



This step-by-step guide will help you move down the path to High School graduation. Check off milestones as you go to keep track of your progress.

START

8TH GRADE

MEET WITH YOUR MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNSELOR

RESEARCH JOBS

TALK WITH ADULTS ABOUT THEIR JOBS

LOOK FOR VIDEOS ON JOBS

ATTEND SCHOOL INFORMATION SESSION

VISIT HIGH SCHOOL WEBSITE



RESEARCH COLLEGES

STOP



PICK YOUR ENDORSEMENT PLAN

PARENT AND STUDENT SIGN GRADUATION PLAN WITH COUNSELOR

DISTINGUISHED LEVEL ACHIEVEMENT PLAN IS AVAILABLE ON ALL ENDORSEMENTS



STEM



BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY



PUBLIC SERVICES



ART AND HUMANITIES



MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

PICK YOUR CLASSES



YOU ARE READY FOR HIGH SCHOOL

CONFIRM FINAL COURSE SELECTION & SCHEDULE

CAN YOU EARN AN INDUSTRY CERTIFICATE?

PICK YOUR ENDORSEMENT CLASSES



SENIOR YEAR SPRING: APPLY FOR FAWSA

APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

GRADUATE WITH AN ENDORSEMENT!



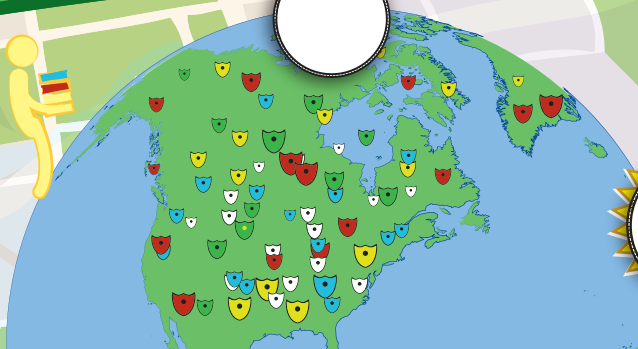
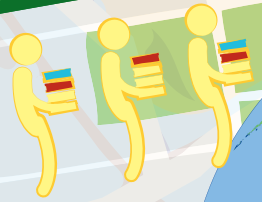
AIM FOR THE DISTINGUISHED PLAN!

SENIOR YEAR FALL: APPLY TO AT LEAST 3 COLLEGES

COMPLETE INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS

JUNIOR YEAR SPRING: TAKE SAT/ACT/TSI TESTS

JUNIOR & SENIOR YEARS: MEET WITH YOUR COUNSELOR ABOUT OPTIONS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL





## What is the Foundation High School Program?

The Foundation High School Program is a core set of classes in the areas of math, English, science, social studies, foreign language, fine arts, physical education and electives that all students must complete as a foundation to graduate from high school in Texas.

## What is an Endorsement?

All incoming ninth grade students will select an Endorsement as a plan to complete the required credits for graduation.

### The five endorsements you can earn are:



#### STEM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS)

This path includes courses directly related to science (including environmental science), technology (including computer science), engineering and advanced mathematics, or a coherent sequence of some Career and Technology Education courses



#### BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

Includes courses directly related to database management, information technology, communications, accounting, finance, marketing, graphic design, architecture, construction, welding, logistics, automotive technology, agricultural science



#### PUBLIC SERVICES

Includes courses directly related to health sciences and occupations, education and training, law enforcement and culinary arts and hospitality



#### ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Includes courses directly related to political science, world languages, cultural studies, English literature, history and fine arts



#### MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES


Includes courses from the curriculum of each Endorsement area and credits in a variety of advanced courses from multiple content areas sufficient to complete the Distinguished Level of Achievement under the Foundation High School Program

## What is the Distinguished Level of Achievement?

A student can earn the Distinguished Level of Achievement by completing 26 credits. These credits must include the Foundation Program requirements and at least one Endorsement. Algebra II must be completed as one of the four math credits and a fourth advanced science credit must be earned as one of the Foundation or elective credits. Students must graduate at the Distinguished Level of Achievement to be eligible for automatic admission to state colleges and universities through the Top Ten Percent Plan.



## After I've selected my Endorsement can I change it? What are my options?

 You may move to the Foundation Plan without Endorsements after your sophomore year. Your parent or guardian must give written permission to make this change. Weatherford ISD strongly encourages every student to graduate with an Endorsement.

### Performance Acknowledgements for Outstanding Performance

Dual Credit  
Bilingualism and Biliteracy  
Advanced Placement Exams  
PSAT, ACT, or SAT  
Business or Industry Certificate or License

You also can take several courses along a pathway at Weatherford College.

## Have more questions about selecting an Endorsement?

Talk with your guidance counselor to determine the best path for you.



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

# Pick YOUR Path.

**GEARING UP FOR HIGH SCHOOL? STUDENTS ENTERING THE NINTH GRADE ARE REQUIRED TO SELECT AN ENDORSEMENT TO ESTABLISH A PLAN FOR COMPLETING REQUIRED GRADUATION CREDITS. FOLLOW THIS STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO HELP YOU START YOUR HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION ON THE RIGHT PATH.**

