2026-2027 Course Selection
Rising 9th Grade

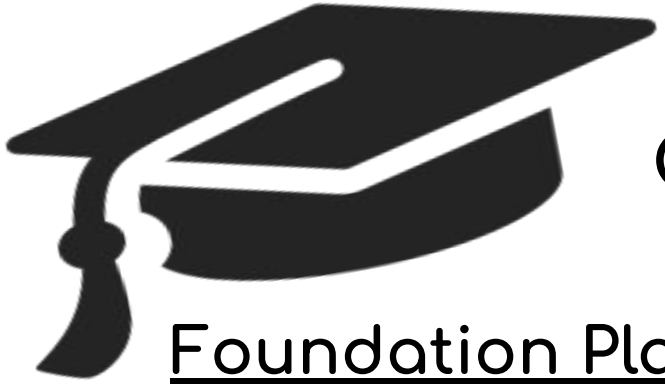


REGISTRATION



Purpose:

- Learn about House Bill 5
- Personal Graduation Plans
- Endorsements and Career Pathways



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Foundation Plan + Endorsement

26 credits + Endorsement

Pass EOC Tests

English 1 & 2, Algebra 1, Biology, and US History

FOUNDATION PLAN + ENDORSEMENT

4 English

4 Math (Distinguished Level to include Algebra 2)

4 Science

4 Social Studies (W. Geo, W. History, US History, Gov/Eco)

2 Years Spanish

1 Fine Art (Band, Digital Art, Floral Design)

1 PE (PE, Athletics,Band)

6 Endorsement + Electives

Arts & Humanities	Business & Industry	Public Service	STEM	Multidisciplinary Studies
Fine Arts-Band **Foreign Languages-** Spanish I-IV **Audio Video-** Graphic Design and Multimedia	**Animal Science** **Ag Mechanics** **Plant Science** **Marketing and Sales**	**Teaching & Training** **Healthcare Diagnostics**	**Advanced Math**- five credits to include Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II **Advanced Science**- five credits to include Biology and Chemistry **Engineering**	Students select courses from each endorsement area and earn credits in a variety of advanced courses from multiple content sufficient to complete distinguished level under the Foundation High School Program. Four courses in the four core classes are required.

GPA and Rank

Weighted Grade System

The District shall categorize and weight eligible courses as Dual Credit/AP, Honors, and Regular in accordance with provisions of this policy and as designated in appropriate District publications.

Categories

Dual Credit/AP

Eligible Advanced Placement (AP) courses and dual credit courses from among those listed in District publications shall be categorized and weighted as Dual Credit/AP courses.

Honors

Eligible courses locally designated as honors shall be categorized and weighted as Honors courses.

Regular

All other eligible courses, including dual credit courses that are not eligible for Dual Credit/AP weight, shall be categorized and weighted as Regular courses.

Weighted Numerical Grade Average

The District shall assign weights to semester grades, including failing grades, earned in eligible courses and calculate a weighted numerical grade average, in accordance with the following:

Category	Weight
Dual Credit/AP	plus 20
Honors	plus 10
Regular	plus 0

Personal Graduation Plan (PGP)

Falls City High School Four Year Plan with Endorsement

Name:	Student ID:	Date Initiated:	Cohort:
School: **FALLS CITY HIGH SCHOOL**	Date(s) Amended:	Amendments:	
The Four Year Plan is intended to give you and your parent(s) a guide to use as you progress through high school. You will want to review the plan each year to make sure you are taking the required courses for graduation. Refer to the Endorsement sheets to reference Career Plans of Study for each of the endorsements that are listed on this page. You may use these as guides to help you select courses that support your career goals. Make sure that you are taking the academic courses that support your post-secondary goals.	Date(s) Amended:	Amendments:	
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Endorsement(s):		**My Post High School Plans:**	
STEM		Two Year College	
Business & Industry		Technical Training	
Arts & Humanities		Four Year College	
Public Services		Military	
Multidisciplinary		Employment	
My Graduation Plan Type Is:		**Career Interest**	
Foundation w/Endorsement			
Distinguished			
Foundation w/o Endorsement			
Opt-Out Date			

Graduation Requirements

Discipline	Foundation Credits	+ Endorsement(s) Credits	State Testing Requirements
English	4	4	English I
Math	3	4	Algebra I
Science	3	4	Biology
Social Studies	4	4	English II
Spanish	2	2	U.S. History
Fine Arts	1	1	
Physical Education	1	1	
Electives	4	6	
Total Credits for Graduation	22	26	

Directions: Students need to circle or highlight the courses for each subject they wish to take each year. Students also need to choose an endorsement and career pathway they wish to complete through their high school career, fill in the corresponding courses, and choose additional electives to fill in the remaining four year plan.

