



Graduation Requirements

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Purpose



Graduation Requirements

- Attendance to receive credit (90%)
- End of Course STAAR Exams - EOC
- 26 credits
 - Distinguished Achievement
 - Specific credits needed
 - Endorsements
- CCMR - College & Career Readiness
- Completion of the FAFSA (or opt-out form)
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Attendance

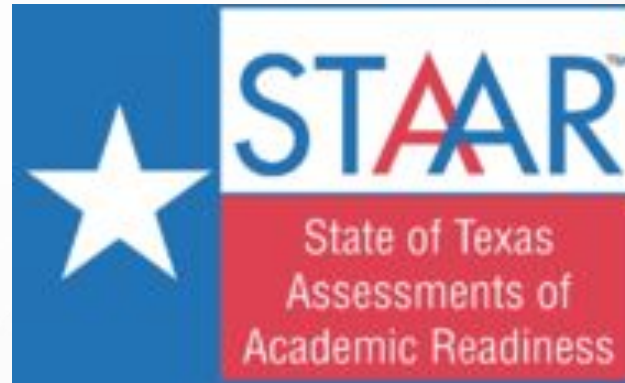
- ★ The state of Texas requires 90% attendance per semester in order to be eligible to receive credit for the course. All absences count - excused or unexcused.
- ★ Students will not receive a TEA 'Verification of Enrollment' form for a driver's license without meeting the attendance requirements.



End of Course Assessments (EOC's)

Must Pass all 5 required STAAR exams to graduate:

- ★ English 1
- ★ Algebra 1
- ★ Biology
- ★ English 2
- ★ US History





Subject	Credit & Course Requirements
English Language Arts	4 Credits (English I, English II, English III and an Advanced English)
Mathematics	4 Credits (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and fourth Advanced Math)
Science	4 Credits (Biology, Chemistry or Physics, a third and fourth Advanced Science)
Social Studies	3 Credits* (World Geography, AP Human Geography or World History, U.S. History and Government, Economics) <i>* Highly recommend taking 4 Credits of Social Studies, a majority of colleges have this as an admission requirement.</i>
Languages Other Than English (LOTE)	2 Credits (2 Credits must be in same language)
Fine Arts	1 Credit
Physical Education	1 Credit
Electives / Endorsement	7 Credits (This includes a minimum of four endorsement program of study credits from one of the endorsement options)
TOTAL CREDITS	26 CREDITS
Assessment Mastery	End-Of-Course Exams (English I, English II, Algebra I, Biology, and US History)
Endorsement Options	<div> ARTS & HUMANITIES - Includes courses related to social sciences, world languages, cultural studies, English literature, history and fine arts. </div> <div> BUSINESS & INDUSTRY - Includes courses directly related to electrical technology, veterinary medicine, welding, audio-visual production, graphic design/illustration and business. </div> <div> PUBLIC SERVICE - Includes courses directly related to education and training, law enforcement, health service, and JROTC. </div> <div> S.T.E.M. - Includes courses directly related to science, technology, engineering and math. </div>

Forney ISD Graduation Plan Required Credits to Graduate

26 Credits Total

- Must include:
- 4 English
- 4 Math
- 4 Science
- 3 Social Studies* (recommended 4)
- 2 Foreign Language (in same language)
- 1 Fine Arts
- 1 PE
- 7 Electives (includes 4 in endorsement)



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Endorsements – *Choices*

Endorsements

For the first time, students will be able to earn one or more endorsements as part of their graduation requirements. Endorsements consist of a related series of courses that are grouped together by interest or skill set. They provide students with in-depth knowledge of a subject area.

Students must select an endorsement* in the ninth grade. Districts and charters are not required to offer all endorsements. If only one endorsement is offered, it must be multi-disciplinary studies.

Students earn an endorsement by completing the curriculum requirements for the endorsement, including 4th credit of math and science and 2 additional elective credits.

Students can choose from 5 endorsement areas

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

- Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses related to STEM
- Mathematics
- Science
- Computer Science
- Combination of no more than two of the categories listed above

Business and Industry (one of the following or a combination of areas)

- Agriculture
- Arts
- Audio/Video
- Finance
- Marketing
- Food and Natural Resources
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Information Technology
- Manufacturing
- Technology Applications
- Architecture and Construction
- Technology and Communications
- Business Management and Administration
- Transportation or Distribution and Logistics
- English electives in public speaking, debate, advanced broadcast journalism, advanced journalism including newspaper and yearbook

Public Service (one of the following)

- Human Services
- Law
- Corrections and Security
- Health Science
- Public Safety
- Education and Training
- Government and Public Administration
- Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC)

Arts and Humanities (one of the following)

- 2 levels each in two languages other than English (LOTE)
- 4 levels in the same LOTE
- Courses from one or two areas (music, theater, art, dance) in fine arts
- English electives not included in Business and Industry
- Social Studies
- American Sign Language (ASL)

Multi-Disciplinary Studies (one of the following)

- 4 advanced courses from other endorsement areas
- 4 credits in each foundation subject area, including English IV and chemistry and/or physics
- 4 credits in Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or dual credit selected from English, mathematics, science, social studies, economics, LOTE or fine arts

*Visit your school counselor to learn more about your options.
Students may earn more than one endorsement.

What is an Endorsement? What is a Program of Study?

