

Benefits of the Distinguished Level of Achievement for Graduation

(Applicable to all students graduating under the FHSP plus an endorsement with 26 credits, including Algebra II)

- The information below is provided by the Texas Education Agency and is intended to be an overview of the general benefits of the FHSP plus Endorsements to include Algebra II. Alpine ISD strongly encourages all students to research college admission requirements for the college or university they wish to attend. Many competitive college or university admission requirements may be more stringent than the requirements of Distinguished Level of Achievement (i.e. mathematics beyond Algebra II).
- Choices determine options
- Most of the very best jobs available now and in the future require education and training beyond a high school diploma. Whether you intend to pursue a high-demand, industry workforce credential from a community or technical college or a traditional four-year degree from a university, the choices made in high school will determine your future options. To best prepare yourself now for the transition to post-high school education or quality workforce training, choosing and taking the right classes is essential. The Distinguished Level of Achievement will ensure the best preparation for your future.

Why it matters –Benefits

The Distinguished Level of Achievement opens a world of educational and employment opportunities for you beyond high school. The Distinguished Level of Achievement will:

- o Allow you to compete for Top 10% automatic admissions eligibility at any Texas public university;
- o Position you among those first in line for a TEXAS Grant (must be financially qualified) to help pay for university tuition and fees; and
- o Ensure you are a more competitive applicant at the most selective colleges and universities.

What it means

The Distinguished Level of Achievement requires more mathematics and more science than the Foundation High School Program. The Distinguished Level of Achievement requires:

- o A total of four credits in math, including Algebra II;
- o A total of four credits in science; and
- o Successful completion of an endorsement in your area of interest.

Advantages

- o Opportunity to earn an endorsement in an area of interest
- o More college and university options
- o More financial aid options
- o Better preparation for college-level coursework at community/technical colleges and universities
- o Opportunity for immediate enrollment in classes related to your chosen field of study
- o Strong foundation to successfully complete an industry workforce credential or college degree