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IN A GLOBAL CITY

**STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
GRADUATION REQUIREMENT**

AGENDA

- Cohort
- Credits
 - State vs. Local
 - Required State Credits (16 core+10 other= 26 total)
 - Grade Classification (happens ONCE each year)
 - How To Earn Credits
 - Recovery Options
- STAAR EOC
- Codes
- Endorsements
- Grade Point Average



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COHORT YEAR

- Cohort year is the year a student entered high school
- Also known as “Year Entered 9TH Grade”
- Cohort year determines graduation requirements for each student
- Can be found on bottom left of transcript

Date of Graduation:

Year Entered 9th Grade: 2014



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CREDITS: STATE VS. LOCAL

State vs. Local

- State credits count towards the 26 required for graduation
- Local credits DO NOT count towards the 26 required for graduation. They only count for grade classification

Career Tech Education

Year	Course Name	S1	S2	CR
14/15	PRINEDTR A	85		0.5
	PRINEDTR B		92	0.5

Local Credit

Year	Course Name	S1	S2	CR
14/15	FOUNDMTH A:L	75		0.5
	FOUNDMTH B:L		72	0.5

Credits Earned

Credit Total: 7.00 State: 6.00 Local: 1.00

WILL COUNT
TOWARDS
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WILL NOT COUNT
TOWARDS
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CREDITS: 16 CORE CREDITS

English - 4 credits

English I - 1 credit

English II - 1 credit

English III - 1 credit

English IV - 1 credit

Math - 4 credits

Algebra I - 1 credit

Algebra II - 1 credit

Geometry - 1 credit

4th Math - 1 credit

Social Studies - 4 credits

World Geography - 1 credit

World History - 1 credit

U.S. History - 1 credit

Fall or Spring

Government - 1/2 credit

Economics - 1/2 credit

Science - 4 credits

Biology - 1 credit

Chemistry - 1 credit

Physics - 1 credit

4th Science - 1 credit



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CREDITS: 10 NON CORE CREDITS

LOTE - 2 credits (in the same language)
Spanish I or Mandarin Chinese I - 1 credit
Spanish II or Mandarin Chinese II - 1 credit
Fine Arts - 1 credit
Music I or Art I
Physical Education - 1 credit
PE/JROTC/Marching Band - 1 credit
Health - ½ credit
Health Ed
Electives - 5 ½ credits
(Aligned towards a pathway)

Cohort 2014 and Cohort 2015 are required to take electives towards an endorsement

½ Credit in Comm App (Speech) Required for Cohort 2012 and Cohort 2013



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CREDITS: GRADE CLASSIFICATION

- Students are classified every August

Grade Classification <i>based on number of credits earned</i>	
9th	00.0 credits - 05.5 credits
10th	06.0 credits - 11.5 credits
11th	12.0 credits - 17.5 credits
12th	18 + credits

Credits Earned

Credit Total: 7.00 State: 6.00 Local: 1.00

Total credits are used to determine grade classification (including local)



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CREDITS: EARNING CREDITS

- The lowest grade considered “passing” is a 70.
- If a student earns a 70 for each report card and for final exam, the student’s average will be a 70.
- This means if your four grades add up to 280, you will earn credit.

Each semester, the average is derived from your report card cycle grades and final exam grade

•½ Credit

•Fall Semester

•A semester

•Cycle 1

•Cycle 2

•Cycle 3

•Fall Final Exam

•½ Credit

•Spring Semester

•B semester

•Cycle 4

•Cycle 5

•Cycle 6

•Spring Final Exam



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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: STAAR EOC

5 EOC Exams

- English I
- Algebra I
- Biology
- English II
- U.S. History

• Once student is enrolled in course, student is eligible to sit for exam

• If student does not meet minimum standard on these exams, student will be required to re-test until standard is met in order to be granted diploma

Test Information			
STAAR EOC	Date	Score	Met
ENGLISH I	04/2015	3630	N
ALGEBRA I	04/2015	4000	Y
BIOLOGY	04/2015	3674	Y
US HISTORY			



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CREDIT RECOVERY OPTIONS

- Students may pick up asterisk documentation form from their Assistant Principal's office. (to remove NG's from transcript)
 - Students who attended Saturday tutorials or Grad Lab last semester, will need to see Ms. Morales in A143b
 - Students who attended WHACP (Winter Break), need to see Ms. Guerra in A207
- If you did not pass any year long courses (A part and B part) last semester, you can earn credit for that class without repeating. Get a high enough grade this semester to utilize whole year average
- Repeat course during
 - Spring Break
 - Summer School
 - Grad Lab (see counselor to request grad lab)



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TRANSCRIPT CODES

Examples

J: High School Course completed prior to grade 9

Career Tech Education				
Year	Course Name	S1	S2	CR
13/14	TSDATAE:J	70		0.5

L: Local Course Credit

Local Credit				
Year	Course Name	S1	S2	CR
14/15	FOUNDMTH A:L	72		0.5
	FOUNDMTH B:L		76	0.5

R: Summer School/Credit Recovery

Mathematics				
Year	Course Name	S1	S2	CR
13/14	ALG 1 A:Q	70		0.5
	ALG 1 B:Q		65	0.0
	ALG 1 B:R	79		0.5

NG*: excessive absences

M: denied 1st semester

N: denied 2nd semester

Social Studies				
Year	Course Name	S1	S2	CR
13/14	W GEO A	81		0.5
	W GEO B		82	0.5
14/15	W HIST A	68		0.0
	W HIST B		NG*	0.0 N

Y: Credit Awarded Based on Final Average

Mathematics				
Year	Course Name	S1	S2	CR
14/15	ALG 1 A	69		0.5 Y
	ALG 1 B		76	0.5

Q: Pre-AP

Language Arts				
Year	Course Name	S1	S2	CR
14/15	ENG 1 A:Q	76		0.5
	ENG 1 B:Q		83	0.5

P: Advanced Placement Course

Social Studies				
Year	Course Name	S1	S2	CR
14/15	APHUMGEO A:P	86		0.5
	APHUMGEO B:P		92	0.5



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ENDORSEMENT

- Required for
 - Cohort 2014
 - Cohort 2015
- Not Required for
 - Cohort 2013
 - Cohort 2012

Endorsement	Pathway
STEM	Math
	Science
Business & Industry	Marine Animal Science
	Agriculture Mechanics
	Business Management & Operations
	Computer Networking
	Naval Architecture
	Maritime Logistics
	Maritime Piloting & Deck Operations
	Maritime Systems Engineering
Arts & Humanities	Double Foreign Language
	Single Foreign Language
	Social Studies
	Fine Arts
Public Service	Teaching Professions
	JROTC
Multi-Disciplinary	Advanced Placement/Dual Credit



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GRADE POINT AVERAGE

- GPA stands for Grade Point Average. It is a standard way of measuring academic achievement in the U.S.
- Grade point average is an indication of a student's academic achievement, calculated as the total number of grade points received by the total number of grades

Grade Point Average			
<i>GPA = total points / total # of grades [for all grades on transcript]</i>			
A	90-100	4 points	5 Q points
B	80-89	3 points	4 Q points
C	75-79	2 points	3 Q points
D	70-74	1 point	2 Q points
F	69 and below	0 points	0 points

** Q - Quality points for advanced coursework*



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