- ★ A sequence of courses that relate to an interest or skill set, preparing you for entry into a career field or higher education.
- ★ Similar to college, it is an opportunity for students to select a “major” during their high school career.
- ★ 4 Credits in the sequence

Endorsement Options

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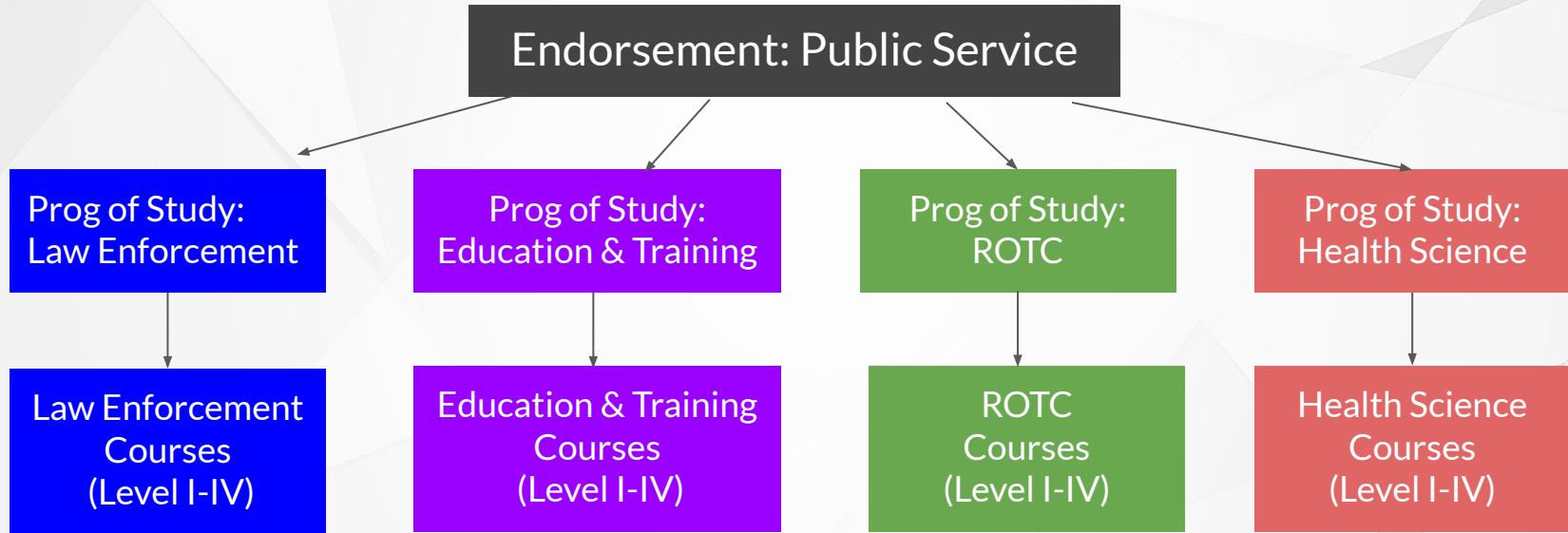
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Endorsement and Program of Study Example



An Endorsement is.....

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★ Examples of Each Endorsement

- **Multidisciplinary** = 4 years each of Math, Science, Social Studies, English
- **Arts & Humanities** = Spanish or Band, Art, Theater, Music, Tech Theater, Dance, etc.
- **STEM** = Engineering, Comp Sci, Math, or Science (Science must include 5 years of Science and must include Chemistry, Physics, Algebra 2)
- **Public Service** = JROTC, Ed Training, Health Science, Emergency Services
- **Business & Industry** = CTE courses in a specific program of study (ex. Welding, Culinary Arts, Marketing)



Programs of Study

MARKETING & SALES (7 credits)	Entrepreneurship I (1.0)	Sports and Entertainment Marketing (0.5) AND Virtual Business (0.5)	Social Media Marketing (0.5) AND Advertising (0.5)	Synergy - Career Prep (2.0)
DESIGN & MULTIMEDIA ARTS (7 credits)	Principles of A/V, Arts, and Communications (1.0)	Graphic Design I/Lab (1.0)	Graphic Design II/Lab (2.0)	Practicum in Graphic Design (2.0)
DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS (7 credits)	Principles of A/V, Arts, and Communications (1.0)	A/V Production I/Lab (1.0)	A/V Production II/Lab (2.0)	Practicum in A/V (2.0)
ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGY (7 credits)	Principles of Construction (1.0)	Electrical Technology I (1.0)	Electrical Technology II (2.0) Prereq: Electrical Technology I	Practicum in Electrical Technology (2.0)
*HVAC (7 credits)	Principles of Construction (1.0)	HVAC Technology I (1.0)	HVAC and Refrigeration Technology II (2.0) Prereq: HVAC Tech I	HVAC and Refrigeration Technology II (2.0) Prereq: HVAC Tech I
CULINARY ARTS (7 credits)	Introduction to Culinary Arts (1.0)	Introduction to Culinary Arts (1.0)	Culinary Arts (2.0) Prereq: Intro to Culinary	Practicum of Culinary Arts (2.0) Prereq: Culinary Arts or Adv Culinary Arts

Program of Study: Pathway to an Endorsement



Additional Endorsement Information

- ★ Students must declare an endorsement at the beginning of 9th grade.
- ★ Students can request to change their endorsement if space is available but will be permanent by end of 10th grade.
- ★ Students can earn more than one endorsement.
- ★ Some programs have limited space and will require an application and/or additional steps to complete for students.



Programs of Study that require approval

We have several programs of study that have limited space and/or special requirements. These programs will have applications and will require attendance at the mandatory Focus Night meeting to apply for all new students and students into Level II classes (so this is you 9th graders):

- Culinary Arts
- Cosmetology
- Welding
- HVAC
- Automotive Technology



What to Expect Next

Course Scheduling

- One more video before break next week:
 - Grading & GPA
 - CCMR
- Course Selection Opens in January
 - Next Video on Course Selection
 - Select Courses in Skyward by January 27th
 - Meet individually with your counselor January - March to confirm selections



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