

Graduation & Direction of Public Education

The Legislature is making some CHANGES!



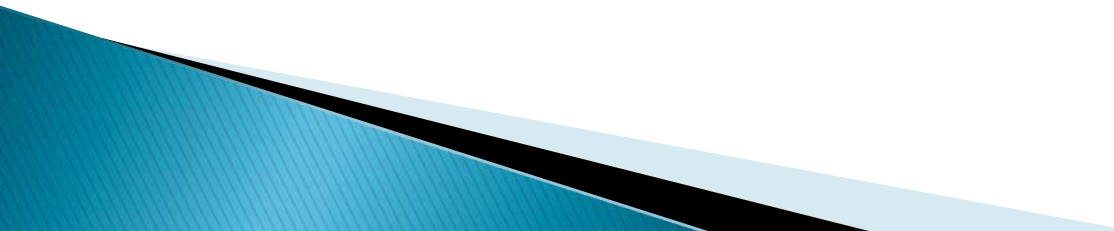
Current 11th and 12th Graders – Graduation Plans

- ▶ MHSP – not eligible for a Texas 4-year college
 - ▶ RHSP
 - ▶ DAP
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- ▶ All students must start on the RHSP

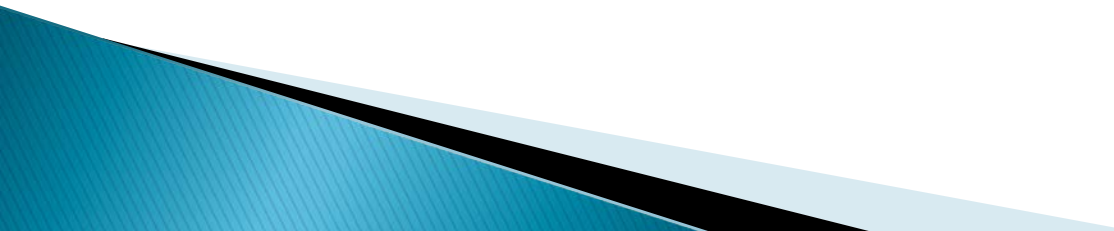
To move to the MHSP

- ▶ Student, parent and counselor/administrator must agree in writing
- ▶ Student must
 - Be at least 16 years old or
 - Completed 2 credits in each of the foundation areas or
 - Failed to be promoted to 10th grade
- ▶ Student may return to the RHSP at any time
- ▶ Students who take a modified or alternate version of a test are moved to the MHSP by the ARD committee

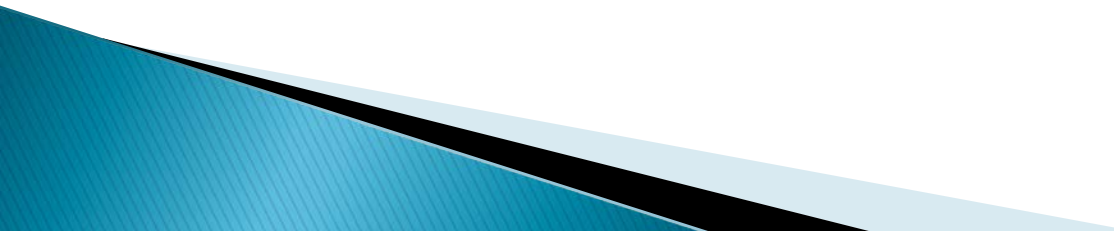
Required Courses for RHSP

- ▶ English – 4 credits
 - ▶ Math – 4 credits
 - ▶ Science – 4 credits
 - ▶ Social Studies – 4 credits
 - ▶ Fine Arts – 1 credit
 - ▶ Foreign Language – 2 credits of the same language
 - ▶ Speech – 1/2 credit
 - ▶ PE – 1 credit
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Testing

- ▶ Must pass Exit Level TAKS in ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies
 - ▶ If you make a 2200 in Math and ELA, you are THEA Exempt
 - ▶ Send ACT/SAT to colleges and NCAA Clearinghouse
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Both ACT and SAT

- ▶ Timed tests – wear a watch
 - ▶ Offer modifications for special needs students
 - ▶ Accepted by colleges and universities
 - ▶ Allow calculators on math section
 - ▶ Offer fee waivers for cost of the test (depending on income)
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ACT and SAT Differences

