

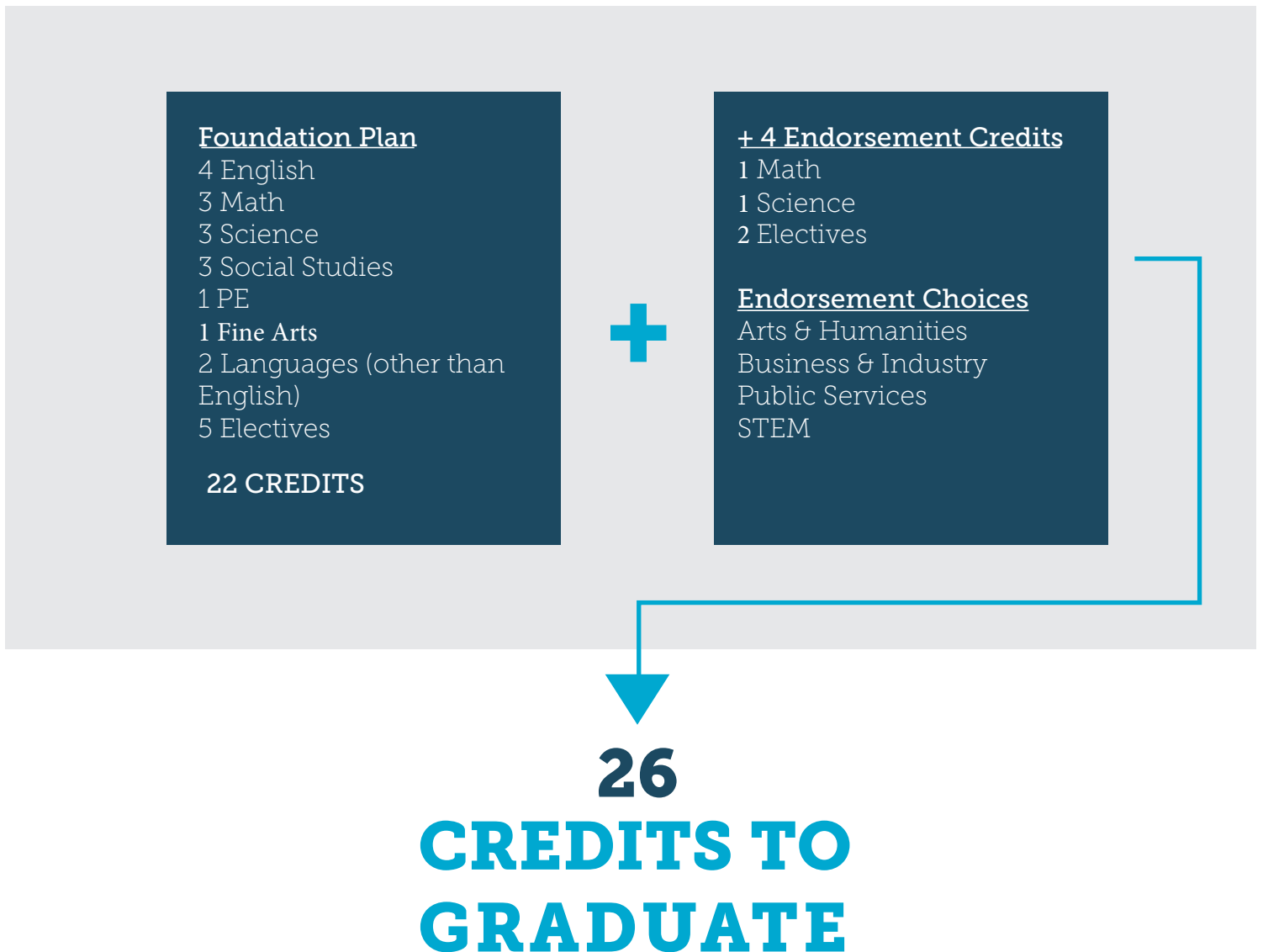
Does your student have a plan?

Understanding the requirements for high school and how to earn an endorsement are critical for creating a 4 year plan for high school.

