

# 4 by 4 and STAAR (Current 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Younger)

Garland ISD Students Entering 9<sup>th</sup> Grade in the 2011-2012 School Year & Thereafter – 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)	4 Credits (English I, English II, English III, and English IV)	4 Credits (English I, English II, English III, and English IV)
Mathematics	3 Credits (Algebra 1, Geometry, and one additional credit)	4 Credits (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, and one additional credit) <sup>1</sup>	4 Credits (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, and one additional credit) <sup>1</sup>
Science	3 Credits (Biology, IPC, and Chemistry or Physics)	4 Credits (Biology, Chemistry, Physics and one additional credit) <sup>2</sup>	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	1 Credit	1 Credit
Speech	½ Credit	½ Credit	½ Credit
Physical Education	1 Credit <sup>3</sup>	1 Credit <sup>3</sup>	1 Credit <sup>3</sup>
Health	½ Credit	½ Credit	½ Credit
Electives	5 Credits	5 Credits	4 Credits
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24 Credits</b>	<b>26 Credits</b>	<b>26 Credits</b>
Advanced Measures	-----	-----	Any combination of 4 advanced measures
State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) Mastery	End-of-Course Exams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English I, English II, and English III</li> <li>Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2</li> <li>Biology, Chemistry, and Physics</li> <li>World Geography, World History, and U S History</li> </ul>	End-of-Course Exams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English I, English II, and English III</li> <li>Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2</li> <li>Biology, Chemistry, and Physics</li> <li>World Geography, World History, and U S History</li> </ul>	End-of-Course Exams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English I, English II, and English III</li> <li>Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2</li> <li>Biology, Chemistry, and Physics</li> <li>World Geography, World History, and U S History</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC) may count for 1 of the 4 required credits if completed successfully prior to enrolling in Chemistry or Physics.

<sup>3</sup> Students may earn additional elective credits in physical education up to a maximum of 4 credits.