

On April 8, the School Board approved the new Graduation requirements for students. The Technology Applications credit for students who entered at 9th grade students 2007-2008 to 2009-2010 was retained; the requirement for students entering 2010-11 requires that students pass the eighth grade technology assessment or take a technology applications course as one of their elective credits. In preparation for these requirements, the following Career & Technical Education courses will fulfill the Technology Applications credit.

Course	PEIMS #
Business Information Management I (1-2 credits)	13011400
Business Information Management II (1-2 credits)	13011500
Computer Programming (1 credit)	13027600
Advanced Computer Programming (1-2 credits)	13027700
Telecommunications and Networking (1-2 credits)	13027400
Digital & Interactive Media (1 credit)	13027800
Principles of Information Technology (1 credit)	13027200
Audio Video Production (1-2 credits)	13008500

Note: Students who pass the eighth grade technology assessment do not receive credit for Technology Applications; they are just exempt from taking a required course. To get credit, the student would have to take Credit by Exam.

The eighth grade assessment was purchased by the Curriculum & Instruction Educational Technology department from Learning.com. It is an online test that covers the following components of the TechApps TEKS:

- Spreadsheets
- Word processing
- Database
- Multimedia and presentations
- Telecommunication and Internet
- Systems and fundamentals
- Social and ethical issues

Sample questions can be viewed at (<http://www.learning.com/tla/20itemsample/>).