

**Texas**  
**Recognized Rigorous Secondary School Programs of Study**

The eligibility options for a student graduating from secondary school in Texas during the 2005 or 2006 calendar years are:

- ***The Texas Distinguished Achievement Diploma***
- ***A set of courses similar to the State Scholars Initiative.*** This program of study requires passing grades in the following:
  - Four years of English;
  - Three years of math (including Algebra I and a higher level course such as Algebra II, geometry, or data analysis and statistics);
  - Three years of science (including at least two courses from biology, chemistry or physics);
  - Three years of social studies; and
  - One year of a foreign language.
- ***Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and test scores.*** This program requires a minimum of two Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses in high school and a minimum passing score on the exams for those classes. Students must score 3 or higher on AP exams and 4 or higher on IB exams.
- ***Texas Recommended High School Program.*** This program requires:
  - Four years of English Language Arts;
  - Three years of mathematics (Algebra I, Algebra II, and geometry);
  - Three years of lab science (biology and two from chemistry, integrated physics and chemistry, and physics);
  - Three and a half years of social studies;
  - Two years of language (other than English); and
  - Eight other credits including fine arts, speech, health, and technology applications.