

ENDORSEMENTS 101

Pathways to the future with the Foundation High School Plan



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Sources: TEA Graduation Toolkit and LISD
Parent Student Guide to the FHSP

What is the Foundation HS Plan?

- A new, more **flexible** graduation program that allows students to pursue their **individual** interests.
- A 26 credit program that includes:
 - Five **endorsement options** that allow students to focus on a **related series of courses**
 - A higher performance category called **Distinguished Level of Achievement**
 - **Performance Acknowledgments** that note outstanding achievement

What is an Endorsement?

- Areas of **specialized** study for high school. They are similar to college majors.
- There are **5 areas** students can choose from:
 - Arts and Humanities
 - Business and Industry
 - Multidisciplinary Studies
 - Public Service
 - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)



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Why is this important?

- **Choices determine options**
 - Most of the very **best jobs** available now and in the future require **education** and **training** beyond a high school diploma.
 - The **choices** made in high school will **determine** your **future** options.
 - To best **prepare** yourself now for the **transition** to post-high school **education** or quality workforce **training**, choosing and taking the **right classes** is essential.



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Arts and Humanities



- The humanities offers students an opportunity to study ancient and modern literature, history, language and culture.
- These courses allow students an opportunity to explore and understand how other cultures live.
- Students interested in the performing arts of music and theatre, as well as the visual arts, may find this endorsement suitable for them.
- Possible career paths and interest areas include courses related to:
 - Political Science, World Languages, Cultural Studies, English Literature, History, and Fine Arts.

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Arts and Humanities



- 2 levels each in two languages other than English (LOTE)
- 4 levels in the same LOTE
- 4 levels in American Sign Language (ASL)
- Courses from one or two areas (music, theater, art, dance) in fine arts
- English electives not included in Business and Industry
- Social Studies

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Business and Industry



- Incorporates a large number of career paths and student interests.
- LISD offers over 90 courses which fall within this particular endorsement.
- Possible career paths and interest areas for the Business & Industry Endorsement may include:
 - Database Management; Information Technology, Communications, Accounting, Finance, Marketing, Graphic Design, Architecture, Construction, Welding, Logistics, Automotive Technology, and Agricultural Science.

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Business and Industry



- Agriculture
- Arts & Audio/Video & Tech
- Finance
- Marketing
- Food and Natural Resources
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Information Technology
- Manufacturing
- Architecture and Construction
- Technology Applications and Communications
- Business Management and Administration
- Transportation or Distribution and Logistics
- English electives in public speaking, debate, advanced broadcast journalism, advanced journalism including newspaper and yearbook

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Multidisciplinary Studies



- Allows students to select courses from each of the endorsement areas.
- Students can satisfy this endorsement by taking advanced CTE courses which prepare the student to enter the workforce successfully.
- This endorsement can also be earned if students successfully complete advanced courses in multiple content areas sufficient to complete the Foundation Program with a Distinguished Level of Achievement (DLA).
- All career pathways identified in all cluster and endorsement areas would fall into the multidisciplinary endorsement area.

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Multidisciplinary Studies



- 4 advanced courses from other endorsement areas
- 4 credits in each foundation subject area, including English IV and chemistry and/or physics
- 4 credits in Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or dual credit selected
- from English, mathematics, science, social studies, economics, LOTE or fine arts

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Public Service



- Students will enroll in courses directly related to health science, education, law enforcement, culinary arts, hospitality and the armed forces.
- Public services incorporates careers in human services, law enforcement and public safety, the military, culinary arts, and education.
- Human services careers include careers as a nurse, physician's assistant, hospital administrator, nutritionist, clergy, counselor, etc.
- Law Enforcement and Public Safety include careers such as mediator, law clerk, paralegal, detective, security guard, criminal investigator, bailiff, and fish and game warden.

- Within the education area, students may be interested in career fields such as teacher, athletic trainer, principal,

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- Within the education area, students may be interested in career fields such as teacher, athletic trainer, principal, college professor, school psychologist, diagnostician, or counselor.
- Students interested in a career with the military (JROTC) may also choose to pursue this endorsement.

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Public Service



- Human Services
- Law
- Corrections and Security
- Health Science
- Public Safety
- Education and Training
- Government and Public Administration
- Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC)

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STEM



- Students need to complete courses directly related to:
 - Environmental Science, Technology, Engineering, Advanced Mathematics, and Computer Science.
- May be the right pathway for a student interested in careers such as a biochemist, bioengineer, civil engineer, pharmacist, nurse, psychiatrist, anesthesiologist, orthodontist, lab technician, scientist, medical assistant, and forensic science technician.

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STEM



- Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses related to STEM
- Computer Science
- Mathematics
- Science
- Combination of no more than two of the categories listed above

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For More Information:

- Please visit lisd.net
 - Select Resources → Parents → Graduation/HB5
<http://lisd.net/Domain/805>

OR

See the LISD Parent Student Guide to the Foundation High School Plan (FHSP)



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