

What is the Foundation High School Program?

The Foundation High School Program is a core set of classes in the areas of math, English, science, social studies, foreign language, fine arts, physical education and electives that all students must complete as a foundation to graduate from high school in Texas.

What is an Endorsement?

All incoming ninth grade students will select an Endorsement as a plan to complete the required credits for graduation.

The five endorsements you can earn are:



STEM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS)

This path includes courses directly related to science (including environmental science), technology (including computer science), engineering and advanced mathematics, or a coherent sequence of some Career and Technology Education courses



BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

Includes courses directly related to database management, information technology, communications, accounting, finance, marketing, graphic design, architecture, construction, welding, logistics, automotive technology, agricultural science and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning



PUBLIC SERVICES

Includes courses directly related to health sciences and occupations, education and training, law enforcement and culinary arts and hospitality



ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Includes courses directly related to political science, world languages, cultural studies, English literature, history and fine arts



MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Includes courses from the curriculum of each Endorsement area and credits in a variety of advanced courses from multiple content areas sufficient to complete the Distinguished Level of Achievement under the Foundation High School Program

What is the Distinguished Level of Achievement?

A student can earn the Distinguished Level of Achievement by completing 26 credits. These credits must include the Foundation Program requirements and at least one Endorsement. Algebra II must be completed as one of the four math credits and a fourth advanced science credit must be earned as one of the Foundation or elective credits. Students must graduate at the Distinguished Level of Achievement to be eligible for automatic admission to



Does my high school offer all 5 Endorsements?



All Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD high schools offer courses that lead to endorsements at all 5 areas. Courses for some strands are offered at the Hollenstein Career and Technology Center.

What is the Hollenstein Career & Technology Center?

The HCTC hosts 10 academies that incorporate rigorous academic study with an emphasis on career preparation through applied learning. Here is where students can take specialized courses that lead to endorsements.

Students may also take **Dual Credit courses through Tarrant County College.**

Have more questions about selecting an Endorsement?

Talk with your counselor to determine the best path for you.




NAME:

Pick YOUR Path.

GEARING UP FOR HIGH SCHOOL? STUDENTS ENTERING THE NINTH GRADE ARE REQUIRED TO SELECT AN ENDORSEMENT TO ESTABLISH A PLAN FOR COMPLETING REQUIRED GRADUATION CREDITS. FOLLOW THIS STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO HELP YOU START YOUR HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION ON THE RIGHT PATH.



 This step-by-step guide will help you move down the path to High School graduation. Check off milestones as you go to keep track of your progress.

START

8TH GRADE

MEET WITH YOUR MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNSELOR

RESEARCH JOBS

TALK WITH ADULTS ABOUT THEIR JOBS

LOOK FOR VIDEOS ON JOBS

TRY CAREER CRUISING!

REACH FOR THE SKY

TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED WITH YOUR MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNSELOR

CONSIDER YOUR OPTIONS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

LEARN WHICH HIGH SCHOOLS YOU CAN ATTEND

RESEARCH COLLEGES

ATTEND COLLEGE & CAREER OPEN HOUSES AND FAIRS

VISIT HIGH SCHOOL WEBSITES

STOP



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STEM



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MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

PICK YOUR ENDORSEMENT PLAN

PARENT AND STUDENT SIGN GRADUATION PLAN WITH COUNSELOR

DISTINGUISHED LEVEL ACHIEVEMENT PLAN IS AVAILABLE ON ALL ENDORSEMENTS

APPLY TO HIGH SCHOOL

YOU ARE READY FOR HIGH SCHOOL

CONFIRM FINAL COURSE SELECTION & SCHEDULE

GET YOUR SCHEDULE

CAN YOU EARN AN INDUSTRY CERTIFICATE?

PICK YOUR ENDORSEMENT CLASSES

GET ACCEPTED AND ENROLL IN YOUR NEW SCHOOL

COMPLETE ALL THE CLASSES ON YOUR PLAN

JUNIOR YEAR SPRING: TAKE SAT/ACT/TSI TESTS

JUNIOR & SENIOR YEARS: MEET WITH YOUR COUNSELOR ABOUT OPTIONS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

SENIOR YEAR FALL: APPLY TO AT LEAST 3 COLLEGES

COMPLETE INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS

SENIOR YEAR SPRING: APPLY FOR FAFSA

APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

AIM FOR THE DISTINGUISHED PLAN!

GRADUATE WITH AN ENDORSEMENT!

