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Spring
Branch

Independent School District

HB 5 Foundation with Endorsements Graduation Plan

Focus

“The focus of HB 5 is to make sure every student graduates prepared for college and a career by creating flexibility for students to pursue their passion.”

Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick

Endorsements

- ★ **Arts and Humanities**
- ★ **Business and Industry**
- ★ **Public Service**
- ★ **STEM**
- ★ **Multidisciplinary**

Pathways

- ★ **Pathways are specialized courses that help a student discover their interests.**
- ★ **Pathways help a student design a course of study that will prepare the student for future study at a university, community college, or certification program.**

Pathways

- ★ **At SHS with the help of the Guthrie Center, we can offer 70 Pathways for a student to pursue.**
- ★ **Each pathway has required courses as well as advanced course needed to complete the specifications.**

Foundation Plan with Endorsements Requirements

If we are to meet the college entry requirements, a student must have:

- ★ **ELA – 4 credits**
- ★ **Math – 4 credits**
 - ◆ **Algebra II must be taken**
- ★ **Social Studies – 4 credits**
- ★ **Science – 4 credits**

Foundation Plan with Endorsements Requirements (cont.)

- ★ **Foreign Language – 2 credits**
- ★ **Fine Art – 1 credit**
- ★ **Physical Education – 1 credit**
- ★ **6 other credits (CTE, LOTE, Core,
etc.)**
- ★ **Total – 26 Credits**

Requirements

- ★ **Every student must declare an endorsement before entering the 9th grade and can change it no later than the beginning of the 11th grade.**
- ★ **Every students must declare a pathway to specialize their elective choices.**

Pathways

- ★ **If a student chooses a CTE (Career and Technology Education) pathway, the student must take a minimum of 4 CTE credits.**
- ★ **2 of the credits must be the required CTE cluster elective**
- ★ **1 of the credits must be the required advanced CTE cluster elective.**

Pathways

- ★ **If a student changes their pathway, counselors will work with the student on an option that generally will lead them to a combination option (multidisciplinary) within their chosen endorsement so we can graduate a student on time.**

Arts and Humanities Endorsement

- ★ **Allows students to earn credits in a specific advanced courses from a fine arts content area**
- ★ **Sufficient to complete Distinguished Level under the Foundation High School Plan**

Arts and Humanities Endorsement

Option A: Social Studies	Option B: 1 Foreign Language	Option B: 1 Foreign Language	Option B: 1 Foreign Language	Option B: 1 Foreign Language
5 Credits in Social Studies	4 Credits in the Same Foreign Language Other than English	4 Credits in the Same Foreign Language Other than English	4 Credits in the Same Foreign Language Other than English	4 Credits in the Same Foreign Language Other than English
Social Studies Pathway	Spanish Pathway	French Pathway	German Pathway	Japanese Pathway

Arts and Humanities Endorsement

Option B: 1 Foreign Language	Option C: 2 Foreign Language	Option C: 2 Foreign Language	Option C: 2 Foreign Language	Option C: 2 Foreign Language
4 Credits in the Same Foreign Language Other than English	4 Credits in the same Foreign Language Other than English and 2 Credits in a second Foreign Language	4 Credits in the same Foreign Language Other than English and 2 Credits in a second Foreign Language	4 Credits in the same Foreign Language Other than English and 2 Credits in a second Foreign Language	4 Credits in the same Foreign Language Other than English and 2 Credits in a second Foreign Language
Credit by Exam Pathways	Spanish- French Pathway	Spanish- German Pathway	Spanish- Japanese Pathway	Spanish-ASL Pathway

Arts and Humanities Endorsement

Option C: 2 Foreign Language	Option C: 2 Foreign Language	Option C: 2 Foreign Language	Option C: 2 Foreign Language	Option C: 2 Foreign Language
4 Credits in the same Foreign Language Other than English and 2 Credits in a second Foreign Language	4 Credits in the same Foreign Language Other than English and 2 Credits in a second Foreign Language	4 Credits in the same Foreign Language Other than English and 2 Credits in a second Foreign Language	4 Credits in the same Foreign Language Other than English and 2 Credits in a second Foreign Language	4 Credits in the same Foreign Language Other than English and 2 Credits in a second Foreign Language
French- German Pathway	French- Japanese Pathway	French - ASL Pathway	French - ASL Pathway	German – Japanese Pathway

