

FBISD Chart Your Course

Graduation and Career Planning

Fort Settlement Middle School
8th Grade Parent Information
High School Graduation Planning

FORT BEND
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Spring 2024



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Fall 2020



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Graduation Requirements

- English – 4 credits
- Math – 4 credits
- Science – 4 credits
- Social Studies – 3 credits (recommend 4)
- PE – 1 credit
- Fine Art – 1 credit
- World Language – 2 credits (same language)
- Health (.5) and Speech (.5)
- Electives – 6 credits



**Fort Bend ISD
High School Four Year Plan
Class of 2018 and Subsequent Classes**

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School: _____ Grade: _____ Class of: 20 _____ Date: _____

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Endorsement:

___STEM

___Business and Industry

___Arts and Humanities

___Public Services

___Multidisciplinary Studies

Specialization Area: _____

My Graduation Plan Type Is:

___Distinguished Level of Achievement

___Foundation + Endorsements

___Foundation (can only select after completing 10th grade)

My Post High School plans

will take me to:

(Check as many as apply):

___Two Year College

___Technical Training

___Four Year College/University/

Military Academy

___Employment

___Military

___Other: _____

REFER TO BACK FOR DETAILS

	Distinguished Level of Achievement	Foundation Plan + Endorsements	Foundation Plan
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English	4	4	4
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Social Studies						
World Lang.						
Fine Arts						
PE/Equivalent/ Waiver						
Electives						
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Student Signature: _____ Date: _____ Counselor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____ Notes: _____

The
Four
Year
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Steps in the Course Selection Process

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Endorsements

Students choose one
ENDORSEMENT and
then one PATHWAY.

STEM

Business & Industry

Arts & Humanities

Public Services

Multi-Disciplinary



STEM Endorsement Pathways

STEM PATHWAYS

CTE ENGINEERING	ENGINEERING (ACADEMY)	PROGRAMMING AND SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT	MATH	SCIENCE
Principles of Applied Engineering	Introduction to Engineering Design	Fundamentals of Computer Science	Five (5) or more credits in math that must include Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II	Five (5) or more credits in science that must include Biology, Chemistry, and Physics
Engineering Science	Engineering Science	Computer Science I		
Engineering Design and Presentation I	Aerospace Engineering AND/OR Civil Engineering and Architecture	AP Computer Science A		
Engineering Design and Problem Solving	Engineering Design and Development	Computer Science III Independent Study in Technology Applications		

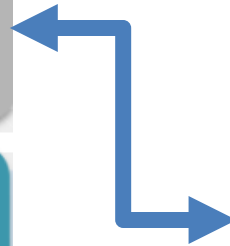
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Sample Pathway **ENGINEERING**

9th Grade – Principles of Applied Engineering

10th Grade – Engineering Science

11th Grade – Engineering Design and Presentation I

12th Grade – Engineering Design and Problem Solving



Business and Industry Endorsement Pathways

- Below are the available endorsement pathways within the Business and Industry endorsement.
- Please see FBISD 2023-2024 Course Selection Guide, pages 19-41, for details about the specific pathways and course descriptions!

Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	Architecture and Construction	Arts, Audio/Video Technology, and Communicatio ns	Business, Marketing, and Finance	Hospitality and Tourism	Information Technology	Manufacturing	Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics	English – Journalism and Debate
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SAMPLE PUBLIC SERVICE PATHWAYS

EDUCATION AND TRAINING (Reese Center)	HEALTH SCIENCE	HUMAN SERVICES	JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS (JROTC) See pg. 51	LAW AND PUBLIC SERVICE
Principles of Education and Training	Principles of Health Science	Principles of Human Services	JROTC I, II, III, and IV	Principles Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security
Human Growth and Development	Medical Terminology	Human Growth and Development	Campus Branches:	Law Enforcement
Instructional Practices	Anatomy and Physiology AND Health Science Theory	Counseling and Mental Health	Air Force – Dulles, Elkins, Kempner, Marshall	Criminal Investigation
Practicum in Education and Training	Practicum in Health Science	Family and Community Services	Army – Hightower	Law Enforcement II
			Marines – Ridge Point, Travis, Willowridge	
			Navy – Austin, Bush, Clements	



