

The Foundation High School Program and Endorsements

Texas students have a wealth of choices for their plans after high school. The careers displayed here represent several of the many occupations that are in demand in the state of Texas. The Foundation High School Program and Endorsements help students effectively determine their interests and plan for their postsecondary training and education.

The five endorsements you can earn are:



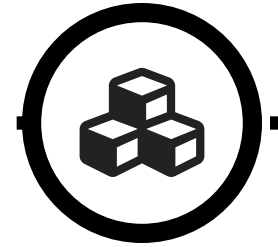
Arts and Humanities

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



Public Services*

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



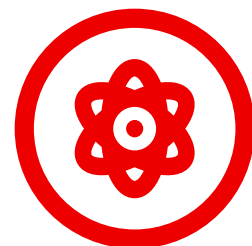
Multidisciplinary Studies

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.



Business and Industry

Includes courses 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.



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.

**The public service endorsement will only be offered to students who are transferring public service courses to meet this endorsement.*

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.

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 elective credits. Students must graduate at the Distinguished Level of Achievement to be eligible for automatic admission to state colleges and universities through the Top Ten Percent Plan.