

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.