

Foundation High School Program + Endorsement

General Information

- This graduation plan provides choice, flexibility, and options!
- **Endorsements** help create a personalized learning plan in line with a student’s career interests and goals
- Students and parents are required to select (*in writing*) an endorsement area and create a 4-Year Plan
- Opportunities to review and/or modify your plan will be available in high school
 - **Parent permission & counselor conference required for Endorsement changes**
 - Schedule changes for the next school year must be made before the end of the current school year; schedules will not be adjusted during the school year.
- Students may earn more than one endorsement
- **NOTE: Students must graduate with the Distinguished Level of Achievement in order to be eligible for top 10% automatic admission at any Texas public university and also to be considered for the TEXAS Grant.**

Graduation Requirements for the Classes of 2018 and Beyond			
Course	Foundation	+ Endorsement(s)	Distinguished Level of Achievement
Course	Credits	Credits	Credits
English	4		
PACE (or PACE Plus) (Personal, Academic & Career Exploration)	½ (or 1)		
Math	3	+1 additional advanced math course	Must include Algebra II
Science	3	+1 additional advanced science course	
Social Studies	3		
Languages other than English (Foreign Language)	2		
Health	½		
Physical Education	1		
Fine Arts	1		
Electives (Endorsement Courses)	4	+2 additional electives	
Total Credits for Graduation	22	26	26

When considering which Endorsement(s) is best for your student, ask them:

- What are your:
 - Personal interests and talents
 - Career aspirations/Post-secondary goals
- What are the admission requirements for the College/University you wish to attend?
- **Remember...the Endorsement(s) they choose will determine many of their high school elective choices!**

5 Endorsement Areas (see chart: *Cypress-Fairbanks ISD – The Endorsements*)

1-STEM 2-Business & Industry 3-Public Services 4-Arts & Humanities 5- Multidisciplinary Studies

Students may earn a Performance Acknowledgement for outstanding performance in the areas of:

- Dual Credit (at least 12 hours of college credit with a grade of A or B)
- Bilingual/Bi-literacy (complete 3 credits in the same or any foreign language with a grade of 80+)
- College Board Advanced Placement (AP) exams (earn a score of 3 or above on an AP exam)
- PSAT, ACT-Aspire 10, SAT, or ACT Performance
- Nationally or Internationally Recognized Business or Industry Certification or License