Arts and Humanities Endorsement Pathways

VISUAL ART	MUSIC	THEATRE	DANCE	WORLD LANGUAGES	SOCIAL STUDIES
Several options, see page 56	4 levels of one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Band • Orchestra • Choir • Mariachi • Piano Technician 	One of the following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theatre • Technical Theatre • Theatre Production 	One of the following: Dance I-IV Dance Team I-IV	Levels I – IV of any world language OR Levels I and II of two different world languages	Five (5) credits in social studies which must include World Geography or World History, US History, Government/Economics (these are already required for graduation)



Multidisciplinary Endorsement Pathways

4 X 4	AP/IB/Dual Credit	Endorsement Electives
<p>4 English credits (must include English 4)</p> <p>4 Math credits</p> <p>4 Science credits (must include Chemistry or Physics)</p> <p>Social Studies – 4 credits</p>	<p>4 credits in AP, IB, or Dual Credit selected from English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Economics, Languages Other Than English (LOTE), or Fine Arts; or Advanced Courses</p>	<p>4 advanced courses from within one endorsement area or among endorsement areas that are not in a coherent sequence.</p>



Steps in the Course Selection Process



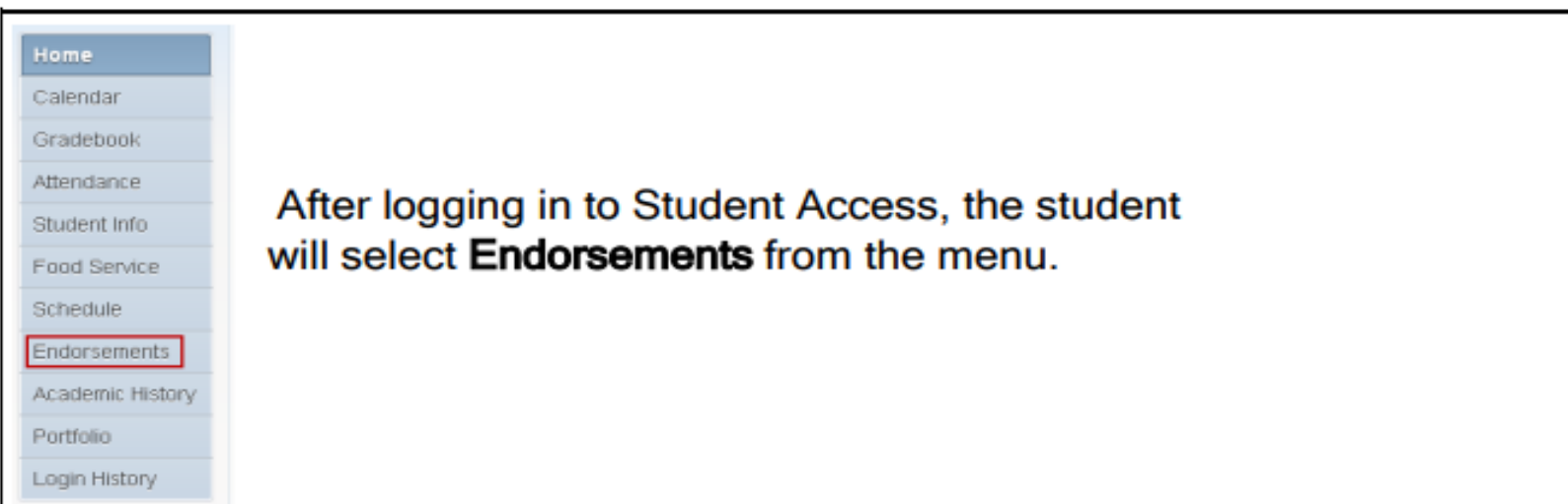
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2. Input endorsement into Skyward and e-sign under the ENDORSEMENTS tab
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Family Access Course Request Guide for Current 8th - 11th Grade Students