- ▶ ACT tests English, Math, Reading, and Science with an optional Writing test
- ▶ 2 hours and 55 minutes of tests with additional 30 minute writing test option
- ▶ Total test time – a little over 4 hours
- ▶ Writing is last
- ▶ SAT tests Critical Reading, Math, and Writing
- ▶ 3 hours and 45 minutes of tests
- ▶ Total test time – 5 hours
- ▶ Writing is tested first

9th and 10th Grade Based on the 82nd Legislature

- ▶ Kept the three graduation plans
- ▶ Replaced 4 TAKS tests with 15 EOCs for graduation

STAAR EOC Assessments

English: English I, English II,
English III
(Both Reading and Writing)

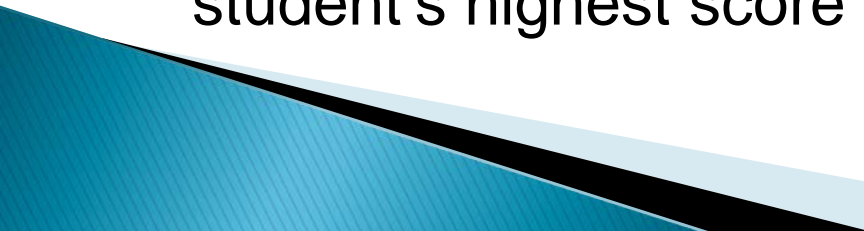
Math: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra
II

Science: Biology, Chemistry, Physics

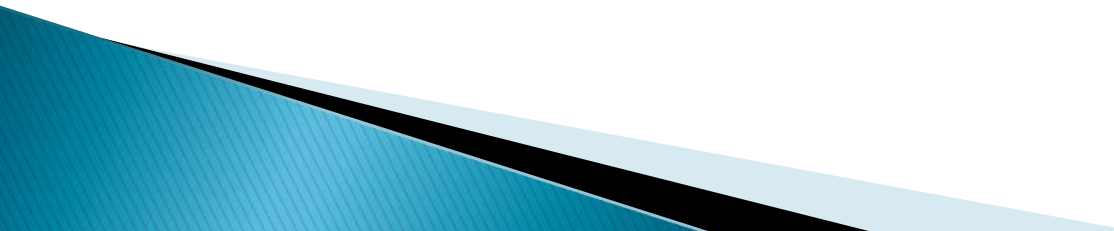
Social Studies: World Geography, World
History, U.S. History

STAAR will focus on readiness for success in subsequent courses and, ultimately, for college and career readiness.

Graduation Requirements

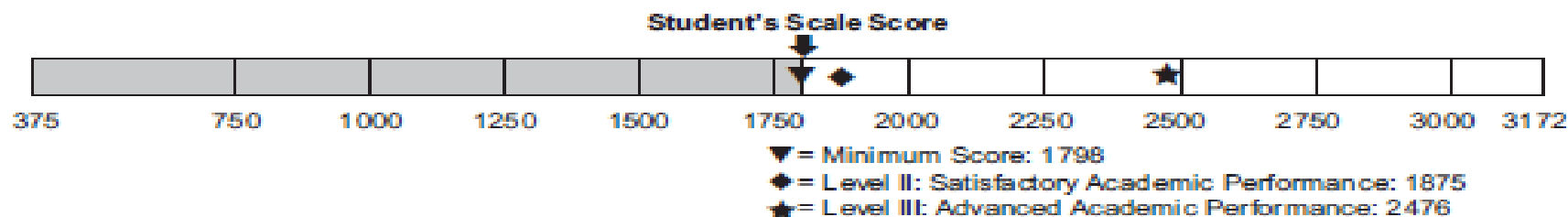
- In order to graduate, a student must achieve a cumulative score that is at least equal to the product of the number of EOC assessments taken in that content area and a scale score that indicates Level II Satisfactory Academic Performance.
 - A student must achieve a minimum score for each EOC to count towards the student's cumulative score in English, Math, Science, or Social Studies. The student does not have to retake the course in order to retake an EOC.
 - A student's cumulative score is determined using the student's highest score on each EOC assessment.
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Note of Caution

- ▶ Minimum scores are failing scores.
 - ▶ A minimum score earned on each EOC assessment will not be enough for the cumulative score required for graduation.
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Cumulative EOC Score Requirement

Reporting Categories			
Written Composition Scores	Weighted Score	Points Possible	Score Description
4. Composition			Compositions are scored on a 4-point scale by two readers.
<i>Literary Composition</i>	10	16	<i>Between Basic and Satisfactory (summed score: 5 out of a possible 8)</i>
<i>Expository Composition</i>	8	16	<i>Basic (summed score: 4 out of a possible 8)</i>
TOTAL COMPOSITION SCORE	18	32	
Multiple-Choice Scores	Items Correct	Items Tested	Percent Correct
5. Revision	7	15	
6. Editing	12	15	
TOTAL MULTIPLE-CHOICE SCORE	19	30	
TOTAL WRITING SCORE	37	62	
Student's Scale Score 1802	Minimum Score YES	Satisfactory Performance NO	Advanced Performance NO



83rd Legislature Will Make Some Changes


None of this is Final!

