

**ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT:
GRADUATION**

Students will graduate under the Foundation High School Program (FHSP) with the option to complete one or more endorsements or the Distinguished Level of Achievement.

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EXHIBIT A

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

<p>Foundation Graduation Program 23 CREDITS</p>	<p>Foundation + Endorsements 27 CREDITS</p>	<p>Distinguished Level of Achievement 27 CREDITS</p>
<p>English.....4 Credits English I, II, III & IV</p>	<p>English.....4 Credits English I, II, III & IV</p>	<p>English.....4 Credits English I, II, III & IV</p>
<p>Math.....3 Credits Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II/ Math Models</p>	<p>Math.....4 Credits Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, College Algebra or any authorized 4th math course</p>	<p>Math.....4 Credits Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, College Algebra or any authorized 4th math course</p>
<p>Science.....3 Credits Physics, Chemistry & Biology</p>	<p>Science.....4 Credits Physics, Chemistry, Biology & Forensic Science or any another authorized 4th science course</p>	<p>Science.....4 Credits Physics, Chemistry, Biology & Forensic Science or any another authorized 4th science course</p>
<p>Social Studies.....3 Credits World Geography, U.S History, Government (.5 credit) & Economics (.5 credit)</p>	<p>Social Studies.....3 Credits World Geography, U.S History, Government (.5 credit) & Economics (.5 credit)</p>	<p>Social Studies.....3 Credits World Geography, U.S History, Government (.5 credit) & Economics (.5 credit)</p>
<p>LOTE.....2 Credits ASL I & ASL II</p>	<p>LOTE.....2 Credits ASL I & ASL II</p>	<p>LOTE.....2 Credits ASL I & ASL II</p>
<p>Physical Education...1 Credit</p>	<p>Physical Education...1 Credit</p>	<p>Physical Education.....1 Credit</p>
<p>Health Education.....1 Credit</p>	<p>Health Education.....1 Credit</p>	<p>Health Education.....1 Credit</p>
<p>Fine Arts.....1 Credit Art, Theatre Arts or Theatre Media Communication (TMC).</p>	<p>Fine Arts.....1 Credit Art, Theatre Arts or Theatre Media Communication (TMC).</p>	<p>Fine Arts.....1 Credit Art, Theatre Arts or Theatre Media Communication (TMC).</p>
<p>Electives.....5 Credits</p>	<p>Electives.....6 Credits</p>	<p>Electives.....6 Credits</p>
<p>Students are highly encouraged to follow the spirit of Endorsement with the elective requirements. The chosen and completed Career Pathway will be recognized by the school district.</p>	<p>Credit requirements specific to at least one endorsement.</p>	<p>Credit requirements specific to at least one endorsement.</p> <p><u>Note: Distinguished Level of Achievement only requires Algebra II</u></p>

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ENDORSEMENTS

Students must choose an “Endorsement,” or area of concentration, upon entering the ninth grade. Each student can choose more than one endorsement area. Achieved endorsement will be noted on the high school transcripts. Students can earn an endorsement by successfully completing at least one of those “Program of Study” requirements in the endorsement areas listed below. Please see the specific course requirements for each Program of Study area. Courses chosen during high school become the foundation for the future; therefore, careful selection of courses will form a Program of Study related to chosen post-secondary goals, whether it is educational or employment goal.

Endorsement Areas

Arts/Humanities	Business & Industry	Multidisciplinary Studies	Public Service	STEM
<i>Program of Study:</i>	<i>Program of Study:</i>	<i>Program of Study:</i>	<i>Program of Study:</i>	<i>Program of Study:</i>
Theatre Arts	Arts, AV Technology Communication Automotive Technology Collision Repair & Refinishing Construction Technology Culinary Arts Welding	Four Credits in each of the foundation subject areas	Human Services	Math Science STEM Cluster

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PROGRAM OF STUDY

The chart below is a guide to help students in creating their four-year plan and to ensure that they are able to earn the chosen endorsement/career pathway. A student can earn an endorsement by taking a coherent sequence of courses as identified in the charts below that consists of at least two courses in the same career cluster and at least one advanced course.

