

## Foundation School Program with Endorsements

Texas requires all students to begin high school with a four-year plan to earn at least 26 credits toward graduation with one of five endorsements. The five endorsements align to statewide programs of study toward future careers. Students are encouraged to consider their skills and interests as they select programs of study toward an endorsement.

### Endorsements and Summary of Texas Career Pathways

STEM	BUSINESS & INDUSTRY	PUBLIC SERVICE	ARTS & HUMANITIES	MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science, Technology, Engineering, &amp; Mathematics (STEM)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agriculture, Food &amp; Natural Resources</li> <li>Architecture &amp; Construction</li> <li>Arts, A/V Technology and Communications</li> <li>Business, Marketing and Finance</li> <li>Hospitality and Tourism</li> <li>Information Technology</li> <li>Manufacturing</li> <li>Transportation, Distribution and Logistics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education and Training</li> <li>Health Science</li> <li>Human Services</li> <li>Law and Public Service</li> <li>Four years JROTC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arts</li> <li>Humanities</li> </ul>	<p>Select courses from the curriculum of each of the other endorsement areas; Credits in a variety of advanced courses from multiple content areas sufficient to complete the distinguished level of achievement under the foundation program. See p. 114 for more information.</p>

REQUIRED COURSES	FOUNDATION SCHOOL PROGRAM WITH ENDORSEMENTS
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	4 Credits English: ELA I, II, English III or an AP English; and one credit in any authorized advanced English course (see pg.12 for course list)
MATHEMATICS	4 Credits Mathematics: Algebra 1, Geometry, two credits in any authorized advanced math course (STEM must take Algebra II) Distinguished Level of Achievement: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, one credit in any authorized advanced math course (see pg. 11 for course list)
SCIENCE	4 Credits Science: Biology, two credits in any advanced science course, one credit in IPC, Chemistry or Physics (see pg.12) for course list)
SOCIAL STUDIES	4 Credits Social Studies Highly Recommended (3 Required): World Geography is highly recommended; World History, U.S. History, and Government/Economics are required
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	1 Credit: Required credit may be from any combination of the following one-half to one credit courses: Foundations of Personal Fitness, Adventure/Outdoor Education, Aerobic Activities, or Team or Individual Sports. Credit may not be earned for any TEKS-based course more than once. Credit for any of the courses listed above may be earned through participation in the following activities: Athletics (up to 4 credits) Approved private/commercial (up to 4 credits) JROTC (1 credit) Drill Team (up to 1 credit) Marching Band (up to 1 credit) Cheerleading (up to 1 credit)
LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH	2 Credits: In the same language or 2 credits selected from Computer Science I, II, or III
FINE ARTS	1 Credit
ELECTIVES	6 Credits Must be selected from the State Board of Education approved courses for grades 9-12
TOTAL CREDITS	26

In addition to endorsements, students may earn performance acknowledgements on their high school transcripts to reflect outstanding achievement in certain areas.

#### PERFORMANCE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (next page for additional detail)

- Outstanding performance:** Dual credit coursework; bilingualism/bi-literacy; Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate performance; national exam performance
- Certification:** Nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license