

Distinguished Achievement Program

Students are required to complete the 24 credit Recommended High School Program, and take a level three credit of a language other than English. Within those credits, students must complete advanced measures that reflect work at a college level. In order to achieve this program a combination of four of the advanced measures listed below:

- Earn a score of 3 or above on a college Board AP exam or a score of 4 or above on an IB exam.
- Complete original research or project judged by a panel of professionals in the field that is the focus of the project, or conducted under the direction of mentor(s) and reported to an appropriate audience (Limited to 2.)
- A score on the PSAT that qualifies a student for recognition as a commended scholar or higher.
- A grade of 3.0 or higher on courses that count for college credit.

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**Recommended High School Program
and the
Distinguished Achievement Program**

Courses Required for the Recommended High School Program

Students in the Klein Independent School District will graduate from high school with at least having achieved the **Recommended High School Program**. The **Recommended High School Program** helps ensure that our students have a strong foundation with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in the real world whether that be at a technical school, community college or at a four-year university. This program requires that students take challenging academic courses as they pursue their high school diploma.

Texas Grant is a program for students who graduate from school with the Recommended High School Program or the Distinguished Achievement Program and who have financial need. Texas students are eligible for the Texas Grant under a program created in 1999 by the Texas Legislature.

Discipline	Recommended High School Program
<p>*College Board Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses may be substituted for required English Language Arts and Reading*</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">(24) credits</p> <p>Four Credits must consist of: English I, II, III, and IV English I and II for Speakers of Other Languages may be substituted for English I and II only for immigrant students with limited English proficiency</p>
Mathematics*	<p>Three credits must consist of: Algebra I Algebra II Geometry</p>
Science*	<p>Three credits, One credit must be Biology, AP Biology, or IB Biology. Students must choose one credit from two of the following three areas: Integrated Physics and Chemistry, AP Chemistry, or IB Chemistry Or Physics, Principles of Technology I, AP Physics or IB Physics</p>
Social Studies*	<p>Three and one-half credits must consist of: World History Studies (one credit) World Geography Studies (one credit) U.S. History Studies Since Reconstruction (one credit), and U.S. Government (one-half credit)</p>
Economics*	<p>One-half credit</p>
Physical Education	<p>One and one-half credits to include Foundations of Personal Fitness (one-half credit). Limit of two credits. Can substitute Drill Team, Marching Band, Cheerleading, ROTC, Athletics, Dance I-IV, approved private programs, or certain Career and Technology Education Courses.</p>
Health Education	<p>One-half credit Or Health Science Technology (one credit)</p>
Language Other than English*	<p>Two credits must consist of Level I and Level II in the same language</p>
Fine Arts*	<p>One credit (Speech may not substitute.)</p>
Speech	<p>One-half credit Communication Applications</p>
Technology Applications	<p>One credit selected from either: Computer Science I or II, Desktop Publishing, Digital Graphics/Animation, Multimedia, Video Technology, Web Mastering, Interdependent Study in Technology Applications, Business Image Management and Multimedia, Telecommunications and Networking, Business Computer Information Systems I or II, Computer Applications, Technology Systems (computer lab-based), Communication Graphics (computer lab-based), or Computer Multimedia and Animation Technology.</p>
Elective*	<p>Three and one-half elective credits Selected from the list of courses specified in 74.41 (f) Chapter 110-128. All students are encouraged to study each of the four foundation Curriculum areas (English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies) every year in high school.</p>