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Garland ISD Students Entering 9th Grade in the 2007-2008 School Year through the 2010-2011 School Year – High School Course Guide
(updated 1/29/2010)

Required Courses	Minimum Program	Recommended Program	Distinguished Achievement Program
English Language Arts	4 Credits (English I, English II, English III, and English IV) ¹	4 Credits (English I, English II, English III, and English IV) ¹	4 Credits (English I, English II, English III, and English IV) ¹
Mathematics	3 Credits (Algebra 1, Geometry, and one additional credit)	4 Credits (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, and one additional credit) ²	4 Credits (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, and one additional credit) ²
Science	3 Credits (Biology, IPC, and Chemistry or Physics)	4 Credits (Biology, Chemistry, Physics and one additional credit) ³	4 Credits (Biology, Chemistry, Physics and one additional credit)
Social Studies	4 Credits (World Geography, World History, U S History, Government ½ , Economics ½)	4 Credits (World Geography, World History, U S History, Government ½ , Economics ½)	4 Credits (World Geography, World History, U S History, Government ½ , Economics ½)
Languages Other Than English	2 Credits (in the same language)	2 Credits (in the same language)	3 Credits (in the same language)
Fine Arts	1 Credit ⁴	1 Credit	1 Credit
Speech	½ Credit	½ Credit	½ Credit
Physical Education	1 Credit ⁵	1 Credit ⁵	1 Credit ⁵
Health	½ Credit	½ Credit	½ Credit
Computer Applications	1 Credit	1 Credit	1 Credit
Electives	4 Credits	4 Credits	3 Credits
TOTAL	24 Credits	26 Credits	26 Credits
Advanced Measures	-----	-----	Any combination of 4 advanced measures
Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) Mastery	Exit-Level TAKS (ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies)	Exit-Level TAKS (ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies)	Exit-Level TAKS (ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies)

¹ Students receiving credit for English I in Grade 8 must earn an additional 5th credit in English.

² Mathematical Models with Applications and Mathematical Applications in Agriculture may count for 1 of the 4 required credits if completed successfully prior to enrolling in Algebra 2.

³ Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC) may count for 1 of the 4 required credits if completed successfully prior to enrolling in Chemistry or Physics.

⁴ Students entering Grade 9 prior to the 2010-2011 school year only need ½ credit of Fine Arts for the Minimum Program.

⁵ Students may earn additional elective credits in physical education up to a maximum of 4 credits.