



Endorsement Graduation Plan Overview

This section of the Course Guide is designed to provide you with information about the Texas Foundation Endorsement Graduation Plan. The purpose of the graduation plan is to provide students flexibility and choice in the selection of courses that will best prepare them for their individual postsecondary goals. Employers and leaders in the Texas workforce have encouraged career-oriented training and certification at the high school level to help meet their growing demands.

All 8th graders will be required to choose one of five endorsements as outlined in the graduation plan. The five endorsement areas are:

- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM);
- Business and Industry;
- Public Services;
- Arts and Humanities;
- Multidisciplinary Studies.

The earned endorsement(s) will be reflected on the student's official transcript at the completion of their high school career.

How are the Endorsements organized?

Endorsements are organized by recommended Programs of Study or coherent sequences of courses organized by career clusters within each of the endorsements. A career cluster is a grouping of occupations and broad industries based on commonalities. These career clusters are designed to help students (and their parents) make informed education decisions about courses that may become the foundation for achieving postsecondary education goals. This is based on the idea that the education of the 21st century should combine rigorous academics with relevant career education. When schools integrate academic and technical education, students can see the "relevance" of what they are learning. The Programs of Study allow students to study a particular field in depth and help to facilitate a seamless transition from secondary to postsecondary opportunities. To learn more about CTE programs of study that help students earn endorsement(s) and prepare for postsecondary success (in careers and college) review the [CTE Program Guide](#).

Required Parent Conference:

Please join your 8th grade student and a PfISD school counselor to discuss high school course selection and your child's 6-Year Personal Graduation Plan as it relates to his/her unique interests and future career goals. This meeting benefits your child's school success and also satisfies state law, which requires an individual meeting with each parent about the Endorsement Graduation Plan. Here are some tips to help you prepare for the conference:

- Use this Course Guide and the [CTE Program Guide](#) to help your student learn more about available programs of study and courses
- Log into SchoolLinks to review your child's course selections and 6-Year Personal Graduation Plan. [Instructions for Parent's to View Graduation Plan in SchoolLinks](#).
- Attend scheduled appointment with your student and PfISD counselor
- Your involvement in the process of helping your student prepare for high school is critical. We hope this Course Guide will be a valuable resource in creating your learner's Six-Year/Career plan!

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Endorsement Areas and Programs of Study

For more detailed information on *Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs of Study* review the [*CTE Program of Study Guide*](#).

STEM	Business & Industry	Public Services	Arts/Humanities	Multidisciplinary Studies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Advanced Manufacturing → Animal Science → Applied Ag. Engineering → Biomedical Science → Healthcare Therapeutics → Engineering → Plant Science → Programming & Software Development (computer science) → Advanced Math → Advanced Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Accounting → Advanced Manufacturing → Animal Science → Applied Ag. Engineering → Automotive → Business Management → Construction Technology → Culinary Arts → Animation & Multimedia Arts → Digital Communications → Financial Services → Graphic Design → Marketing & Sales → Plant Science → Broadcasting → Debate → Oral Interpretation → Printing Technology (Yearbook) → Public Speaking → Journalism and Broadcasting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Biomedical Science → Emergency Services (Fire/EMT Academy) → Family & Community Services → Health & Wellness → Healthcare Therapeutics → Teaching and Training → JROTC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → LOTE → Performing Arts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Band - Choir - Orchestra - Dance - Theater → Social Studies → Visual Arts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Four credits in each of the four foundation subject areas to include English IV and Chemistry and/or Physics → Four credits in AP selected from English, mathematics, science, social studies, economics, LOTE and Fine Arts.

Programs of Study requiring Intra-District Transfer:

Students interested in pursuing a program of study listed to the right may apply for an Intra-District transfer (IDT) through the PfISD Student Transfer application process. The transfer period is open March 1-March 31 of each year. Please refer to the PfISD Student Transfer Information website for more information, or call the Office of Student Affairs at 512-594-0046. District transportation may not be available for all program transfers.

Special Note: Students interested in the Fire & EMT Academy or the Healthcare Therapeutic Services: EMT course, hosted at HHS, may participate without a transfer. Students are permitted to drive from their zoned campus to HHS for these courses and then return to their zoned campus for the remainder of their schedule; district transportation is also available.

For more information on *CTE programs visit the [Student/Family Resources CTE webpage](#).

Programs of Study (requiring transfer):	Host Campus
Computer & Information Technology Academy (P-TECH)	CHS
Pfuture Teachers Academy (P-TECH)	WHS
*Accounting	HHS & WHS
*Advanced Manufacturing IMPACT Academy	CHS
*Animation and Multimedia Arts	CHS, HHS, & PHS
*Applied Agricultural Engineering	HHS & WHS
*Automotive Career Academy	PHS
*Biomedical Science	WHS
*Business Management	CHS, HHS, & WHS
*Construction Technology	CHS, HHS, & PHS
*Culinary Arts	CHS
*Engineering	HHS, PHS, & WHS
*Graphic Design	HHS & PHS
*Health & Wellness	HHS, PHS, & WHS
*Marketing and Sales	HHS & PHS
*Plant Science	HHS & PHS
Orchestra	CHS
JROTC	CHS (Army); HHS (Marine)