

# TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL HOUSE BILL 5 DIPLOMA – Friendswood Independent School District

## FOUNDATION – 22 CREDITS

- **4 English Language Arts credits** – Three credits must be ELA I, II, III and then an additional English course
- **3 Mathematics credits** – Two credits must be Algebra I, Geometry, and then an additional Math course
- **3 Science credits** – One credit must be Biology, one from either Integrated Physics and Chemistry or Chemistry; and then an additional Science course
- **3 Social Studies credits** – Two credits must be US History, Government/Economics and then either World Geography or World History
- **2 Foreign Language credits** of the same language
- **1 Fine Arts; 1 Physical Education; 4 Electives; and local requirements of ½ Professional Communications & ½ Health**

Plus 4 additional credits to obtain an Endorsement for a total of 26 credits

### 5 ENDORSEMENT OPTIONS

#### STEM

**Science,  
Technology,  
Engineering,  
Mathematics, and  
Computer Science**

*Required Courses:  
Foundation courses,  
Algebra II, Chemistry,  
Physics, and one  
Endorsement option\**

#### BUSINESS & INDUSTRY

**Agriculture Science,  
Arts Audio/Video  
Technology &  
Communications,  
Business & Finance,  
Hospitality & Tourism,  
Information Technology,  
Marketing, and  
English**

*Required courses:  
Foundation courses,  
Algebra II, an additional  
Science, and one  
Endorsement option\**

#### PUBLIC SERVICES

**Health Sciences,  
Education & Training,  
and  
Law, Public Safety,  
Correction & Security**

*Required courses:  
Foundation courses,  
Algebra II, an additional  
Science, and one  
Endorsement option\**

#### ARTS & HUMANITIES

**Social Studies,  
Languages other than  
English and  
Fine Arts**

*Required courses:  
Foundation courses,  
Algebra II, an additional  
Science, and one  
Endorsement option\**

#### MULTI- DISCIPLINARY STUDIES

**Advanced courses from  
one or among  
Endorsement areas, four  
credits in each of the four  
core subject areas, four  
credits in advanced  
placement or dual credit**

*Required courses:  
Foundation courses,  
Algebra II, an additional  
Science, and one  
Endorsement option\**

#### DISTINGUISHED

A student may earn a distinguished level of achievement by successfully completing the curriculum requirements for the Foundation High School Program and the curriculum requirements for at least one endorsement, including four credits in science and four credits in mathematics to include Algebra II. See page 18 of the High School Academic Planning Guide for more information.

#### PERFORMANCE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A student may earn a performance acknowledgement for outstanding performance in Dual Credit courses, in bilingualism and bi-literacy, on a College Board AP test, on the PSAT, the ACT-Plan, the SAT or the ACT. A student may also earn a performance acknowledgement for earning a nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license. See page 19 of High School Academic Planning Guide.