

New Graduation Requirements

New graduation requirements were established with the passage of House Bill (HB) 3 in July 2009, and amendments adopted by The State Board of Education in January 2010 and LCISD in March 2010. These new requirements supersede the graduation requirements in 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 74.

Lamar CISD will implement the new graduation requirements with all high school grade levels in the 2010-11 school year.

Recommended High School Program (RHSP) and Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP)

For the recommended (RHSP) and advanced (DAP) high school programs, the total number of credits required for graduation and the requirement of 4 credits in the 4 foundation areas of mathematics, English language arts, science, and social studies/economics did not change. Changes include:

- providing more flexibility in the enrichment areas of the RHSP and DAP by increasing the number of elective credits to 5 (RHSP) or 4 (DAP), requiring 1 credit of physical education, 2 (RHSP) or 3 (DAP) credits of a language other than English (LOTE), 1 credit of fine arts, and ½ credit of Health.
- removing the requirement for technology applications.

Minimum High School Program

Permission to graduate under the minimum high school program must be agreed to in writing and signed by the student, student's parent (or other person standing in parental relation to the student), and the campus principal.

Under HB 3, to graduate under the minimum high school program, students must:

- be at least 16 years of age;
- have completed 2 credits required for graduation in each subject of the foundation curriculum;
- have failed to be promoted to the 10th grade one or more times as determined by the school district; or
- have completed Minimum Graduation Program Approval form and submitted it to the Campus Principal for approval.

Required Coursework:	Recommended High School Program	Distinguished Achievement Program
English Language Arts: English I, II, III, IV	4	4
Mathematics: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and 4 th year SBOE approved math course	4	4
Science: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and 4 th year SBOE approved science course	4	4
Social Studies: Geography, World History, US History, Government/Economics	4	4
LOTE: Languages other than English---same language	2	3
Physical Education: select from PE, Athletics, Marching Band, Drill Team, or ROTC	1	1
Health:	½	½
Communication Applications:	½	½
Fine Arts: select from Art, Dance, Theatre Arts, Band or Choir	1	1
Electives:	5	4
Total Credits for Graduation:	26	26