Human Services

The Human Services career cluster focuses on preparing individuals for employment in career pathways that relate to families and human needs, such as counseling and mental health services, family and community services, personal care services, and consumer services. This career cluster includes occupations ranging from community health workers to cosmetologists and nutritionists.

Program of Study: Family & Community Services

The Family and Community Services program of study focuses on occupational and educational opportunities associated with social services, including child and human development and consumer sciences. This program of study includes managing social and community services, managing family and consumer sciences, and understanding career paths in social work or therapy for children, families, or school communities.

Courses

9th Grade	Principles of Human Services Professional Communications Interpersonal Studies
10th Grade	Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness Dollars and Sense Human Growth and Development Child Development Entrepreneurship I
11th Grade	Counseling and Mental Health
12th Grade	Practicum in Human Services OR Career Preparation for Programs of Study

Work-Based Learning/Expanded Learning Opportunities

Work-Based Learning Activities	• Earn industry certification • Volunteer at a community center; intern for a community non-profit organization
Expanded Learning Opportunities	Family, Career, Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

Aligned Industry-Based Certifications

- Community Health Worker



Example Postsecondary Opportunities

Apprenticeships

- Community Health Worker Apprentice

Associate Degrees

- Social Work
- Human Development and Family Studies

Bachelor's Degrees

- Social Work
- Human Development and Family Studies

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Mental Health Counseling
- Marriage and Family Therapy

Additional Stackable IBCs/License

- Certified Diabetes Educator

Example Aligned Occupations

Community Health Workers
Median Wage: $43,619
Annual Openings: 658
10-Year Growth: 25%

Social and Community Service Managers
Median Wage: $72,383
Annual Openings: 1,117
10-Year Growth: 22%

Child, Family, and School Social Workers
Median Wage: $50,378
Annual Openings: 1,976
10-Year Growth: 14%

Successful completion of this program of study will fulfill requirements of the Public Service Endorsement.
Approved Statewide Program of Study. C. E. King High School – 2026-27

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Course Information

Level 1

Principles of Human Services 13024200

Grade: 9-10 **Credit: 1**

Principles of Human Services is a laboratory course that will enable students to investigate careers in the Human Services Career Cluster, including counseling and mental health, early childhood development, family and community, personal care, and consumer services. Each student is expected to complete the knowledge and skills essential for success in high-skill, high-wage, or high-demand human services careers.

Professional Communications 13009900

Grade: 9-12 **Credit: 0.5**

Professional Communications blends written, oral, and graphic communication in a career-based environment. Careers in the global economy require individuals to be creative and have a strong background in computer and technology applications, a strong and solid academic foundation, and a proficiency in professional oral and written communication. Within this context, students will be expected to develop and expand the ability to write, read, edit, speak, listen, apply software applications, manipulate computer graphics, and conduct Internet research.

Interpersonal Studies 13024400

Grade: 9-12 **Credit: 0.5**

Interpersonal Studies examines how the relationships between individuals and among family members significantly affect the quality of life. Students use knowledge and skills in family studies and human development to enhance personal development, foster quality relationships, promote wellness of family members, manage multiple adult roles, and pursue careers related to counseling and mental health services.

Dollars and Sense 13024300

Grade: 10-12 **Credit: 0.5**

Dollars and Sense focuses on consumer practices and responsibilities, money-management processes, decision-making skills, impact of technology, and preparation for human services careers.

Level 2

Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness 13024500

Grade: 9-12 **Credit: 0.5**

Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness is a laboratory course that allows students to use principles of lifetime wellness and nutrition to help them make informed choices that promote wellness as well as pursue careers related to hospitality and tourism, education and training, human services, and health sciences.

Child Development 13024700

Grade: 10-12 **Credit: 1**

Child Development is a course that addresses knowledge and skills related to child growth and development from prenatal through school-age children. Students use these skills to promote the well-being and healthy development of children and investigate careers related to the care and education of children.

Human Growth and Development 13014300

Grade: 10-12 **Credit: 1**

Human Growth and Development is an examination of human development across the lifespan with emphasis on research, theoretical perspectives, and common physical, cognitive, emotional, and social developmental milestones. The course covers material that is generally taught in a postsecondary, one-semester introductory course in developmental psychology or human development.

Entrepreneurship I 13011101

Grade: 10-12 **Credit: 1**

In Entrepreneurship I, students will gain the knowledge and skills needed to become an entrepreneur in a free enterprise system. Students will learn the key concepts necessary to begin and operate a business. The primary focus of the course is to help students identify the types and selection criteria of business structures, understand the components of a business plan, determine feasibility of an idea using research, and develop and present a business concept. In addition, students will understand the basics of management, accounting, finance, marketing, risk, and product development.

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Level 3

Counseling and Mental Health **13024600**

Grade: 11-12 **Credit: 1**

In Counseling and Mental Health, students model the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue a counseling and mental health career through simulated environments. Students are expected to apply knowledge of ethical and legal responsibilities, limitations, and the implications of their actions. Professional integrity in counseling and mental health care is dependent on acceptance of ethical and legal responsibilities.

Level 4

Practicum in Human Services **13025000**

Grade: 12 **Credit: 2**

Prerequisite: 2 credits in Human Services career clusters

Practicum in Human Services provides background knowledge and occupation-specific training that focuses on the development of consumer services, early childhood development and services, counseling and mental health services, and family and community-services careers. Content for Practicum in Human Services is designed to meet. the occupational preparation needs and interests of students and should be based upon the knowledge and skills selected from two or more courses in a coherent sequence in the human services cluster.

Industry Based Certification: Community Health Workers