

Surviving the 4x4

- Begins with students that enter 9th grade in 2007
- Increases the number of required credits from 24 to 26 for Recommended Diploma
- Adds additional years of Science and Math
- No impact on Minimum Diploma

What programs will be effected?

- Advanced Placement/IB
- Athletics
- Avid
- CTE
- Fine Arts
- Foreign Language
- Journalism
- Technology

Students wishing to participate in more than one 4-year program are going to find themselves short of required classes by one or two credits.

If we can find ways for students to meet these state required credits in other ways, they can still participate in the things that really matter to them, as well as benefit their education.

Additional Ways to Earn Credits

- Summer School
- Correspondence Courses (Tech, UT)
- On-Line Course (E-School, Plano ISD)
- Credit By Exams
- Credit earned in Middle School
- Off Campus PE/Fine Arts

Accelerated Block of Health/Comm. Apps and Technology

- On a Nine Week schedule, allow each student to “Rotate” through each of the above listed courses.
- This would allow students to receive 2 full credits in one class period in only one year.

How is this possible?

- State Law requires that all TEKS be met and taught by a certified teacher. Local policy dictates how that is done.
- By having the same group taught multiple subjects by multiple teachers, students can receive instruction and gain multiple credits.
- **Chapter 74. Curriculum Requirements**
Subchapter A. Required Curriculum
- (1) A school district that offers Grades 9-12 must provide instruction in the required curriculum as specified in §74.1 of this title (relating to Essential Knowledge and Skills). *The district must ensure that sufficient time is provided for teachers to teach and for students to learn the subjects in the required curriculum. The school district may provide instruction in a variety of arrangements and settings, including mixed-age programs designed to permit flexible learning arrangements for developmentally appropriate instruction for all student populations to support student attainment of course and grade level standards.*

Option 2:

Build classes that receive multiple credits

- Teachers must have the correct certifications to teach both classes
- Documentation that all TEKS for both classes are met
- Classes must be built correctly to show on the transcript that students receive credit in both classes

Texas Administrative Code 230.437

General provisions. A teacher who holds a valid provisional, professional, or standard classroom teaching certificate or a valid temporary classroom teaching certificate issued under the provisions of Subchapter O of this chapter (relating to Texas Educator Certificates Based on Certification and College Credentials from Other States or Territories of the United States), or Chapter 245 of this title (relating to Certification of Educators from Other Countries), and a bachelor's degree may qualify for an additional teaching field or certification to teach at another level by passing the appropriate certification examination(s) for that subject.

Journalism

- Photo 1&2- Fine Art Credit
- Desktop Publishing Credit- meets technology requirement
- Video Tech for Broadcasting
- Broadcasting-Comm. App credit
- Journalism 1- can meet requirements for English

Other Areas

Avid

Athletics

Fine Arts

Debate

CTE

Questions?

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