Courses	High School Credit Earned in Middle School	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
1		***English:*** English I ***OR*** Honors English I	***English:*** English II ***OR*** Honors English II	***English:*** English III ***OR*** Dual Credit English III	***English:*** English IV ***OR*** Dual Credit English IV
2	**Math**: Algebra I	***Math:*** Algebra I or Geometry	***Math:*** Geometry ***AND/OR*** Algebra II	Math: Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, or Math Models	***Math:*** Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus, or Financial Math
3		***Science:*** Biology	***Science:*** Chemistry	***Science:*** Physics, Anatomy and Physiology, or Advanced Animal Science	***Science:*** Anatomy and Physiology, Physics, AP Physics, AP Biology, Advanced Animal Science
4		***Social Studies:*** World Geography	***Social Studies:*** World History	***Social Studies:*** U.S. History ***OR*** Dual Credit U.S. History	***Social Studies:*** Government ***OR*** Dual Credit Gov. Personal Financial Literacy
5					
6					
7					
8					

I understand that this plan is flexible. I understand the benefits of graduating with an endorsement and in order to be eligible for Top 10% automatic admission to a public university in Texas, a student must graduate on the Distinguished Plan including earning credit for Algebra II.

Student Signature:		**Parent Signature:**		**Date:**
Counselor Signature:				

ENGLISH

English 1 - Regular or Honors

English 2 - Regular or Honors

English 3 - Regular or Dual Credit

English 4 - Regular or Dual Credit

MATH

Algebra I - 9th grade
Geometry - 10th grade
Math Models- 11th Grade
Algebra 2 - 11th grade
Financial Math -12th grade
Pre-Calculus - 12th grade
AP Calculus - 12th grade

***To take AP Calculus, students will take Geometry and Algebra 2 during 10th grade.

SCIENCE

Biology - 9th grade
Chemistry - 10th grade
Anatomy & Physiology 11th or 12th grade
Advanced Animal Science 11th or 12th grade
AP Physics 11th or 12th grade
AP Biology 12th grade

SOCIAL STUDIES

World Geography - 9th grade

World History - 10th grade

US History - Regular or Dual Credit - 11th grade

Us Government .5 credits - Regular or Dual Credit -12th

Personal Financial Literacy - .5 credits - 12th

SPANISH OR ELECTIVE

- Spanish 1
- Spanish 2

OR

- Elective

FINE ARTS OR ELECTIVES

- Fine Art
  - Band
  - Art
  - Floral Design
  - ***OR***
- Elective

PE, PE Substitute or Elective

- PE
- Boys Athletics 2
- Girls Athletics 2

OR

- Elective

Endorsement

Choose which endorsement you would like to follow through your HS years and map out those 4 years on your plan.

Falls City High School Programs of Study

Career Cluster: Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources Business and Industry Endorsement				
Program of Study	**Grade 9**	**Grade 10**	**Grade 11**	**Grade 12**
Ag Mechanics	Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources 13000200 (1 credit)	Ag Mechanics and Lab 13002210 (1 credits)	Ag Structures Design & Fabrications and Lab 13002310 (2 Credits)	Ag Powers Systems 13002400 (2 Credits) ***OR*** Project Based Research in Ag 12701500 (1 Credit)
Animal Science	Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources 13000200 (1 credit)	Equine Science 130005000 (.5 Credits) & Small Animal Management 130004000 (.5 credits)	Livestock Production 13000300 (1 Credits)	Advanced Animal Science 130007000 (1) ***OR*** Project Based Research in Ag 12701500 (1 Credit)
Plant Science	Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources 13000200 (1 credit)	Floral Design 13001800 (1 credit)	Advanced Floral Design N1300270 (1 credit)	Project Based Research in Ag 12701500 (1 Credit)

Career Cluster: Business, Marketing, and Finance Career Business & Industry Endorsement				
Program of Study	**Grade 9**	**Grade 10**	**Grade 11**	**Grade 12**
Marketing and Sales	Sports and Entertainment	Sports and Entertainment	Retail Management N1303430	Practicum in Entrepreneurship N1303425

Reference Sheets



ELECTIVE REFERENCE SHEET



ENDORSEMENT PATHWAYS