



# Transition to High School 8th Grade Parent/Student Meeting

March 6, 2024



# Graduation Requirements

- 1. Distinguished Level of Achievement**
- 2. Endorsements**
- 3. End of Course Exams**
- 4. Face-to-Face Meeting**
- 5. Complete FAFSA**



## **Distinguished Level of Achievement**

### **Four credits:**

**English I**

**English II**

**English III**

**English IV**

### **Four credits:**

**Algebra I**

**Geometry**

**Algebra II**

**4<sup>th</sup> Math**

### **Four credits**

**Biology**

**Chemistry**

**Physics**

**Earth & Space Science or Anatomy & Physiology**

### **Three credits:**

**World History**

**U.S. History**

**U.S. Government (one-half credit)**

**Economics (one-half credit)**



## **Distinguished Level of Achievement: Continued**

**One Credit: Physical Education / Athletics**

**One Credit: Fine Arts - (Choir or Floral Design)**

**One Credit: Business Information Management - (BIM)**

**Two Credits: Foreign Language (Spanish)**

**One Credit: Money Matters**

**One-half Credit: Speech & One-half Credit: ACT Prep**

**Four Elective Credits**

**Total - 26 Credits**



## Endorsements

- **Multidisciplinary: 4 X 4 in Core Area**
- **STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Math**  
5 Math or 5 Science courses
- **Business and Industry: 4 courses in related Agriculture**
- **Arts and Humanities: 4 years of Choir**



Endorsement: **Multidisciplinary**

	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11 Grade	12th Grade
<b>English</b>		English I	English II	English III or Dual Credit	English IV or Dual Credit
<b>Math</b>		Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II or Math Models	Pre-Cal, Dual Credit or Algebra II
<b>Science</b>		Biology	Chemistry	Physics	ESS or A&P
<b>Social Studies</b>		<b>Geography</b>	World History	U.S. History	Gov't & Eco
<b>Other</b>		Spanish I	Spanish II	Speech & ACT Prep	Elective
<b>Other</b>		BIM	Floral Design Choir or	Money Matters	Elective
<b>Other</b>	Principles of Ag	Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective
<b>Other</b>		Ath or PE	Ath or Elective	Ath or Elective	Ath or Elective



Endorsement : **STEM**

	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11 Grade	12th Grade
<b>English</b>		English I	English II	English III	English IV
<b>Math</b>		<b>Algebra I</b>	<b>Geometry</b>	<b>Pre-Cal</b>	<b>College Algebra</b>
<b>Science</b>		Biology	Chemistry	Physics	ESS or A&P
<b>Social Studies</b>		Geography	World History	U.S. History	Gov't & Eco
<b>Other</b>		Spanish I	Spanish II	Speech & ACT Prep	Elective
<b>Other</b>		BIM	Floral Design or Choir	Money Matters	Elective
<b>Other</b>	Prin of Ag	Elective	<b>Algebra II</b>	Elective	Elective
<b>Other</b>		Athletics or PE	Athletics or Elective	Athletics or Elective	Athletics or Elective



**Endorsement: Business & Industry**

	<b>8th Grade</b>	<b>9th Grade</b>	<b>10th Grade</b>	<b>11 Grade</b>	<b>12th Grade</b>
<b>English</b>		English I	English II	English III	English IV
<b>Math</b>		Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	4 <sup>th</sup> Math
<b>Science</b>		Biology	Chemistry	Physics	ESS or A&P
<b>Social Studies</b>		Geography	World History	U.S. History	Gov't & Eco
<b>Other</b>		Spanish I	Spanish II	Speech & ACT Prep	Elective
<b>Other</b>		BIM	Floral Design or Choir	Money Matters	Elective
<b>Other</b>	<b>Prin of Ag</b>	<b>Ag</b>	<b>Ag</b>	<b>Ag</b>	<b>ADV Ag</b>
<b>Other</b>		Ath or PE	Ath or Elective	Ath or Elective	Ath or Elective





**Endorsement:** Arts & Humanities: Choir Pathway

	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11 Grade	12th Grade
<b>English</b>		English I	English II	English III	English IV
<b>Math</b>		Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	Per Fin
<b>Science</b>		Biology	Chemistry	Physics	ESS or A&P
<b>Social Studies</b>		Geography	W. History	U.S. History	Govt & Eco
<b>Other</b>		Spanish I	Spanish II	Speech & ACT Prep	
<b>Other</b>		BIM	Elective	Money Matters	
<b>Other</b>		<b>Choir I</b>	<b>Choir II</b>	<b>Choir III</b>	<b>Choir IV</b>
<b>Other</b>		Ath or PE	Ath or Elective	Ath or Elective	Ath or Elective



## 9th Grade Electives

- ▣ **Ag Mechanics (Welding)**
- ▣ **Equine Science and Small Animal Management**
- ▣ **Choir**
- ▣ **Art**
- ▣ **Last Period - Athletics or PE**



