

# HARMONY SCHOOL SYSTEM

## High School Graduation Requirements

The following graduation requirements apply to students entering Grade 9 in school year 2007-08 and after.

Discipline	Recommended High School Program (RHSP)	Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP)
English	<p><b>Four Credits</b> must consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- English I or English I for Speakers of Other Languages</li> <li>- English II or English II for Speakers of Other Languages</li> <li>- English III or AP English Language and Composition</li> <li>- English IV or AP English Literature and Composition</li> </ul>	<p><b>Four Credits</b> must consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- English I or English I for Speakers of Other Languages</li> <li>- English II or English II for Speakers of Other Languages</li> <li>- English III or AP English Language and Composition</li> <li>- English IV or AP English Literature and Composition</li> </ul>
Mathematics	<p><b>Four Credits</b> must consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Algebra I</li> <li>- Geometry</li> <li>- Algebra II</li> <li>- Mathematical Models with Applications or Precalculus or AP Statistics or AP Calculus AB or AP Calculus BC or AP Computer Science or Independent Study or Concurrent Enrollment in College Courses</li> </ul>	<p><b>Four Credits</b> must consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Algebra I</li> <li>- Geometry</li> <li>- Algebra II</li> <li>- An additional course for which Algebra II is prerequisite such as Precalculus or AP Statistics or AP Calculus AB or AP Calculus BC or AP Computer Science or Independent Study or Concurrent Enrollment in College Courses</li> </ul>
Science	<p><b>Four Credits:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One credit must be Biology or AP Biology</li> <li>- Three credits selected from the followings:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC), Chemistry, Physics, Astronomy, Aquatic Science, Environmental Science, Earth and Space Science, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics B, AP Physics C, and AP Environmental Science</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>IPC may not be taken as the final or fourth year of science, but must be taken before the senior year of high school</p>	<p><b>Four Credits</b> must consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A biology credit (Biology or AP Biology)</li> <li>- A chemistry credit (Chemistry or AP Chemistry)</li> <li>- A physics credit (Physics or AP Physics (B or C))</li> <li>- The fourth credit must be selected from the following               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Astronomy, Aquatic Science, Environmental Science, Earth and Space Science, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics B or C, and AP Environmental Science</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>IPC may not be taken to fulfill any of the four credits of science requirements.</p>
Social Studies	<p><b>Three-and one-half credits</b> must consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- World Geography (one credit)</li> <li>- World History or AP World History (one credit)</li> <li>- US History or AP US History (one credit)</li> <li>- US Government or AP US Government (one-half credit)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Three-and one-half credits</b> must consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- World Geography (one credit)</li> <li>- World History or AP World History (one credit)</li> <li>- US History or AP US History (one credit)</li> <li>- US Government or AP US Government (one-half credit)</li> </ul>
Economics	<p><b>One-half credit</b> must consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Economics or AP Macroeconomics or AP Microeconomics</li> </ul>	<p><b>One-half credit</b> must consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Economics or AP Macroeconomics or AP Microeconomics</li> </ul>
Physical Education	<p><b>One and one-half credits</b> of the foundations of Personal Fitness</p>	<p><b>One and one-half credits</b> of the foundations of Personal Fitness</p>

