

# 9th grade *transition* meeting

# Foundation High School *graduation program*

## FALLS CITY HIGH SCHOOL HB 5 GRADUATION PLANS

| Foundation High School Program (FHSP) 22 Credits | FHSP + Endorsements 26 Credits | FHSP + Endorsements Distinguished Level of Achievement 26 Credits |
|---|---|---|
| **English -- 4 credits**<br>English I, II, III, IV | **English -- 4 credits**<br>English I, II, III, IV | **English -- 4 credits**<br>English I, II, III, IV |
| **Math -- 3 credits**<br>Algebra 1, Geometry<br>*One additional Math credit | **Math -- 4 credits**<br>Algebra 1, Geometry<br>*Two additional Math credit | **Math -- 4 credits**<br>Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra II<br>*One additional Math credit |
| **Science -- 3 credits**<br>Biology<br>**Two additional Science credits | **Science -- 4 credits**<br>Biology, IPC and/or Chemistry<br>**One/Two additional Science credits | **Science -- 4 credits**<br>Biology, IPC and/or Chemistry<br>**One/Two additional Science credits |
| **Social Studies -- 4 credits**<br>World Geography, World History, U.S History, Government/Personal Financial Literacy | **Social Studies -- 4 credits**<br>World Geography, World History, U.S History, Government/Personal Financial Literacy | **Social Studies -- 4 credits**<br>World Geography, World History, U.S History, Government/Personal Financial Literacy |
| **Languages other than English -- 2 credits**<br>Spanish 1, 2 | **Languages other than English -- 2 credits**<br>Spanish 1, 2 | **Languages other than English -- 2 credits**<br>Spanish 1, 2 |
| ***Fine Arts -- 1 credit | ***Fine Arts -- 1 credit | ***Fine Arts -- 1 credit |
| ****Physical Education -- 1 credits | ****Physical Education -- 1 credits | ****Physical Education -- 1 credits |
| Electives -- 4 credits | Electives -- 6 credits | Electives --6 credits |

# Distinguished Achievement

Student must complete endorsement requirements and must take Algebra 2.

Distinguished achievement is documented on the transcript.

Distinguished graduates are eligible for automatic college admission and top 10% rule.

The top 10% of the graduating class receives automatic admission to a state public university, with the exception of the University of Texas which fluctuates from 6-7%.

# 4 Year Personal Graduation Plan

- *Required by House Bill 5*
- *Assists student/parent when pre-planning courses and endorsement pathways*
- *Assists student/parent when making post high school graduation plans*

***This is an estimated plan. Changes can be made through the years with parent/guardian approval and signature.*

# 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:** | | | | |

# Endorsements *A career pathway*

Students must specify their choice of endorsement in writing on the Personal Graduation Plan (PGP)

Endorsement requires:
4 credits of math and 4 credits of science

# Endorsements *A career pathway*

| Endorsements | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Arts & Humanities** | **Business & Industry** | **Public Service** | **STEM** | **Multidisciplinary Studies** |
| **Fine Arts**-Band<br><br>**Foreign Languages**-Spanish I-IV<br><br>**Audio Video**-Graphic Design and Multimedia | **Animal Science**<br><br>**Ag Mechanics**<br><br>**Plant Science**<br><br>**Marketing and Sales** | **Teaching & Training**<br><br>**Healthcare Diagnostics** | **Advanced Math**- five credits to include Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II<br>**Advanced Science**- five credits to include Biology, Chemistry, and Physics<br><br>**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 |

# End of Course Exams

**English 1**
**English 2**
**Biology**
**Algebra 1**
**US History**

# Class Rank & GPA

The following areas are calculated into a students GPA for ranking purposes:

English, Math, Science and Social Studies

Dual credit courses averaged into GPA and Rank will be only be (***ENGL 1301 & 1302, HIST 1301 & 1302, ENGL 2322, and GOVT 2305***). All other courses will appear on the transcript but will not be weighted or calculated into GPA and Rank.

GPA will be calculated after the completion of each semester of high school and students will be ranked based on these cumulative averages. *Final 12th grade GPA and Rank is calculated after the 3rd 9 weeks period.*

Reference the student handbook for specific information.

# Weighted Grade System

**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 |

# Required Courses

## English ( 4 credits)

English 1 - Regular or Honors
English 2 - Regular or Honors
English 3 - Regular or Dual Credit
English 4 - Regular or Dual Credit

# Required Courses

## Math ( 4 credits)

Algebra I - 9th grade

Geometry -9th or 10th grade

Math Models- 11th Grade

Algebra 2 - 10th or 11th grade

Financial Math -12th grade

Pre-Calculus - 11th or 12th grade

AP Calculus - 12th grade

If a student did not take Algebra I in the 8th grade, in order to take AP Calculus (as a senior), students will take Geometry and Algebra 2 during 10th grade.

# Required Courses

## Science ( 4 credits)

Biology - 9th grade

Chemistry - 10th grade

Anatomy & Physiology 11th or 12th grade

Advanced Animal Science 11th or 12th grade

Physics 11th or 12th grade

AP Physics 12th grade

AP Biology 12th grade

# Required Courses

## Social Studies ( 4 credits)

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

# Required Courses

Foreign Language ( 2 credits ) Spanish 1 & 2

PE  (1 credit) - Athletics or Marching Band

Fine Art  (1 credit)- Band, Floral Design or Digital Art

Elective & CTE  (6 credits)

# Endorsements & CTE Programs of Study

## Falls City High School Programs of Study

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

| Career Cluster: Business, Marketing, and Finance Career<br>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<br>N1303120 | Practicum in Entrepreneurship<br>N1303125 |

# High School Activities

High School Sports - Students must be in athletics to participate and all students in athletics must participate in a sport.

FFA- Must be enrolled in an ag. class to participate and show unless you are a participant in 4H

UIL Academics and One Act Play

National Honor Society - 2nd semester of the sophomore year students who have a 93 GPA or higher will receive an application for NHS. Students are selected on the basis of scholarship, leadership, service and character.

Student Government - Class officers and student council

# What's Next?

Checklist for tonight:

- ★ Map out your child's PGP (make changes if needed)
- ★ Sign your child's PGP and return to Mrs. Lyssy
- ★ Take your child's folder home.

If you have any questions after this evening, my contact information is lyssyc@fcisd.net or 830-254-3551 EXT 2028.