Art & Humanities Endorsement				
Program of Study	First Course	Second Course	Third Course	Fourth Course
Theatre Arts	Theatre Arts or/and Theatre & Media Communication	Theatre Arts II	Theatre Arts III	Theatre Production

Business & Industry Endorsement				
Program of Study	First Course	Second Course	Third Course	Fourth Course
Arts, AV Technology Communication	Graphic Design & Illustration	Animations	Audio Video Production (2 credits)	Career Prep 2 in Arts, AV Technology Communication (3 credits)
Automotive Technology	Introduction to Automotive Technology	Automotive Technology 1 (2 credits)	Automotive Technology 2 (2 credits)	Career Prep 2 in Automotive Technology (3 credits)
Collision Repair & Refinishing	Introduction to Collision Repair & Refinishing	Collision Repair & Refinishing 1 (2 credits)	Collision Repair & Refinishing 2 (2 credits)	Career Prep 2 in Collision Repair and Refinishing (3 credits)
Culinary Arts	Introduction to Culinary Arts	Culinary Arts 1 (2 credits)	Culinary Arts 2 (2 credits)	Career Prep 2 in Culinary Arts (3 credits)
Construction Technology	Introduction to Construction Technology	Construction Technology 1 (2 credits)	Construction Technology 2 (2 credits)	Career Prep 2 in Construction Technology (3 credits)
Welding	Introduction to Welding	Welding 1* (3 credits)	Welding 2* (2 credits)	Career Prep 2 in Welding (3 credits)

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Multidisciplinary Endorsement			
English	Math	Science	Social Studies
4 credits	4 credits	4 credits	4 credits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ English I ■ English II ■ English III ■ English IV 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Algebra I ■ Geometry ■ Algebra II ■ Pre-Calculus ■ College Algebra ■ Robotics (as 4th year) ■ Approved Dual Credit @ Austin Community College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Physics ■ Chemistry ■ Biology ■ Forensic Science ■ Approved Dual Credit @ Austin Community College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ World Geography ■ U.S. History ■ Government (.5) ■ Economics (.5) ■ Approved Social Studies dual credit course @ Austin Community College

Public Service Endorsement				
Program of Study	First Course	Second Course	Third Course	Fourth Course
Human Service	Child Development	Dollar & Sense	Career Preparation 1 (2 credits)	Career Prep 2 in Human Services (3 credits)

Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematic (STEM)					
Program of Study	First Course	Second Course	Third Course	Fourth Course	Fifth Course
STEM Cluster	Robotics	Game & App Design	Engineering & 3D Print	Robotics II* (2 credits)	
Robotics	Robotics 1	Robotics 2	Robotics 3	-	
Math	Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	Pre-Calculus, College Algebra, Robotics or Approved Dual Credit @ Austin Community College	Pre-Calculus, Robotics or Approved Dual Credit @ Austin Community College
Science	Physics	Chemistry	Biology	Forensic Science**	Approved Dual Credit @ Austin Community College

* Offered as dual credit course, through TSD and ACC partnership

** Offered as dual credit course, through NTID

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EXHIBIT C

DISTINGUISHED LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT

A student can graduate with a Distinguished Level of Achievement if they complete Foundation High School Program with an endorsement and have successfully completed Algebra II.

PERFORMANCE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Students graduating on the Foundation High School Program can earn Performance Acknowledges on their transcript for outstanding performance in a dual credit course; bilingualism and bi-literacy; PSAT/NMSQT®, the ACT Aspire®, the SAT®, or the ACT®; OR by earning a nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license.

Bilingualism & Bi-literacy Performance Acknowledgement	Dual Credit Performance Acknowledgement	PSAT/NMSQT®, the ACT Aspire®, the SAT®, or the ACT® Performance Acknowledgement	Business or Industry Certification or License Performance Acknowledgement
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completing all English language arts requirements and maintaining a minimum grade point average (GPA) if equivalent of 80 on a scale of 100, <u>AND</u> 2. Completing of a minimum of 3 credits in the same language in a language other than English with a minimum GPA of the equivalent of 80 on a scale of 100. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completing at least 12 hours of college academic course, including those taken for dual credit as part of the Texas core curriculum, and advanced technical credit courses, including locally articulated courses, with a grade of 3.0 or higher on a score of 4.0, <u>OR</u> 2. An Associate degree while in high school. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Earning a score on the PSAT/NMSQT that qualifies the student for recognition as a commended scholar or higher by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation, as part of the National Hispanic Recognition Program of College Board; 2. Achieving the college readiness benchmark score on at least two of the four sub tests on the ACT Aspire exam; 3. Earning a combined reading and mathematics score of at least 1250 on the SAT; <u>OR</u> 4. Earning a composite score on the ACT exam of 28 (excluding the writing sub-score). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Performance on an exam or series of exams sufficient to obtain a nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification; <u>OR</u> 2. Performance on an exam sufficient to obtain a government-required credential to practice profession. <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification shall be defined as an industry validated credential that complies with knowledge and skill standards promulgated by a nationally or internationally recognized business, industry, professional, or governmental entity.</i></p>

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