

Klein ISD Distinguished Achievement Program Guidelines for Klein Collins High School Class of 2016

September, 2015

The TEA Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP) was implemented for all KISD students starting with the class of 2000. Current KCHS seniors must apply for this recognition no later than **November 17, 2015**.

KCHS has established its own DAP Review Committee. The Committee's responsibilities are: (1) to screen and approve DAP applications; (2) to set procedures and deadlines for and to review and approve proposed original/research projects; (3) to ensure KCHS adherence to KISD guidelines and TEA requirements; and (4) to certify student completion of DAP requirements. KISD Coordinators and Directors are ex-officio members of the committee as needed.

1. To be eligible for recognition in the DAP a student must: (1) complete the KISD 26-credit recommended graduation plan; (2) the appropriate **three years of the same foreign language**; and (3) four years of science, not including IPC.
2. A student must then earn **four (4) advanced measures**, in the areas defined below.
 - **NMSQT:** National Merit Scholarship Corporation recognition (Commended Scholar or higher); - may count for **one** advanced measure only.
 - **IB/AP/Dual Credit/College Course Work:** For the Class of 2012, the Campus Review Committee has set a maximum of **four** Advanced Placement examination scores of 3 or higher or scores of 4 or higher on an International Baccalaureate examination eligible to count as DAP advanced measures. NOTE: A student must earn a minimum grade of 80 in a year-long Dual Credit course or a B in a college credit course (minimum of 3 semester hours) or a B in a Tech-Prep Articulated Course to count it as an advanced measure.
 - **Original Research /Projects:** By 19 TAC 74, a maximum of **two** individual, original research or other approved projects may be counted as advanced measures.
3. An **Original Research/Project** done in grades 9-12 must be conducted as described below and must relate to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills.
 - The KCHS DAP Review Committee will approve and/or provide the requirements, procedures, and timelines for original research/projects in advance of a student's starting the project based on the student's Project Proposal. To qualify as an advanced measure an original research/project conducted under the sponsorship and direction of a teacher must be evaluated/judged by a panel of at least three professionals in the field that is the focus of the project. An original research/project that is mentored (directed and assisted) by a professional in the field of research must be presented to an appropriate audience as determined by the Committee and mentor.
4. KCHS seniors who have met the language requirement and have completed the four advanced measures will be designated as "DAP Graduate" and may include this information on their college and scholarship applications.
5. KCHS seniors needing (1) the third year of foreign language; (2) Dual Credit grades and/or AP test scores; (3) fourth year of science not including IPC to qualify for the DAP, will be considered as "Klein ISD DAP Candidates" until the required courses and score information is available. This information may be included on college and scholarship applications.

<p>You will be notified of the status of your DAP application by the KCHS DAP Review Committee in February, 2016.</p>
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