dance</li> <li>◆ Colorguard</li> <li>◆ CTE Equivalent classes</li> <li>◆ TICP (3 Credits)</li> </ul>	<p><b>One and one-half</b> credits to include Foundations of Personal Fitness (one-half credit)</p> <p>Can substitute:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Marching Band</li> <li>◆ JROTC</li> <li>◆ Athletics</li> <li>◆ Folklorico</li> <li>◆ Dance</li> <li>◆ Colorguard</li> <li>◆ CTE Equivalent classes</li> <li>◆ TICP (3 Credits)</li> </ul>
<b>HEALTH EDUCATION</b>	<p><b>One-half</b> credit selected from either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Health I or,</li> </ul> <p>One credit selected from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Health Science Technology I</li> </ul>	<p><b>One-half</b> credit selected from either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Health I or,</li> </ul> <p>One credit selected from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Health Science Technology I</li> </ul>
<b>LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH*</b>	<p><b>Two</b> credits must consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Level I and II in the same language.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Three</b> credits must consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Level I, II, and III in the same language.</li> </ul>

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<b>FINE ARTS *</b>	<b>One</b> credit selected from either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Band</li> <li>◆ Mariachi</li> <li>◆ Theatre</li> <li>◆ Art</li> <li>◆ Folkloric</li> <li>◆ Choir</li> <li>◆ Ensemble Guitar</li> <li>◆ Dance I, II, &amp; III</li> <li>◆ AP Music Theory</li> <li>◆ AP Art Studio</li> </ul>	<b>One</b> credit selected from either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Band</li> <li>◆ Mariachi</li> <li>◆ Theatre</li> <li>◆ Art</li> <li>◆ Folkloric</li> <li>◆ Choir</li> <li>◆ Ensemble Guitar</li> <li>◆ Dance I, II, &amp; III</li> <li>◆ AP Music Theory</li> <li>◆ AP Art Studio</li> </ul>
<b>SPEECH</b>	<b>One-half</b> credit must consist of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Communication Applications</li> </ul>	<b>One-half</b> credit must consist of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Communication Applications</li> </ul>
<b>TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS</b>	<b>One</b> credit selected from either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Computer Science</li> <li>◆ Business Computer Information Systems I</li> <li>◆ Business Computer Programming,</li> <li>◆ Desktop Publishing,</li> <li>◆ Business Imaging &amp; Multimedia</li> <li>◆ Database Fundamental (Oracle)</li> <li>◆ Database Programming (Oracle)</li> </ul>	<b>One</b> credit selected from either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Computer Science</li> <li>◆ Business Computer Information Systems I</li> <li>◆ Business Computer Programming,</li> <li>◆ Desktop Publishing,</li> <li>◆ Business Imaging &amp; Multimedia</li> <li>◆ Database Fundamental (Oracle)</li> <li>◆ Database Programming (Oracle)</li> </ul>
<b>ADDITIONAL COMPONENTS</b>	<b>Four</b> credits selected from either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Courses approved by SBOE for Grades 9-12 as specified under 19 TAC 74.1 (relating to Essential Knowledge and Skills);</li> <li>◆ Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) (one to four credits)</li> </ul>	<b>Three</b> credits selected from either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Courses approved by SBOE for Grades 9-12 as specified under 19 TAC 74.1 (relating to Essential Knowledge and Skills);</li> <li>◆ Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) (one to four credits)</li> </ul>
<b>KEYBOARDING</b>	One-half credit	One-half credit

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<b>ADVANCED MEASURES</b>	None	<p>Standards for Approval of Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The measures must focus on demonstrated student performance at the college or professional level.</li> <li>◆ Student performance on advanced measures must be assessed through an external review process.</li> </ul> <p>Requirements:</p> <p><i>A student must achieve any combination of four of the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Original research/project:</b> 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.</li> <li>✓ <b>Test Data:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ A score of three or above on The College Board Advanced Placement examination during junior year;</li> <li>✓ 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.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>College courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ A Final grade of 80% or 3.0 or higher on courses that count for college credit, including Tech Prep articulated courses.</li> </ul>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	27 <sup>†</sup>	27 <sup>†</sup>

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† Must pass all Exit Level TAKS.

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