

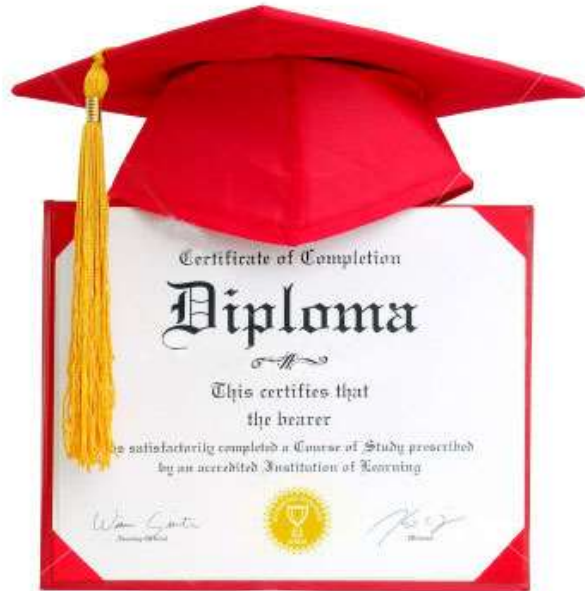
Foundation  
High School  
Program +  
Endorsement



MULTIDISCIPLINARY

PUBLIC  
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&  
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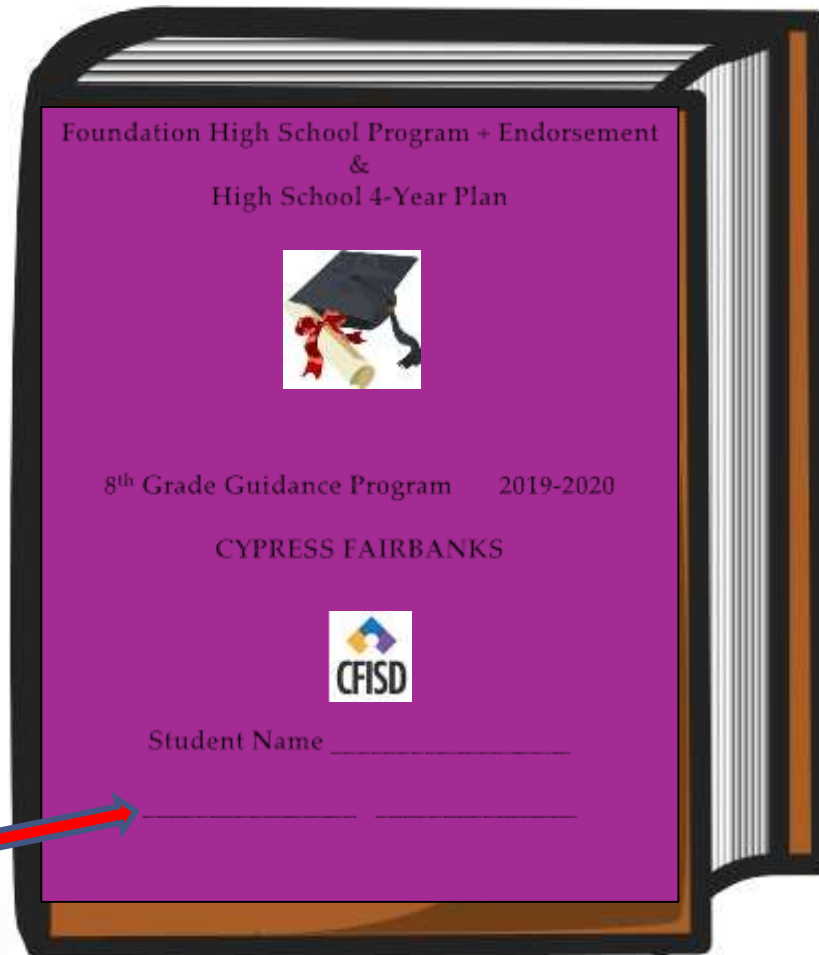
STEM

- Science
- Technology
- Engineering
- Math

ARTS  
&  
HUMANITIES



# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Guidance Program



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# General Information

- *Endorsements* help create a personalized learning plan in line with a student's career interests and goals
- Students and parents required to select (in writing) an endorsement area and create a 4-Year Plan
- You will be given opportunities to review and/or modify your plan in high school.
- Students may earn more than one endorsement



**NOTE:** Students must graduate with the Distinguished Level of Achievement in order to be eligible for top 10% automatic admission at any Texas public university and also to be considered for the TEXAS Grant.



## Graduation Requirements for the Classes of 2018 and Beyond

Course	Foundation	+ Endorsement(s)	Distinguished Level of Achievement
Course	Credits	Credits	Credits
English	4		
PACE (or PACE Plus)	½ (or 1)		
Math	3	+1 additional advanced math course	Must include Algebra II
Science	3	+1 additional advanced science course	
Social Studies	3		
Languages other than English (Foreign Language)	2		
Health	½		
Physical Education	1		
Fine Arts	1		
Electives (Endorsement Courses)	4	+2 additional electives	
<b>Total Credits for Graduation</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>



# Endorsement Plan Considerations

- What is YOUR best academic pathway for high school taking into account your:
  - Personal interests and talents
  - Career aspirations
  - Post-secondary goals



- What are the admission requirements for the College/University you wish to attend?



# 5 Endorsement Areas

- **STEM** – Science, Technology (including computer science), Engineering, and advanced Math
- **Business & Industry** – Information Technology, database management, marketing, accounting, finance, graphic design, construction, welding, automotive technology, agriculture, hospitality & tourism (culinary arts)
- **Public Services** – Health Science occupations, education, human services (child guidance, cosmetology), AFJROTC
- **Arts and Humanities** – Political science, cultural studies, history, world languages, Fine Arts (Art, Dance, Music, & Theatre)
- **Multidisciplinary Studies** – Provides students the opportunity to take a variety of courses from each of the other four endorsement areas



# Performance Acknowledgements

- *Dual Credit* (at least 12 hours of college credit with a grade of A or B)
- *Bilingual/Bi-literacy* (complete 3 credits in the same or any foreign language with a grade of 80+)
- *College Board Advanced Placement (AP) exams* (earn a score of 3 or above on an AP exam)
- *PSAT, ACT-Aspire 10, SAT, or ACT Performance*
- *Nationally or Internationally Recognized Business or Industry Certification or License*





# Remember...



The Endorsement you choose will determine many of your high school elective choices!