Wylie ISD's creation of Career Experiences within each endorsement area will allow your student to explore their interests and strengths while preparing for post-secondary goals.

These pathways bring relevance and purpose to school connecting both a personal plan and goal.

Use this Career Experience guide to develop a personal high school 4 year plan. Counselors are available for questions. You can also access this document online at [#ihaveaplanwisd](#).



Wylie ISD Graduation Plan Overview

There is one graduation plan approved by the State of Texas and Wylie Independent School District. The State of Texas Foundation High School Program requires a total of 22 units of credits. Additionally, upon entering grade 9, each student will select one or more endorsement areas for an additional 4 units of credits. In Wylie ISD, every student is expected to earn 26 credits and graduate on the Foundation High School Program with an endorsement.

Foundation High School Program (FHSP)

22 Credits

Pre AP, AP, and Dual Credit courses, if available, can satisfy course requirements.

4 Credits - English Language Arts

- English I
- English II
- English III
- English IV

3 Credits - Mathematics

- Algebra I
- Geometry
- Algebra II

3 Credits - Social Studies

- World History
- US History
- Government (.5)
- Economics (.5)

3 Credits - Science

- Biology
- Chemistry or Physics
- Advanced Science

2 Credits - World Language

- Spanish I -V
- French I-V

1 Credit - Fine Arts

- Art, Choir, Theatre, Technical Theater, Band, AP Music Theory, Dance

1 Credit - Physical Education

- PE, Athletics, Marching Band, Drill Team, Cheerleading, ROTC

5 Credits - Electives

Foundation High School Program + Endorsement

26 Credits

Students are able to earn one or more endorsements as part of their graduation requirements.

Students must select an endorsement prior to entering 9th grade. Students can meet with their counselor if they wish to change their endorsement.

Students earn an endorsement by:

- Completing curriculum requirements of FHSP (22 credits) and;
- Requirements of 1 endorsement, and;
- 1 additional credit of math, and;
- 1 additional credit of science, and;
- 2 additional elective credits.

WISD students can choose from these endorsement areas:

- Arts & Humanities
- Business & Industry
- Public Services
- STEM

Career Experiences are pathways for students to explore their interests and earn an endorsement for their high school graduation requirements.

Distinguished Level of Achievement & Performance Acknowledgements

Additionally, a student may earn the Distinguished Level of Achievement and/or a Performance Acknowledgment for outstanding performance. The Distinguished Level of Achievement must be earned to be admitted to a Texas public university under the Top 10 percent automatic admission law.

Distinguished Level of Achievement

- Foundation Program requirements
- 4 credits in math including Algebra II
- 4 credits in science
- At least 1 endorsement

Performance Acknowledgments

- Dual credit course
- Bilingualism and biliteracy
- PSAT, ACT's Plan, SAT or ACT
- Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exam
- Earning a nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license

Earning an Endorsement

Business and Industry

CTE Coherent Sequence Route

4 Credits in CTE Electives (Minimum of three courses) which includes:

- At least 2 from the same cluster
- At least 1 advanced level CTE course
- Final course from one of the following clusters:
 - Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources
 - Architecture and Construction
 - Arts, A/V Technology, and communications
 - Business Management and Administration
 - Finance
 - Hospitality and Tourism
 - Information Technology
 - Manufacturing

English Language Art/Journalism Elective Coherent Sequence

4 English elective credits by selecting 3 levels in one of the following areas:

- Advanced journalism: newspaper
- Advanced journalism: yearbook

Arts and Humanities

Academic Coherent Sequence (select one of the following)

- 5 credits - Social Studies

Language Other Than English (LOTE) Coherent Sequence (select one of the following) or (2 in 2 areas)

4 English elective credits by selecting 3 levels in one of the following areas:

- 4 levels of same language in a LOTE; or
- 2 levels of same language in LOTE and 2 levels of different language in LOTE

Fine Arts Coherent Sequence (select 4 credits from one or two of the following areas):

