

ENDORSEMENTS

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 9th GRADE (for the first time) IN 2014-2015 AND THEREAFTER

FOUNDATION HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM(with Endorsement)	
Subject	Credits Needed
English <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English 1, 2, and 3 • Advanced English Course 	4
Mathematics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra 1 • Algebra 2 (opt out provision) (required for STEM Endorsement) • Geometry • Additional Math 	4
Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology • Chemistry (opt out provision) (required for STEM Endorsement) • Physics (opt out provision) (required for STEM Endorsement) • Additional lab-based Science 	4
Social Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Geography/AP Human Geography • World History (opt out provision) • US History • US Government (1/2 credit) • Economics (1/2 credit) 	4
Physical Education	1
Fine Arts	1
Languages Other Than English <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two credits in the same language OR • Two credits from AP Computer Science, AP Computer Science Principles, Computer Science 1, 2, and/or 3 	2
Technology *	1/2
Health **	1/2
Electives	5
Total Credits	26

*The one-half Technology credit required for the RISD Foundation High School Program must be from Touch Systems Data Entry; Principles of Business, Marketing and Finance; Business Information Management 1; or Principles of Information Technology.

**The one-half Health credit must be from Health Education 1, Principles of Health Science, or Health Science.

Opt out Provision allows for flexibility in a student’s course sequence to meet individual needs where appropriate. Students who desire to opt out of certain course requirements should carefully review the implications of the action with their counselor. Course changes could alter the graduation program designation under which the student may be eligible to graduate and could affect eligibility for admission to the student’s chosen institution of higher learning. Students who wish to request to opt out of a course and enroll in an alternate course should submit the “Student/Parent Request to Opt out of Course” form to the student’s counselor. The campus Opt-out Committee will consider the request and the student’s Personal Graduation Plan (PGP) will be updated accordingly.

See Appendix F for Opt out Request