

Graduation Requirements & Endorsement Information

The following requirements are set forth by the Texas Legislature, State Board of Education & Aledo ISD

Students may graduate under the Foundation High School Program (FHS) or the Distinguished Level of Achievement Program (DLA). Students who graduate under the FHS Program have limited post-secondary educational options, therefore, we guide all students towards the DLA Program when planning courses for ninth grade.

Why it Matters

Graduating under the DLA program will:

- Allow students to compete for the 10% automatic admission eligibility into any Texas public university and allow students to be more competitive college applicants.

What's Required

For students to graduate under the DLA program, they must fulfill the following requirements:

- Complete all curriculum requirements for the FHS Program
- Earn at least 26 credits (including a 4th credit in math, a 4th credit in science, and at least 2 additional electives)
- Complete all curriculum requirements to earn at least one Endorsement (including the completion of Algebra II)

Endorsements allow students to explore a career or subject area of interest while in High School which will aide students in making post-secondary plans. Endorsement options and curriculum requirements are outlined further on pages 12-23 in the Ninth Grade Course Registration Supplement.

Endorsement Options	
Endorsement	Curriculum Requirements
Arts & Humanities	Successful completion of 4 courses in Fine Arts, languages other than English, or 5 credits in Social Studies
Business & Industry	Successful completion of at least one pathway in the area of Finance, Business Management, Welding, Veterinary Science, Newspaper, Yearbook, Automotive Technology, Arts & A/V, or Horticulture
Public Services	Successful completion of at least one pathway in the area of Cosmetology, Education & Training, Health Science, Law & Public Safety
STEM	5 credits in either Math/Science or 4 credits in one of the other STEM pathways
Multidisciplinary Studies	4 credits in each of the Core Courses (including Chemistry and/or Physics); 4 AP or Dual Credit Courses; or 4 Advanced courses either within a single endorsement area or multiple endorsement areas

Pre-AP/AP Schedule Change Policy

Students may sign up for Pre-AP/AP courses as they choose. However, it is important for them to understand the steps that must be taken to drop a class if they aren't experiencing their desired level of success.

Students may change from a Pre-AP/AP course to the on-level version of the same course AFTER creating and submitting an Academic Action Plan. The AAP is a document used to denote a student's good faith effort to complete class assignments, maintain good attendance, participate in tutorials, etc. indicating a genuine attempt to be successful prior to leaving the higher level course. Once completed and signed by the student, teacher and parent, the AAP can be submitted and a withdrawal form can be obtained. Students who move from a Pre-AP/AP course to an on-level version of the same course will be held responsible for making up all knowledge and skills covered in the on-level class prior to the move, and the grade earned in the Pre-AP/AP course will transfer with the student. Students not experiencing success in a Pre/AP course will be automatically moved to an on-level course at semester to attempt to avoid the loss of credit.

I have read and understand the policy and procedures for dropping a Pre-AP/AP course.

Student Initials _____ Parent Initials _____

Please direct all questions to Erin Finn, Counselor at the Daniel Ninth Grade Campus. 817-441-4504 efinn@aledoisd.org

No changes may be made after May 30, 2019.