

How to Course Selection

1. Understand graduation plan requirements:

- **4 credits in English** (Eng 1, Eng 2, Eng 3, Eng 4)
- **4 credits in Math** (Alg 1, Geom, Alg 2, 4th Math)
- **4 credits in Science** (Bio, Chem, plus 2 Advanced Sciences)
- **4 credits in Social Studies** (WG, WH, USH, Govt/Econ)
- **2 credits in World Languages**
(Credits must be in same language)
- **1 credit in PE/Athletics**
- **.5 credit in Health/Lifetime Nutrition**
- **.5 credit in Technology** 
- **5.5 credits in Electives**

TOTAL = 26 Credits (total must be 26 or more)

2. View Your Transcript

- Login to skyward
- View a copy of your transcript
(under Student Performance Tab)

Birdville ISD HB5 Graduation Plan
English (4 credits) <i>English I, II, and III, and an Advanced English course</i>
Math (4 credits) <i>Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and an Advanced Math course required for endorsement</i>
Science (4 credits) <i>Biology (IPC, Chemistry, or Physics) and 2 Advanced Science courses</i>
Social Studies (3 credits) <i>US History, US Gov't/Economics, and World Geography or World History</i>
World Languages(2 credits)
Physical Ed. (1 credit)
Fine Arts (1 credit)
Health (.5 credit)
Professional Communications (Speech) (.5 credit)
Technology (.5 credit)
Endorsement Coursework / Electives (5.5 credits)
26 Credits Total

- Compare credits that you already have (from your transcript)with credits that you need to graduate (from graduation plan requirements above).
- Highlight/circle your selections on your Course Selection Sheet for next year's classes.
 - You need a Course Selection sheet
 - You must choose a minimum of 3 alternate courses
 - **If you fail a course(s) needed for graduation and you do not make it up in summer school it will be added to your schedule.
 - Course Descriptions can be found on the Counselor Connections CANVAS page
 - i. On the Counselor Connections CANVAS page click Course Requests then scroll down
 - Tips for course selection
 - Select courses that are challenging, NOT overwhelming.
 - Ask current teachers for input about which advanced courses might be good options.
 - Select classes based on post-secondary goals and interests, NOT what friends are choosing.
 - Gains in GPA and class rank come from a combination of challenging courses AND good grades.
- Meet with your counselor to finalize course selections
 - i. Make an appointment to see your counselor [here](#)

***Course availability is based on enrollment numbers and/or teacher availability. Teachers and staff are hired and the master schedule is set according to student selections. Therefore, staffing needs are dependent upon the integrity of the student selection process.