

Texas First Early High School Graduation Program

Parent Information

General Information

- Allows students to graduate early by demonstrating college readiness
- Students must meet specific graduation requirements
- Awards scholarship credit equivalent for up to one year at eligible institution
- The high school campus submits required paperwork
- Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board will give scholarship certificate to student
- 9th graders who elect to be on this program will not choose an endorsement
- Students will earn Distinguished Level of Achievement on their transcript
- Prior to the 9th grade school year, contact your high school counselor's office to set up an appointment and discuss your options
- For additional information, please visit: [Texas First Diploma](#)

Graduation Requirements

- 22 HS credits
 - Required advanced coursework must be completed
- Final GPA must be 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- Students must demonstrate college readiness by earning an overall, scaled score in at least the 80th percentile on one or more of the following assessments:
 - ACT
 - SAT
 - PSAT/NMSQT
 - AP
 - TSIA/TSIA2

OR

Students can also meet this requirement by earning a GPA that ranks them in the top 10% of the students current class during the semester prior to the students graduation

- Students must meet approaches grade level, meets grade level, or masters grade level for
 - English 1 or English 2
 - Algebra 1
 - Biology

OR

Students can also meet this requirement by achieving a passing score on a substitute assessment for that subject as authorized under the [Title 19 Administrative Code](#)

Things to Consider

- Age of your child transitioning into college
- College acceptance isn't guaranteed
- Students who have declared the 'early graduate' pathway and do not meet the requirements may not be eligible for on-time graduation with their cohort.