

Graduation Requirements for Students Beginning 9th Grade in 2014-2015

EMS-ISD Distinguished Level of Achievement Plan includes one Endorsement

English Language Arts

- English 1
- English 2
- English 3
- Advanced English

Mathematics

- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- Algebra 2
- Advanced Math

Social Studies

- World Geography
- World History
- US History
- Government
- Economics

Science

- Biology
- IPC, Physics or Chemistry
- Advanced Science
- Advanced Science

World Languages

- Year 1
- Year 2

Fine Arts

- Variety of course options

Physical Education

- Variety of course options

Electives

- Elective 1
- Elective 2
- Elective 3
- Elective 3
- Elective 5
- Elective 6

Endorsement Choices

STEM

- Science – Bio, Chemistry, Physics & 2 additional science credits
- Math – Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2 & 2 courses above Algebra 2
- Engineering*

Business and Industry

- Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources*
- Audio/Video Technology*
- Communication (Journalism or Debate)
- Finance*
- Culinary, Hospitality and Tourism*
- Information Technology*
- Manufacturing
- Marketing*
- Transportation*

Public Services

- Education and Training*
- Health Science*
- Human Services*
- Legal & Protective Services*
- JROTC

Arts and Humanities

- Social Studies – 5 credits
- World Language – 4 credits same language or 2 credits in one language and 2 credits of a different language
- Same fine arts – 4 credits or 2 credits of one fine arts and 2 credits in another fine arts

Multidisciplinary Studies

- 4X4 - four English, four Math, four Social Studies, four Science – to include English IV, Chemistry or Physics
- Advanced Courses – four advanced credits that prepare a student to enter the workforce or secondary education successfully without remediation
- Four credits in Advanced Placement or Dual Credit selected from English, math, science, social studies, and LOTE

Performances Acknowledgements

Dual Credit

- 12 College credit hours with a grade of 3.0 or higher
- Associate Degree

Bilingualism/Biliteracy

- Complete all ELA requirements with a minimum GPA of 80, and one of the following:
 - 3 credits in the same world language with a minimum GPA of 80
 - Pass Level 4 or higher world language with a minimum GPA of 80
 - 3 credits in world language with a minimum GPA of 80
 - AP world language score of 3.0 or higher
 - IB world language score of 4.0 or higher

ELL Student Only

- Participate and meet exit criteria for a bilingual or ESL program
- Score Advance High Level on TELPAS

AP/IB

- Score 3 or higher on an AP exam
- Score 4 or higher on an IB exam

College Entrance Exam

- PSAT score of commended or higher
- College Benchmark score on two out of four exams on the ACT-PLAN
- SAT 1250-Reading/Math combined
- ACT Score of 28 without Writing

Business/Industry Certification

- Complete a national or international certification for business or industry

STAAR EOC – English 1, English 2, Algebra 1, US History and Biology

***CTE Endorsements-** A coherent sequence of 4 credits - at least 2 courses in same cluster, including at least one advanced CTE course that is third or higher in sequence.

Distinguished

- Eligible for top 10% - Automatic Admission
- Algebra 2 must be one of the student's math credits