HB 5 – Passed the House

Similar bills in the Senate

- ▶ Replaces the MHSP, RHSP and DAP beginning with the **2014–15** school year
- ▶ Foundation High School Program
 - 4 credits of English
 - 3 credits of math
 - 3 credits of science
 - 3 credits of social studies
 - 2 credits of foreign language or computer programming
 - 1 credit of PE
 - 1 credit of fine arts

Foundation Plan

- ▶ Endorsements:
 - STEM
 - Business and Industry
 - Public Services
 - Arts and Humanities
 - Multidisciplinary Studies
 - ▶ Performance Acknowledgement
 - Dual Credit
 - AP/IB Exams
 - PSAT/ACT Plan/ACT/SAT
 - Business/Industry Certification
 - ▶ Distinguished Level of Achievement
 - Required for Top 10% Automatic Admissions
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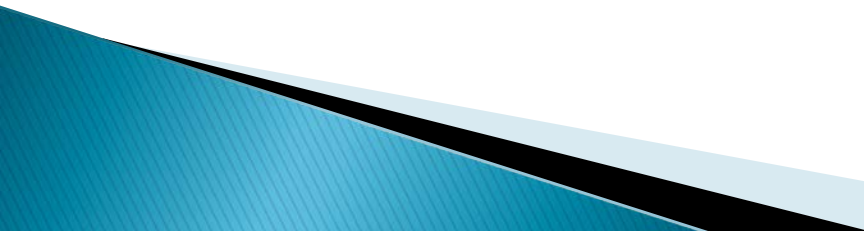
Testing

- ▶ Must Pass EOCs in:
 - Algebra I
 - Biology
 - English II Reading and Writing
 - US History
- ▶ Algebra II and English III – Student Choice
 - Must show college readiness

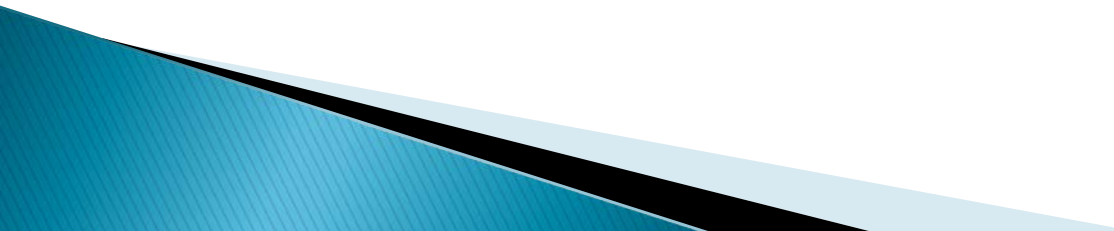
All other EOCs are not required!



Other Parts of HB 5

- ▶ No 15% Rule but “performance to be considered in determining the student’s final course grade”
 - ▶ Current 9th and 10th grade can choose current graduation plans or new Foundation Plan
 - ▶ EOCs will now be on an easier to understand 100 point scale
 - ▶ Current 9th and 10th graders on the MHSP only need to take the new set of EOCs
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Other Bills of Interest

- ▶ HB 1319 – Require a student to receive an electrocardiogram before the student's participation in UIL
 - ▶ HB 1374 & SB 929– Require public schools that participated in UIL to provide home-schooled students that resided in their attendance area with the opportunity to participate in UIL along with students enrolled in the school.
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More Bills

- ▶ SB 1458 & HB 1884 – Would keep the rule of 80 in place but would raise the minimum retirement age to 62. There will be a 5% penalty each year for those that retire early. Grandfathered if you have rule of 70 and either 50 or 25 years experience. **Changed! – Now grandfathered in with 5 years experience prior to Aug. 2014**
- ▶ HB 866 – Requires reading and math testing at grades 3, 5, & 8. Grades 4, 6, & 7 would only be required if students failed the previous year. Eliminates writing in grades 4 & 7
- ▶ Additional bills about discipline , truancy, and testing at lower grades

Questions?

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