

ALBANY JUNIOR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
ACADEMIC PLANNING GUIDE
2021-2022

GRADUATION PLAN

The goal of Albany ISD is that all students will graduate on the Foundation with Endorsement(s) or Distinguished plan and that all students will be college ready.

	Foundation With Endorsement(s) or Distinguished Achievement	Foundation HS Program (Students may only consider at the end of the 11th-grade year)
English Language Arts	4 Credits English I English II English III Advanced English Course	4 Credits English I English II English III Advanced English Course
Mathematics	4 Credits Algebra I Geometry Algebra II Advanced math course	3 Credits Algebra I Geometry Advanced math course
Science	4 Credits IPC Biology Two additional advanced science courses (Chemistry and/or Physics required for endorsement)	3 Credits IPC Biology Advanced science course
Social Studies	3 Credits World Geography and/or World History US History Government/Economics (A 4th social studies is required for some endorsements)	3 Credits World Geography and/or World History US History Government/Economics
Physical Education	1 Credit	1 Credit
Language Other Than English (LOTE)	2 Credits from the same language	2 Credits from the same language
Fine Arts	1 Credit	1 Credit
Electives	6-7 Credits (Includes the credit requirements of the student's declared endorsement)	5 Credits
Total Credits	26	22

Distinguished Achievement:

Students must earn Distinguished Level of Achievement in order to be eligible for Top 10% Automatic Admission to institutions of higher education.

4 credits in math, including Algebra II

4 credits in science

Completion of an Endorsement

Endorsements

Under the new paradigm of House Bill 5, students may graduate with not only a diploma. They may also earn a high school endorsement. An endorsement is a formal acknowledgment that a student has completed a rigorous program of studies in a specific discipline. Students may choose from one of thirty Endorsement Focus Plans, each of which satisfies the requirements for one of five endorsement areas:

Arts & Humanities

Business & Industry

Public Service

*Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
(STEM)*

Multidisciplinary

ALBANY ISD offers 4 Focus Pathways, each designed not only to satisfy the graduation requirements of the Foundation Plan with Endorsement but also to prepare them for the future.