Arts and Humanities Endorsement

Option C: 2 Foreign Language	Option C: 2 Foreign Language	Option E: Fine Arts	Option E: Fine Arts	Option E: Fine Arts
4 Credits in the same Foreign Language Other than English and 2 Credits in a second Foreign Language	4 Credits in the same Foreign Language Other than English and 2 Credits in a second Foreign Language	A coherent sequence of 4 credits by selecting courses from one discipline	A coherent sequence of 4 credits by selecting courses from one discipline	A coherent sequence of 4 credits by selecting courses from one discipline
German - ASL Pathway	Other LOTE Pathways	Art Pathways	Theater Arts Pathway	Tech Theater Pathway

Arts and Humanities Endorsement

Option E: Fine Arts	Option E: Fine Arts	Option E: Fine Arts	Option E: Fine Arts	Option E: Fine Arts
A coherent sequence of 4 credits by selecting courses from one discipline	A coherent sequence of 4 credits by selecting courses from one discipline	A coherent sequence of 4 credits by selecting courses from one discipline	A coherent sequence of 4 credits by selecting courses from one discipline	A coherent sequence of 4 credits by selecting courses from two disciplines
Dance Pathway	Choral Music Pathway	Band Pathway	Orchestra Pathway	Multidiscipline Fine Arts Pathway

Arts and Humanities Endorsement	
Option D: ASL	Option E: English
4 Credits in the same Foreign Language Other than English	7 Credits in English including English I, English II, English III, English IV, and 3 other English Electives
American Sign Language Pathway	English Pathway

Option A: Social Studies

5 Credits in Social Studies

Social Studies Pathway

Required Courses

- **World Geography**
- **World History**
- **United States History**
- **American Government (.5 credit)**
- **Economics (.5 credit)**

One additional Required Credit from this list:

- **AP Psychology**
- **Introduction to Psychology**
- **Global Issues**
- **History Through Film**
- **Sociology**
- **European History**

Option B: 1 Foreign Language

4 or more credits in the Same Language Other Than English

Spanish Pathway

Required Courses

- Spanish I or Spanish for Native Speakers I
- Spanish II or Spanish for Native Speakers II
- Spanish III

- Pre-AP Spanish IV or
AP Spanish IV Language and Culture

Optional Advanced Courses

- AP Spanish V Literature
- AP Spanish VI Literature

Option B: 1 Foreign Language

4 or more credits in the Same Language Other Than English

French Pathway

Required Courses

- **French I**
- **French II**
- **French III**
- **AP French IV Language and Culture**



Option B: 1 Foreign Language

4 or more credits in the Same Language Other Than English

German Pathway

Required Courses

- **German I**
- **German II**
- **German III**
- **AP German IV Language and Culture**



Option B: 1 Foreign Language

4 or more credits in the Same Language Other Than English

Credit By Exam Pathways

Credit can be received by credit by exam only

- **4 Credits in Arabic or**
- **4 Credits in Farsi or**
- **4 Credits in Russian or**
- **4 Credits in Greek or**
- **4 Credits in Korean or**
- **4 Credits in Mandarin**

Option C: 2 Foreign Languages

**4 or more credits in the Same Language Other Than English
and 2 credits in a Second Language Other Than English**

Spanish – French Pathway

Required Courses

- **4 Credits in Spanish plus 2 credits in French
or**
- **4 Credits in French plus 2 credits in Spanish**

Option C: 2 Foreign Languages

**4 or more credits in the Same Language Other Than English
and 2 credits in a Second Language Other Than English**

Spanish – German Pathway

Required Courses

- **4 Credits in Spanish plus 2 credits in German
or**
- **4 Credits in German plus 2 credits in Spanish**

Option C: 2 Foreign Languages

**4 or more credits in the Same Language Other Than English
and 2 credits in a Second Language Other Than English**

Spanish – Japanese Pathway

Required Courses

- **4 Credits in Spanish plus 2 credits in Japanese
or**
- **4 Credits in Japanese plus 2 credits in Spanish**

Option C: 2 Foreign Languages

**4 or more credits in the Same Language Other Than English
and 2 credits in a Second Language Other Than English**

Spanish – ASL Pathway

Required Courses

- **4 Credits in Spanish plus
2 credits in American Sign Language**



Option C: 2 Foreign Languages

**4 or more credits in the Same Language Other Than English
and 2 credits in a Second Language Other Than English**

French - German Pathway

Required Courses

- **4 Credits in French plus 2 credits in German
or**
- **4 Credits in German plus 2 credits in French**

