

TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION & TESTING UPDATES

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AT A GLANCE

Two changes require immediate planning: a new My Texas Future graduation decision for students enrolled in 2026-27, and the phaseout of the English II EOC graduation requirement after August 31, 2027.

1. New Graduation Requirement: My Texas Future Decision

Effective: The rule amendments took effect August 1, 2026. Beginning with students enrolled during the **2026-27 school year**, each student must satisfy this requirement before graduation.

A student must do one of the following:

- Create a My Texas Future profile and elect to participate in the direct-admissions program; or
- Submit an authorized opt-out form signed by a parent/guardian, an adult student, or - when appropriate - the school counselor.

Who is affected: Texas public-school students enrolled during 2026-27 and the counselors, registrars, administrators, and records staff responsible for graduation verification.

Required school actions

- Create a local process to document participation or opt-out and maintain the documentation.
- Notify families during high-school registration after a student earns at least three high-school credits, or by the end of the student's first semester of ninth grade.
- Provide TEA's official opt-out form in English, Spanish, and other languages required for the district's bilingual or special-language programs.
- Add this item to graduation audits and update counseling, registration, and records procedures.

Upcoming: TEA expects TREx to support reporting this requirement on transcripts by **December 1, 2026**.