Languages Other Than English	<b>Two Credits</b> must consist of Level I and Level II in the same language. An AP course can also be substituted for each level (must also be the same language).	<b>Three Credits</b> must consist of Level I, Level II, and Level III in the same language. An AP course can also be substituted for each level (must also be the same language).
Health Education	<b>One-half credit</b> of Health Education	<b>One-half credit</b> of Health Education
Technology Applications	<b>One credit</b> choose one from the followings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Computer Science</li> <li>- Desktop Publishing</li> <li>- Digital Graphics</li> <li>- Multimedia</li> <li>- Video Technology</li> <li>- Web Mastering</li> <li>- BCIS</li> <li>- AP Computer Science A</li> <li>- AP Computer Science AB</li> </ul>	<b>One credit</b> choose one from the followings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Computer Science</li> <li>- Desktop Publishing</li> <li>- Digital Graphics</li> <li>- Multimedia</li> <li>- Video Technology</li> <li>- Web Mastering</li> <li>- BCIS</li> <li>- AP Computer Science A</li> <li>- AP Computer Science AB</li> </ul>
Fine Arts	<b>One credit</b> choose one from the followings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Art</li> <li>- Dance</li> <li>- Music</li> <li>- Theatre</li> <li>- AP Music Theory</li> <li>- AP Studio Arts</li> <li>- AP Art History</li> </ul>	<b>One credit</b> choose one from the followings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Art</li> <li>- Dance</li> <li>- Music</li> <li>- Theatre</li> <li>- AP Music Theory</li> <li>- AP Studio Arts</li> <li>- AP Art History</li> </ul>
Speech	<b>One-half credit:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Communication Applications</li> </ul>	<b>One-half credit:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Communication Applications</li> </ul>
Elective Courses	<b>Three and one-half credits</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AP Psychology</li> <li>- AP European History</li> <li>- Photography</li> <li>- Multiculturalism</li> <li>- Journalism</li> <li>- Debate</li> <li>- Home Economics</li> <li>- Automotive</li> <li>- Creative Writing</li> <li>- Sociology</li> <li>- Or any other course approved by Harmony School</li> </ul>	<b>Two and one-half credits</b> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AP Psychology</li> <li>- AP European History</li> <li>- Photography</li> <li>- Multiculturalism</li> <li>- Journalism</li> <li>- Debate</li> <li>- Home Economics</li> <li>- Automotive</li> <li>- Creative Writing</li> <li>- Sociology</li> <li>- Or any other course approved by Harmony School</li> </ul>
Advanced Measures	None	A student must receive any combination of <b>four advanced measures</b> .
Community Service	100 hours	100 hours
College Admission	Proof of admission by a four-year college is required	Proof of admission by a four-year college is required

All students must pass the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) Exit level unless they qualify for exemption.

### **Advanced Measures Required for The Distinguished Achievement Program**

The Distinguished Achievement Program recognizes students who demonstrate levels of performance equivalent to college students. As a college preparatory school system, Harmony Schools strongly encourage the students to follow the DAP. In order to graduate under DPA, students must complete the requirements described in §74.1 of the Texas Administrative Code and receive any combination of four of the following advanced measures:

#### **1. Original Research Project that is:**

- judged by a panel of professionals in the field that is the focus of project; or
- conducted under the direction of mentor(s) and reported to an appropriate audience; and
- related to the required curriculum set forth in TAC §74.1

Original research project may not be used for more than **two** of the four advanced measures

#### **2. Test Data:**

- A score of three or above on The College Board Advanced Placement examination (may be used for all **four** advanced measures with no limit);
- A score on the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT) that qualifies a student for recognition as a Commended Scholar or higher by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation; as part of:
  - The National Hispanic Scholar Program of The College Board; or
  - The National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

The PSAT score may count as only **one** advanced measure regardless of the number of honors received by the student.

#### **3. College courses:**

- A grade of 3.0 or higher on courses that count for college credit (may be used for all **four** advanced measures).

**EXAMPLES:**

**Case 1:** A student who receives a score of three or above in two AP courses, successfully completes a science fair project during high school, and completes a college level course through dual credit program with a grade of 3.0 or higher (2 scores from Test Data from AP Courses, 1 score from Original Research Project, and 1 score from College courses) meets the DAP advanced measures requirements.

**Case 2:** A student who receives a score of three or above in four AP courses meets the DAP advanced measures requirements.

**Case 3:** A student who receives a score of three or above in one AP course, successfully completes a science fair project during high school, and completes two college level courses through dual credit program with a grade of 3.0 or higher (1 scores from Test Data from AP Courses, 1 score from Original Research Project, and 2 score from College courses) meets the DAP advanced measures requirements.

**Case 4:** A student who completes four college level courses through dual credit program with a grade of 3.0 or higher meets the DAP advanced measures requirements.

**Case 5:** A student who receives a score of three or above in two AP courses, successfully completes two science fair projects during high school (2 scores from Test Data from AP Courses and 2 score from Original Research Project) meets the DAP advanced measures requirements.