Option C: 2 Foreign Languages

**4 or more credits in the Same Language Other Than English
and 2 credits in a Second Language Other Than English**

French - Japanese Pathway

Required Courses

- **4 Credits in French plus 2 credits in Japanese
or**
- **4 Credits in Japanese plus 2 credits in French**

Option C: 2 Foreign Languages

**4 or more credits in the Same Language Other Than English
and 2 credits in a Second Language Other Than English**

French – ASL Pathway

Required Courses

- **4 Credits in French plus
2 credits in American Sign Language**



Option C: 2 Foreign Languages

**4 or more credits in the Same Language Other Than English
and 2 credits in a Second Language Other Than English**

German - Japanese Pathway

Required Courses

- **4 Credits in German plus 2 credits in Japanese
or**
- **4 Credits in Japanese plus 2 credits in German**

Option C: 2 Foreign Languages

**4 or more credits in the Same Language Other Than English
and 2 credits in a Second Language Other Than English**

German – ASL Pathway

Required Courses

- **4 Credits in German plus
2 credits in American Sign Language**



Option D: American Sign Language

4 or more credits in the Same Language Other Than English

ASL Pathway

Required Courses

- **4 Credits in American Sign Language**



Option E: Fine Arts

A coherent sequence of 4 credits by selecting Courses from One Discipline

Art Pathways

<p>Required Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art I or Advanced Art I • Art II • Art III • Art IV 	<p>Required Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art I • Art II Drawing • Art III Drawing • Art IV Drawing 	<p>Required Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art I • Art II 3-D Sculpture • Art III 3-D Sculpture • Art IV 3-D Sculpture 	<p>Required Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art I • Art II Photography • Art III Photography • Art IV Photography
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Advanced Courses (Can be used as the 4th Class)

- AP Art Drawing Portfolio
- AP Art Design 2D Portfolio
- AP Art Design 3D Portfolio
- AP Art History

Option E: Fine Arts

A coherent sequence of 4 credits by selecting Courses from One Discipline

Theater Arts Pathway

Required Courses

- Theater Arts I or Advanced Theater Arts I
- Theater Arts II
- Theater Arts III
- Theater Arts IV

Tech Theater Arts Pathway

Required Courses

- Tech Theater Arts I
- Tech Theater Arts II
- Tech Theater Arts III
- Tech Theater Arts IV



Option E: Fine Arts

A coherent sequence of 4 credits by selecting Courses from One Discipline

Dance Pathways

Required Courses

- Dance I
- Dance II
- Dance III
- Dance IV

Optional Elective Course

- Color Guard



Option E: Fine Arts

A coherent sequence of 4 credits by selecting Courses from One Discipline

Choral Music Pathway

Required Courses

- **Choir I**
- **Choir II**
- **Choir III**
- **Choir IV**

Advanced Courses (Can be used as the 4th class)

- **Music Theory**
- **AP Music Theory**



Option E: Fine Arts

A coherent sequence of 4 credits by selecting Courses from One Discipline

Band Pathway

Required Courses

- Band I
- Band II
- Band III
- Band IV

Advanced Courses (Can be used as the 4th class)

- Music Theory
- AP Music Theory
- Instrumental Ensemble

Option E: Fine Arts

A coherent sequence of 4 credits by selecting Courses from One Discipline

Orchestra Pathway

Required Courses

- **Orchestra I**
- **Orchestra II**
- **Orchestra III**
- **Orchestra IV**

Advanced Courses (Can be used as the 4th class)

- **Music Theory**
- **AP Music Theory**
- **Instrumental Ensemble**

Option E: Fine Arts

**A Coherent Sequence of 4 Credits by
Selecting Courses from Two Disciplines**

Multidiscipline Fine Arts Pathway

4 Required Courses from 2 of these Pathways

- **Art Pathways**
- **Theater Arts Pathway**
- **Tech Theater Pathway**
- **Dance Pathway**
- **Choral Music Pathway**
- **Band – Instrumental Music Pathway**
- **Orchestra Pathway**



Option F: English

7 Credits in English including English I, English II, English III, English IV, and 3 other English Electives

English Pathway

Any 3 English Electives Credits:

- **Literary Genres**
- **Creative Writing I**
- **Creative Writing II**
- **Shakespeare Studies**
- **Communication Applications (.5 credit)**
- **Analysis of Visual Media (.5 credit)**
- **Fiction Literature**
- **Independent Study in Journalism I**
- **Independent Study in Journalism II**