Endorsements: Selecting and Signing Endorsements

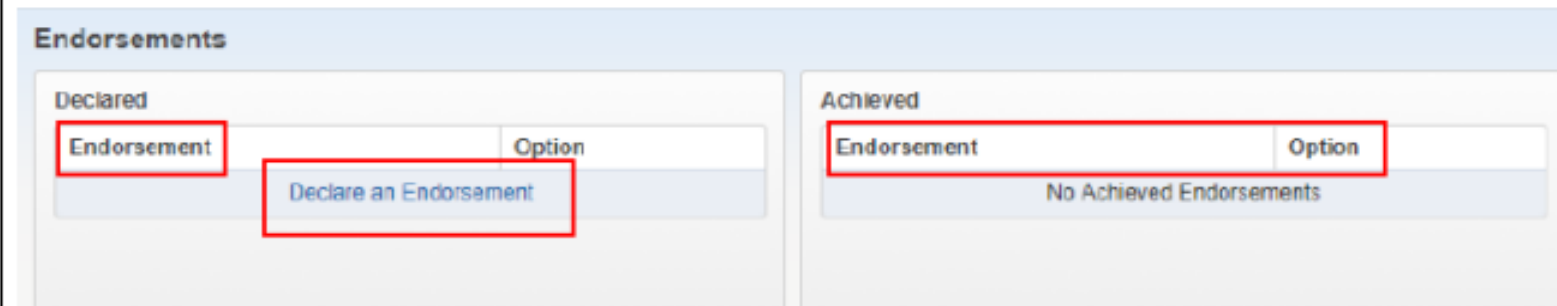
Before starting their career plan (4 year plan) students must declare an Endorsement AND an Endorsement Option.



After logging in to Student Access, the student will select **Endorsements** from the menu.

The screenshot shows a vertical menu on the left with the following items: Home, Calendar, Gradebook, Attendance, Student Info, Food Service, Schedule, Endorsements (highlighted with a red box), Academic History, Portfolio, and Login History.

Select Endorsement and Endorsement Option by clicking on **Declare an Endorsement**



The screenshot shows the 'Endorsements' page with two main sections: 'Declared' and 'Achieved'.

Declared Section:

Endorsement	Option
Declare an Endorsement	

Achieved Section:

Endorsement	Option
No Achieved Endorsements	

Red boxes highlight the 'Endorsement' and 'Option' headers in both sections, and the 'Declare an Endorsement' button in the 'Declared' section.

Use the Endorsement drop down menu to make your selection.
Use the Option drop down to make your pathway selection.

Declare Endorsement

*Endorsement:

Arts and Humanities

Business and Industry

Multidisciplinary Studies

Public Services

STEM

Option:

Signature Required

Under the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, before you may electronically sign this document, you must affirmatively agree to the following and understand that entering your agreement.

Students must ***sign*** once the Endorsement is selected.

The student will sign the **Endorsement** by checking the box beside **I Agree**. The student's name and the date signed will then be displayed, then click on **Save**.

Declare Endorsement

* Endorsement: Option:

Signature Required

Under the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, before you may electronically sign this Endorsement, you must be provided with certain of the following information and you must affirmatively agree to the following and thereafter not withdraw your agreement.

By clicking 'I Agree' and submitting this agreement via the internet, I acknowledge that:

- * I have read and understood the foregoing Electronic Signature Agreement and that I intend to be bound thereby.
- * I understand and agree that my electronic signature is the equivalent of a manual signature and that others may rely on it as such in connection with any and all agreements I may enter into, including but not limited to this Electronic Signature Agreement.

☐ I Agree

Signed By: Date Signed:

(*) indicates a required field.

Save

Parents must **sign** using their parent login for Skyward Family Access

On the Endorsement page under the selected information will be the message **Guardian Signature is Required**. Parents must sign the **Endorsement** page through **Family Access**.

When the student has made an Endorsement selection and signed it electronically, the parent will see the student's choice and the electronic signature.

By clicking on the word (**Sign**), the parent will be able to add an electronic signature by checking the box **I Agree**. The parent's name and the date signed will display and a **Submit Signature** button will appear.