- 4 credits – Art
- 4 credits – Dance
- 4 credits – Music
- 4 credits – Theatre

Public Service

CTE Coherent Sequence Route

4 Credits in CTE Electives (Minimum of three courses) which includes:

- At least 2 from the same cluster
- At least 1 advanced level CTE course
- Final course from one of the following:
 - Education & Training
 - Law, Public Safety
 - Health Science

Elective Coherent Sequence (must include all)

4 courses in Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC)

STEM

Academic Coherent Sequence (select one of the following)

- 5 credits – Mathematics (must complete Algebra II and 2 additional courses beyond Algebra II), or
- 5 credits – Science (must complete biology, chemistry, physics and 2 additional advanced science courses)

CTE Coherent Sequence

4 Credits in CTE Electives (Minimum of three courses) which includes:

- At least 2 from the same cluster
- At least 1 advanced level CTE Course
- Final course from STEM cluster

Algebra II, chemistry, and physics are also required for the STEM Endorsement.

Advanced Coursework to Satisfy Foundation and Endorsement

Pre AP, AP, and Dual Credit courses, if available, can satisfy course requirements

ELA

- English IV
- AP English Literature and Composition
- Creative Writing
- Research and Technical Writing
- Debate III
- Advanced Journalism: Yearbook III
- Advanced Journalism: Newspaper III

Advanced Math

- Advanced Quantitative Reasoning (AQR)
- Pre-Calculus Pre AP
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics
- Statistics

Science

- Advanced Animal Science
- Anatomy and Physiology
- AP Biology
- Astronomy
- Chemistry
- AP Chemistry
- Environmental Systems
- Earth and Space Science
- AP Environmental Science
- Forensic Science
- Physics
- AP Physics I: Algebra based
- AP Physics 2: Algebra based
- AP Physics C
- Engineering Design & Problem Solving
- Scientific Research & Design

Social Studies

- AP Human Geography
- AP World History
- AP United States History
- AP Economics
- AP US Government & Politics
- AP Psychology
- Psychology
- Sociology
- World Geography

PE, Fine Arts & Athletic Options

Options for PE Credit:

- Foundations of Personal Fitness
- Aerobic Activity/PE
- Team Sports/PE
- Outdoor Education/PE
- Athletics
- ROTC
- Drill Team
- Band
- Cheerleading
- Dance

Options for Fine Arts Credit:

- Band
- Dance
- Drill Team
- Art
- Theatre

Students who sign up for Athletics should indicate the first sport they intend to participate in for the year. Options:

- Football
- Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Tennis
- Track
- Softball
- Golf
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Wrestling
- Baseball

4 Year Graduation Plan

Last Name

First

ID#

Anticipated Graduation Year

WHS or WEHS

The benefits of a graduation plan that includes earning one or more endorsements has been explained to me as well as the distinguished level of achievement and postsecondary education and postsecondary education opportunities.

Student

Date

Counselor

Date

Parent/Guardian

Date

Endorsement-Circle One: Business & Industry, Arts & Humanities, Public Services, or STEM

Career Experience Choice: _____

8th (Algebra I or Spanish I)	9th	10th	11th	12th
	English I Pre-AP English I Humanities I	English II Pre-AP English II Humanities II	English III AP English III	English IV AP English IV
	Algebra I Pre-AP Algebra I	Geometry Pre-AP Geometry	Algebra II Pre-AP Algebra II	Advanced Math
	Biology Pre-AP Biology	Chemistry Pre-AP Chemistry	Physics Adv. Science	Advanced Science
	World Geography (Optional)	World History AP World History	US History AP US History	Government and Economics
Career Experience Courses				

Foundation + Endorsement Requirements

Pre AP, AP, and Dual Credit courses, if available, can satisfy course requirements.

- 4 English credits
- 4 Science credits
- 3 Social Studies credits
- 4 Math credits
- 2 LOTE credits
- 1 PE credit
- 1 Fine Arts credit

*Electives to satisfy earning an Endorsement

Recommended Freshman Course Selection:

- English I
- Algebra I
- Biology
- Spanish I, French I
- Fine Arts
- PE
- Endorsement Elective

Alternate Experience Choices: 1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____