

STUDENT GUIDE TO 4 YEAR COURSE PLANNING IN schoolinks

CLASS OF 2029 AND THEREAFTER



TIP: YOU CAN TAKE UP TO TWO FREE VIRTUAL COURSES DURING YOUR REGULAR SCHOOL DAY OR TUITION-BASED COURSES OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL DAY OR IN SUMMER. TO PLAN SUMMER CLASSES, GO TO THE SUMMER VIRTUAL COURSES SECTION (LOOK FOR THE SUN ICON).

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PROGRAM: SELECTING A PATHWAY TO AN ENDORSEMENT

You will plan for the Foundation High School Program plus an Endorsement, which requires 26 credits. Choose an endorsement pathway that matches your career goals. This will add specific courses to your graduation plan. Fill in the blanks with information from your SchoolLinks Profile. Find your profile by clicking on your name.



Career Cluster: _____

Career Goal: _____

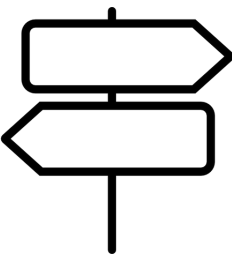
Major/Training Goal: _____

Circle a program area that matches your interests above:

- AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND NATURAL RESOURCES
 - ARCHITECTURE AND CONSTRUCTION
 - ARTS AND HUMANITIES
 - ARTS, AUDIO VIDEO TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION
 - BUSINESS, MARKETING, AND FINANCE
 - EDUCATION AND TRAINING
- HEALTH SCIENCE
 - HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM
 - HUMAN SERVICES
 - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
 - JOURNALISM AND SPEECH
 - LAW AND PUBLIC SERVICE
- MANUFACTURING
 - MULTIDISCIPLINARY
 - NJROTC
 - SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS
 - TRANSPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION, AND LOGISTICS

In SchoolLinks Course Planner, expand the program area you chose above and select a pathway from the options listed. You can choose 1-3 pathways. After selecting your pathway, click 'Continue' at the top right under the yellow bar.

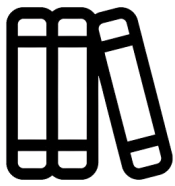
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MY PATHWAY TO AN ENDORSEMENT:

Fill in the blank above with the pathway you selected, add courses needed to fulfill the requirements for the endorsement. Fill in the boxes below with courses you plan to take each year to meet the requirements listed for your endorsement.

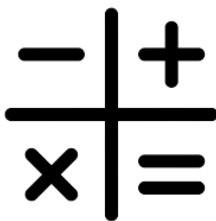
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELAR)

Plan one English course for each year (4 total). Some endorsement pathways may require extra English courses. You can plan any combination of academic or advanced (KAP/AP/ Dual Credit) courses.

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MATH

Plan at least four math courses: Algebra I, Geometry, and two additional math classes. Some endorsement pathways may require extra Math courses. Prerequisites are required for many math courses—review prerequisites when planning courses.

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SOCIAL STUDIES

Plan at least three social studies courses: U.S. History, Government & Economics, and either World History or World Geography. Some endorsement pathways may require extra Social Studies courses.

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SCIENCE

Plan at least three science courses: Biology, a lab-based science (IPC, Chemistry, or Physics), and one advanced science. Some endorsement pathways may require extra Science courses. Prerequisites are required for many science courses—review prerequisites when planning courses.

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LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH (LOTE)

Plan at least two courses in the same language.
Select your language and add two consecutive years. Some endorsement pathways may require extra LOTE courses.

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE)

Plan at least one PE credit (one full or two half-credit courses).

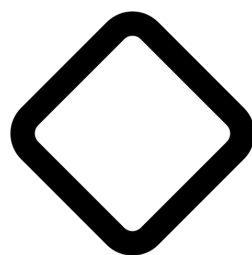
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FINE ARTS

Plan at least one Fine Arts credit. Some endorsement pathways may require extra Fine Arts courses.

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ELECTIVES

Plan at least four elective credits. Some endorsement pathways may require extra elective courses.

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ALTERNATES

Add 1-3 alternate options in case of scheduling conflicts.

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SUMMER VIRTUAL COURSES

You can plan up to two credits each summer semester.

Summer virtual courses are optional—you don't need them to graduate. However, they can give you extra flexibility and help you stay on track or get ahead. Virtual courses allow you to learn at your own pace, fit classes into your schedule, take courses that might not be offered on campus, catch up or get ahead and build time-management and independent learning skills.

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NEXT STEPS:

- ENTER ALL INFORMATION FROM THIS PLANNING GUIDE INTO YOUR SCHOOLINKS COURSE PLANNER.
- SUBMIT YOUR COURSE PLAN AND YOUR PERSONALIZED PLAN BEFORE YOU HAVE YOUR 1:1 MEETING WITH YOUR COUNSELOR.
- ASK YOUR PARENT/GUARDIAN TO APPROVE YOUR PLAN IN SCHOOLINKS IN THEIR PARENT/GUARDIAN ACCOUNT

FINAL DUE DATE TO SUBMIT/APPROVE : MARCH 17, 2026 11:59PM

IMPORTANT TIPS

- GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS MAY NOT MEET COLLEGE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS. CHECK COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS WHEN PLANNING YOUR COURSES.
- VIRTUAL COURSES OFFER FLEXIBILITY AND EXTRA CHOICES. FREE VIRTUAL COURSES FIT INTO YOUR REGULAR SCHEDULE; TUITION-BASED COURSES CAN BE TAKEN OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL DAY OR IN SUMMER.