Case	Research Project	AP Test Data (3 or higher)	Commended Scholar on PSAT	College Courses
1	1	2	0	1
2	0	4	0	0
3	1	1	0	2
4	0	0	0	4
5	2	2	0	0

### Course-by-Credit Summary

Discipline	RHSP Credits	DAP Credits
English	4.0	4.0
Mathematics	4.0	4.0
Science	4.0	4.0
Social Studies	3.5	3.5
Economics	0.5	0.5
Physical Education	1.5	1.5
<b>Languages Other Than English</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>
Health Education	0.5	0.5
Technology Applications	1.0	1.0
Fine Arts	1.0	1.0
Speech	0.5	0.5
<b>Elective Courses</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>

## List of AP Courses Offered in Harmony Schools\*

AP Course	Equivalence in Graduation Plan
AP Art History	Fine Arts
AP Biology	Science
AP Calculus AB	Mathematics
AP Calculus BC	Mathematics
AP Chemistry	Science
AP Computer Science A	Mathematics or Technology Applications
AP Computer Science AB	Mathematics or Technology Applications
AP Economics	Economics
AP English Language and Composition	English Language Arts
AP English Literature and Composition	English Language Arts
AP Environmental Science	Science
AP Music Theory	Fine Arts
AP Physics B	Science
AP Physics C	Science
AP Psychology	Elective
AP Spanish Language	Languages Other Than English
AP Spanish Literature	Languages Other Than English
AP Statistics	Mathematics
AP Studio Art	Fine Arts
AP U.S. Government and Politics	Social Studies
AP U.S. History	Social Studies
AP World History	Social Studies

\*Please note that the AP course offerings may vary from campus to campus

### **List of Courses Offered in Middle School for High School Credit\*:**

English I (1.0 Credit)	World Geography (1.0 Credit)
Algebra I (1.0 Credit)	Physical Education (1.0 Credit)
Integrated Physics and Chemistry (1.0 Credit)	Health Education (0.5 Credit)
Fine Arts (1.0 Credit)	Computer (1.0 Credit)

\*Please note that this list may vary for each campus.

### **Early High School Graduation Scholarship Program**

The Early High School Graduation Scholarship Program is a financial assistance program authorized by the 74th Texas Legislature for students who graduate from high school in fewer than four years.

To be eligible for an award through the Early High School Graduation Scholarship program, a student must:

1. have graduated from high school:
  - a. in not more than **41** consecutive months and successfully completed the recommended or distinguished high school program; or
  - b. in not more than **45** consecutive months, with at least 30 hours of college credit, and successfully completed the recommended or distinguished high school program
2. have attended high school exclusively in one or more Texas public high schools; and
3. be a Texas resident as defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

### **State credit for tuition or tuition and mandatory fees**

The amount of credit a student is eligible to receive varies depending on the number of months the student takes to graduate and the number of college credit hours the student has earned while in high school. A student who is eligible under the Early High School Graduation Scholarship program is entitled to a state credit to apply toward tuition or tuition and mandatory fees, as applicable, at a public or private institution of higher education in this state in the following amounts:

1. \$2,000 to apply toward tuition and mandatory fees if:
  - the person successfully completed the recommended or advanced high school program; and
  - graduated from high school in 36 consecutive months or lessAn additional \$1,000 to apply toward tuition and mandatory fees if:
  - the person graduated with at least 15 hours of college credit.
2. \$500 to apply toward tuition and mandatory fees if:

- the person successfully completed the recommended or distinguished high school program;  
and
- graduated from high school in more than 36 consecutive months but not more than 41 consecutive months

An additional \$1,000 to apply toward tuition and mandatory fees if:

- the person graduated with at least 30 hours of college credit.

3. \$1,000 to apply toward tuition and mandatory fees if:

- the person successfully completed the recommended or distinguished high school program;  
and
- graduated from high school in more than 41 consecutive months but not more than 45 consecutive months with at least 30 hours of college credit.

More information can be found at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/curriculum/>