



Calvert Independent School District

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Dear Parent/Guardian of Calvert High School Student,

Welcome back to another exciting school year!

This letter is to inform you about the State of Texas requirements for our High School Graduation requirements effective for the 2019-2020 School year.

Calvert ISD in compliance with Texas Education legislation continues to ensure that we meet the requirements for the **Foundation High School Program** that has been in effect since 2014-2015 school year. This program includes a **Foundation Plan, Endorsements, Distinguished level of Achievement and Performance Acknowledgement**.

In the **Foundation Plan**, students are required to have a total of 22-credits that includes specific subject areas in order to graduate with a basic high school diploma. However, in order for students to have a more focused path the program offers **five endorsement** areas that increase the credits to 26-credits for graduation. The endorsement areas are: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), Business and Industry, Public Services, Arts and Humanities and Multi-Disciplinary studies. Students must select an endorsement in the ninth grade.

The **Performance Acknowledgements** note outstanding achievement areas such as dual credit courses, bilingualism, biliteracy, PSAT, ACT Aspire, SAT, ACT, Advanced Placements and earning a state, nationally or internationally- recognized business or industry certificate or license.

In order for students to graduate at **the Distinguished level they must complete the Foundation Program requirements of 22 credits, have at least one endorsement, complete 4 credits in Science and 4 credits in Mathematics including Algebra II.**

Please note that students are not required to complete Algebra II in order to graduate High School. However, if students decide not to complete Algebra II course then they will be faced with the following **consequences**: 1) not be eligible for automatic admission to Texas Public Universities and 2) certain financial aid might not be authorized including Texas grant program and Texas Education Opportunity grant program.

Finally, please be informed that students can now take Algebra I and Geometry at the same time.

If you have any questions or concern regarding this notification please let us know.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mrs. Otencia Robinson".

Mrs. Otencia Robinson
Calvert ISD, Counselor