Academics and music go hand-in-hand

The average SAT score in the state of Texas in 2015 was 1410. The average SAT score for members of the 2015 All-State bands, orchestras, and choirs was 1844.

"The 26-credit requirement for graduation, while academically rigorous, still provides ample opportunities for students to pursue music, theatre, and many other wonderful electives. Proactive planning will ensure a well-rounded and rewarding high school experience for all RISD students."

— Jeff Bradford
RISD Executive Director of Fine Arts

"Despite the increased requirements for graduation, most students can easily include four years of fine arts in their high school education. Students are encouraged to pursue their interests. High school counselors will be glad to work with individual students to help 'fit everything in.'"

— Lori Shaw
RISD Director of Guidance and Counseling

"RISD has a rich legacy of excellence in fine arts education. In addition to the numerous awards and recognition at local, state, and national levels received by our staff and students, the true value and importance of this program is measured by the contribution of fine arts to a well-rounded education, which helps prepare students for success in all facets of life."

— Kim Caston
President, RISD Board of Trustees

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Scheduling orchestra for 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 graduates and beyond to meet RISD requirements for the Recommended Graduation Plan

6-Year Plan Worksheet – Foundation HS Program with Endorsements

7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Language Arts 7	Language Arts 8	English 1	English 2	English 3	Adv. English
Math 7	Math 8	Algebra 1	Geometry	Algebra 2	Addtl. Math
Science 7	Science 8	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	Addtl. Science
Social Studies 7	Social Studies 8	World Geography	World History	U.S. History	U.S. Govt./Econ.
Fine Arts course	Fine Arts course	Fine Arts course	Fine Arts course	Fine Arts course	Fine Arts course
Required* or Elective	Required* or Elective	Required,* Endorsement or Elective	Required,* Endorsement or Elective	Required,* Endorsement or Elective	Required,* Endorsement, or Elective
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*See column to the right for required classes.

Even after filling in all of the core subjects and your fine arts course into your six-year plan, there are still 12 slots available over these six years for you to:

- Fulfill your endorsement requirements
- Earn your Health and Technology credits
- Take your LOTE classes
- Earn your PE credit

Note: In many cases, courses listed in the table above can count toward endorsements, freeing up slots for additional electives. See your counselor for complete details.

Required*

The Foundation High School Program includes the following additional required classes:

- Health – .5 credit
- Technology – .5 credit
- Languages Other Than English – two credits
- Physical Education – one credit in JH and one credit in HS

Two Fall semesters of HS Marching Band or two semesters of Athletics fulfill the HS PE requirement.

- Students may schedule these five credits into any of the red-coded boxes to the left. Unscheduled time may be filled with additional electives.

Alternative Scheduling
(additional ways to earn credits)

- HS credit completed in junior high
- Summer School
- Zero-hour classes before school
- Dual Credit through Richland College
- Correspondence or online classes
- Credit by exam
- OnRamps