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## **Mathematics**

- (b-1) The State Board of Education by rule shall require that the curriculum requirements for the foundation high school program under Subsection (a) include a requirement that students successfully complete:
  - three credits in mathematics under Section 28.002(a)(1)(B), including one credit in Algebra I, one credit in geometry, and one credit in any advanced mathematics course authorized under Subsection (b-2)
- (b-15) A student may earn a distinguished level of achievement under the foundation high school program by successfully completing:
  - (1) four credits in mathematics, which must include Algebra II and the courses described by Subsection (b-1)(2)
- (c-2) In adopting rules under Subsection (c-1), the State Board of Education shall:
  - (1) require a student in order to earn any endorsement to successfully complete:
    - (A) **four credits in mathematics**, which must include:
      - (i) the courses described by Subsection (b-1)(2); and
      - (ii) an additional advanced mathematics course authorized under Subsection (b-2) or an advanced career and technology course designated by the State Board of Education

| Minimum High School Program | Recommended High School Program | Distinguished Achievement Program | Foundation High School Program |
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| Three credits:              | Four credits:                   | Four credits:                     | Three credits:                 |
| Algebra I                   | Algebra I                       | Algebra I                         | Algebra I                      |
| Geometry                    | Algebra II                      | Algebra II                        | Geometry                       |
| SBOE approved math course   | Geometry                        | Geometry                          | An advanced math course        |
|                             | An additional math credit       | An additional math credit         |                                |

| Recommended High School Program                    | Distinguished Achievement Program                  | Foundation High School Program   |
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| Mathematicsfour credits. Three of the credits must | Mathematicsfour credits. Three of the credits must | Mathematicsthree credits. Two of the credits must  |
|  |  | consist of Algebra I and Geometry.   |
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|  |  | The third credit may be selected from the following  |
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|  | (ii) Statistics and Main Management.               |  |
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|  |  | Mathematics—four credits. Three of the credits must consist of Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry.  (A) The additional credit may be Mathematical Models with Applications and must be successfully completed prior to Algebra II.  (B) The fourth credit may be selected from the following courses:  (i) Precalculus;  (ii) Independent Study in Mathematics;  (iii) Advanced Quantitative Reasoning;  (iv) AP Calculus AB;  (vi) AP Calculus BC;  (vii) AP Calculus BC;  (viii) AP Computer Science;  (viii) International Baccalaureate (IB) Mathematical Studies Standard Level;  (ix) IB Mathematics Standard Level;  (ix) IB Mathematics Higher Level;  (xi) IB Further Mathematics Standard Level; and (xii) Robotics Programming and Design;  (xiii) pursuant to the Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.025(b-5), a mathematics course endorsed by an institution of higher education as a course for which the institution would award course credit or as a prerequisite for a course for which the institution would award course credit or as a prerequisite for a course for which the linstitution would award course credit or as a prerequisite for a course for which the linstitution would award course credit or as a prerequisite for a course for which the linstitution would award course credit or as a prerequisite for a course for which the linstitution would award course credit or as a prerequisite for a course for which the linstitution would award course credit or as a prerequisite for a course for which the linstitution would award course credit or as a prerequisite for a course for which the linstitution would award course credit or as a prerequisite for a course for which the sourcessful completion of Algebra I and Geometry and either after the successful completion of or concurrently with Algebra II:  (i) Engineering Mathematics;  (ii) Mathematics, Algebra II.  (ii) Engineering Mathematics;  (iii) Mathematics, (iiii) Advanced Quantitative Reasoning;  (iv) AP Calculus AB;  (vi) AP Calculus AB;  (vii) AP Computer Science;  (viii) International Bacc |

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## **Considerations:**

- Advanced math courses must prepare students to enter the workforce successfully or postsecondary education without remediation.
- In order to earn an endorsement, a student must earn a total of four mathematics credits.
- Algebra II is required for a student to earn a distinguished level of achievement.
- In the revised TEKS, the prerequisites will impact sequencing options.
- The revised TEKS are scheduled to be implemented in 2015-2016.
- Students must be permitted to use a course that has been developed locally by a school district in partnership with a public or private IHE and local business, labor, and community leaders to satisfy an advanced mathematics requirement.

## **Decisions Points:**

- Determine courses that will be eligible to satisfy the advanced math credit requirements.
- Determine whether to differentiate between courses that may satisfy a third math credit under the foundation high school program and courses that may satisfy a fourth math credit for the endorsements.
- Allow students to combine two half credits to satisfy the advanced mathematics credit requirements?

## **Examples:**

- Allow courses with only an Algebra I prerequisite to satisfy the third math credit requirement under the foundation high school program, but not the fourth math credit requirement under the endorsements.
- Allow courses with an Algebra II prerequisite to satisfy either the third or fourth math credit requirement.
- Identify additional CTE courses to satisfy the advanced mathematics requirement.