## 10th - 12th Grade Electives

- ▣ **Ag – Plant Science**
- ▣ **Ag – Welding**
- ▣ **Health Science**
- ▣ **Drones & Robotics**
- ▣ **Business Management**
- ▣ **Choir 1, 2, 3, 4**
- ▣ **Graphic Design 1,2,3 (Yearbook)**
- ▣ **Art**
- ▣ **Sports Medicine**



## **End-of-Course Exams**

**All students must achieve a passing grade on the following  
End-Of-Course exams:**

- ▣ **English I**
- ▣ **English II**
- ▣ **Algebra I**
- ▣ **Biology**
- ▣ **U.S. History**



## Class Rank & Honor Grads

The District shall include in the calculation of class rank semester grades earned in high school credit courses taken at any grade level, by using grades available for calculation at the end of the fifth six-week grading period of the senior year, unless excluded below:

- ▣ PE & Athletics
- ▣ Pass/Fail courses
- ▣ Remediation courses
- ▣ Distance Learning courses

### Weighted Grades

**Eligible** Dual Credit Courses have a 10-point weighted calculation.

**\*\*\*\* Please consult student handbook for exact details**



## Valedictorian and Salutatorian

The valedictorian and salutatorian shall be the eligible students with the highest and second-highest rank, respectively. To be eligible for this local graduation honor, a student must:

1. Have been continuously enrolled in the District High School as a full-time student for the four semesters immediately preceding graduation;
2. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school; and
3. Have completed the Foundation Program with the Distinguished Level of Achievement.

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## **Top 10% Eligibility**

**Students ranked in the Top 10% of their class are eligible for automatic admission to any public university in Texas.**

**(Exceptions – University of Texas and Texas A&M)**



## Dual Credit Courses

The dual credit program allows EHS students the opportunity to take college level courses and receive both high school and college credit. Junior and Senior students may participate in these courses if they are TSI eligible and have permission from the EHS principal.

- Scholarships are available through NCTC and Era ISD.
- Students are responsible for paying for their own books.
- Be aware of Dual Credit implications on STAAR EOC and graduation

## P-Tech Program





## P-Tech Pathways

1. **Business Management**
2. **Child Development**
3. **Computer Information Technology**
4. **Horticulture**
5. **Welding**



## Dual Credit Process

1. **Get parent permission form signed and complete NCTC Orientation and return signed certificate**
2. **Apply for NCTC admissions – (Apply Texas)**
3. **Take and pass the TSI – (given on Era campus)**
4. **Apply for NCTC Scholarship (NCTC website)**
5. **Complete registration form – (signed by parent and student)**
6. **Register for class (usually: Junior – U.S. History, Senior – English)**
7. **Make payment to NCTC – (either online or at NCTC)**
8. **Purchase books - (either online or at NCTC)**



## Certification Programs

### Industry Based Certifications

MicroSoft Works, Floral Design, Drones, Welding

### NCTC Certification Programs

\*HVAC

\*Computer Technology

\*Criminal Justice

\*Machining

\*Farm & Ranch Management

\*Equine Science

\*Welding

\* Cosmetology

\*\*Fire School (in Denton)



## Scholarships & Paying for College

- Red River Promise – 60 hours paid tuition at NCTC and Partner Colleges and Universities
  - FAFSA – now a High School Graduation Requirement
    - 1.Grants (Pell Grant) – No Repayment
    - 2.Loans: Perkins, Stafford, Parent Plus, Private Loans
- Local Scholarships – Era Education Foundation Area , State, and National Scholarships





## **Timeline of things to do in High School:**

### **9th Grade**

- 1. Pass STAAR Test (English I, Alg I, Bio)**
- 2. Get Involved (school & community)**
- 3. Start a Portfolio ( Volunteer hours for Red River Promise)**
- 4. Continue Researching Careers**



## **Timeline of things to do in High School:**

### **10th Grade**

- 1. PASS STAAR (English II)**
- 2. Begin to narrow down career interest**
- 3. Stay Involved / keep portfolio updated**
- 4. If you plan on taking Dual Credit - Start Process & Take TSI Exam**



## Timeline of things to do in High School:

### 11th Grade

1. Pass STAAR Test (U.S. History)
2. Narrow down college choices & majors
3. Take ACT/SAT Test (Era ISD pays one time)
4. Math and ELAR TSIA2 (College entry for Community Colleges)
5. Pledge for Red River Promise & complete Volunteer Hours





## **Timeline of things to do in High School:**

### **Senior Year**

- 1. Begin applying to colleges (first semester)**
- 2. Complete FAFSA in October (now a Graduation Requirement)**
- 3. Retake ACT/SAT Test (if you are looking to raise your score)**
- 4. Apply for scholarships**



# Extra-curricular

## Sports:

- Physicals and other paperwork
- Workout times and other obligations
  
- ❖ UIL & One Act Play
  
- ❖ FFA, BETA Club, TAFE
  
- ❖ National Honor Society
  1. Sophomore year at Christmas
  2. 90 Average or above
  3. UIL Academic Event or OAP
  4. Voted on by 5 teachers - Character & Leadership



**What questions do  
you have?**



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