

Promotion and Graduation

Every student attending high school in the state of Texas must meet the graduation requirements established by the **Texas Education Agency (TEA)**. Under the **Foundation High School Program**, students must earn a **minimum of 22 credits** to graduate, with additional endorsements raising the total to **26 credits** for most students. Credits are earned by successfully passing courses and are required for promotion to the next grade level. At Pathway Academy, the following credit benchmarks guide grade-level promotion:

- **9th Grade:** Students must earn at least **6 credits** to be promoted to 10th grade.
- **10th Grade:** Students must earn at least **12 credits** to be promoted to 11th grade.
- **11th Grade:** Students must earn at least **18 credits** to be promoted to 12th grade.
- **12th Grade:** Students must earn **26 credits** (including endorsement requirements) to graduate.

These requirements ensure students are on track to meet both state standards and college and career readiness expectations.

Students must earn the following credits in each content area and complete the Senior Project in order to graduate:

Content Area	Credits Required
English Language Arts	4 Credits
Mathematics	4 Credits <i>(including Algebra I, Geometry, and an advanced math)</i>
Science	4 Credits <i>(including Biology, IPC or an advanced science, and two additional science courses)</i>
Social Studies	3 Credits <i>(World Geography or World History, U.S. History, Government (0.5), and Economics (0.5))</i>
Languages Other Than English (LOTE)	2 Credits
Fine Arts	1 Credit
Physical Education	1 Credit
Electives	6 Credits <i>(including endorsement courses)</i>