

ATTACHMENT I

Statutory Citations Relating to Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter E, Graduation Requirements, Beginning with School Year 2004-2005, and Subchapter F, Graduation Requirements, Beginning with School Year 2007-2008

Texas Education Code, §7.102, State Board of Education Powers and Duties (excerpt):

- (c)(4) The board shall establish curriculum and graduation requirements.

Texas Education Code, §28.002, Required Curriculum (excerpts):

- (a) Each school district that offers kindergarten through grade 12 shall offer, as a required curriculum:
- (1) a foundation curriculum that includes:
 - (A) English language arts;
 - (B) mathematics;
 - (C) science; and
 - (D) social studies, consisting of Texas, United States, and world history, government, and geography; and
 - (2) an enrichment curriculum that includes:
 - (A) to the extent possible, languages other than English;
 - (B) health, with emphasis on the importance of proper nutrition and exercise;
 - (C) physical education;
 - (D) fine arts;
 - (E) economics, with emphasis on the free enterprise system and its benefits;
 - (F) career and technology education;
 - (G) technology applications; and
 - (H) religious literature, including the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and New Testament, and its impact on history and literature.
- (b) The State Board of Education by rule shall designate subjects constituting a well-balanced curriculum to be offered by a school district that does not offer kindergarten through grade 12.
- (c) The State Board of Education, with the direct participation of educators, parents, business and industry representatives, and employers shall by rule identify the essential knowledge and skills of each subject of the required curriculum that all students should be able to demonstrate and that will be used in evaluating textbooks under Chapter 31 and addressed on the assessment instruments required under Subchapter B, Chapter 39. As a condition of accreditation, the board shall require each district to provide instruction in the essential knowledge and skills at appropriate grade levels.

Texas Education Code, §28.025, High School Diploma and Certificate; Academic Achievement Record, as amended by House Bill 3, Section 30, 81st Texas Legislature, 2009 (excerpts):

- (a) The State Board of Education by rule shall determine curriculum requirements for the minimum, recommended, and advanced high school programs that are consistent with the required curriculum under Section 28.002. Subject to Subsection (b-1), the State Board of Education shall designate the specific courses in the foundation curriculum required for a student participating in the minimum, recommended, or advanced high school program. Except as provided by Subsection (b-1), the State Board of Education may not designate a specific course or a specific number of credits in the enrichment curriculum as requirements for the recommended program.
- (b) A school district shall ensure that each student enrolls in the courses necessary to complete the curriculum requirements identified by the State Board of Education under Subsection (a) for the recommended or advanced high school program unless the student, the student's parent or other person standing in parental relation to the student, and a school counselor or school administrator agree in writing signed by each party that the student should be permitted to take courses under the minimum high school program and the student:
 - (1) is at least 16 years of age;
 - (2) has completed two credits required for graduation in each subject of the foundation curriculum under Section 28.002(a)(1); or
 - (3) has failed to be promoted to the tenth grade one or more times as determined by the school district.
- (b-1) The State Board of Education by rule shall require that:
 - (1) except as provided by Subsection (b-2), the curriculum requirements for the recommended and advanced high school programs under Subsection (a) include a requirement that students successfully complete:
 - (A) four credits [~~courses~~] in each subject of the foundation curriculum under Section 28.002(a)(1), including at least one-half credit in government and at least one-half credit in economics to meet the social studies requirement;
 - (B) for the recommended high school program, two credits in the same language in a language other than English under Section 28.002(a)(2)(A) and, for the advanced high school program, three credits in the same language in a language other than English under Section 28.002(a)(2)(A); and
 - (C) for the recommended high school program, six elective credits and, for the advanced high school program, five elective credits; [~~and~~]
 - (2) one or more credits [~~courses~~] offered in the required curriculum for the recommended and advanced high school programs include a research writing component; and
 - (3) the curriculum requirements for the minimum, recommended, and advanced high school programs under Subsection (a) include a requirement that students successfully complete:
 - (A) one credit in fine arts under Section 28.002(a)(2)(D); and
 - (B) one credit in physical education under Section 28.002(a)(2)(C).
- (b-2) In adopting rules under Subsection (b-1), the State Board of Education shall allow a student to comply with the curriculum requirements for a mathematics course under Subsection (b-1)(1) taken after the successful completion of an Algebra II course or science course under Subsection (b-1)(1) taken after the successful completion of a physics course by successfully completing an

advanced career and technical course designated by the State Board of Education as containing substantively similar and rigorous academic content. A student may use the option provided by this subsection for not more than two courses.

- (b-3) In adopting rules to provide students with the option described by Subsection (b-1)(1)(A), the State Board of Education must approve a variety of mathematics and science courses that may be taken after the completion of Algebra II and physics to comply with the recommended program requirements.
- (b-4) A school district may offer the curriculum described in Subsection (b-1)(1)(A) in an applied manner. Courses delivered in an applied manner must cover the essential knowledge and skills, and the student shall be administered the applicable end-of-course assessment instrument as provided by Sections 39.023(c) and 39.025.
- (b-5) A school district may offer a mathematics or science course to be taken by a student after completion of Algebra II and physics to comply with the recommended program requirements in Subsection (b-1)(1)(A). A course approved under this subsection must be 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.
- (b-6) Before a student's parent or other person standing in parental relation to the student may agree that the student be permitted to take courses under the minimum high school program as provided by Subsection (b), a school district must provide written notice to the parent or person standing in parental relation explaining the benefits of the recommended high school program. The notice shall be developed by the agency and must:
 - (1) be printed in English and Spanish; and
 - (2) require that the student's parent or person standing in parental relation to the student sign a confirmation of receipt and return the confirmation to the student 's campus.
- (b-7) The State Board of Education, in coordination with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, shall adopt rules to ensure that a student may comply with the curriculum requirements under the minimum, recommended, or advanced high school program for each subject of the foundation curriculum under Section 28.002(a)(1) and for languages other than English under Section 28.002(a)(2)(A) by successfully completing appropriate courses in the core curriculum of an institution of higher education under Section 61.822.
- (b-8) A student agreeing to take courses under the minimum high school program as provided by Subsection (b) may, upon request, resume taking courses under the recommended high school program.
- (b-9) The agency shall establish a pilot program allowing a student attending school in a county with a population of more than one million and in which more than 80 percent of the population resides in a single municipality to satisfy the fine arts credit required under Subsection (b-1)(3)(A) by participating in a fine arts program not provided by the school district in which the student is enrolled. The fine arts program may be provided on or off a school campus and outside the regular school day. Not later than December 1, 2010, the agency shall provide to the legislature a report regarding the pilot program, including the feasibility of expanding the pilot program statewide.
- (b-10) A school district, with the approval of the commissioner, may allow a student to comply with the curriculum requirements for the physical education credit required under Subsection (b-1)(3)(B) by participating in a private or commercially sponsored physical activity program provided on or off a school campus and outside the regular school day.