Declared	
Endorsement	Option
Multidisciplinary Studies	

Signed by [REDACTED] on 01/29/2015 at 9:08 AM.
Signed by [REDACTED] on 01/29/2015 at 9:24 AM.

NOTE: Parents are not able to change the Endorsement after the student has made the selection. Changes must be made through the Counselor.



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Course Guide

- The newest course guide is available on the FBISD website.
- The course guide truly is a guide – the high school counselors will adhere to what is written in the guide.

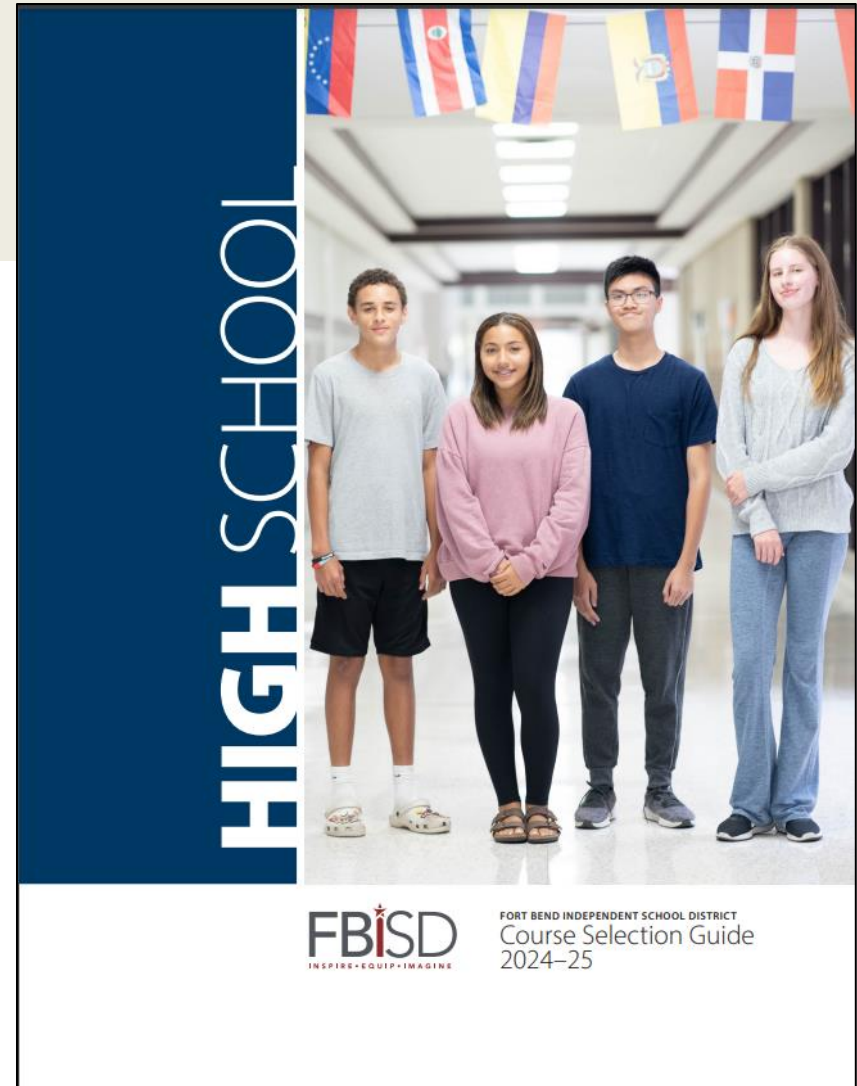




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The Four Year Plan



Course Details Are Key!



Business Information Management I

Course Number: CBU030

Offered in: 10-12

Credits: 1

Level: On Level

Prerequisites: Principles of Business, Marketing & Finance

Students will develop software skills in order to create authentic word processing documents, spreadsheets, databases and professional presentations. Skills necessary for employment and basic problem solving will be incorporated. The opportunity to earn Microsoft Office Specialist certifications will be provided throughout the course.



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This is your Course Selection sheet for high school.

It will be handed out to students on January 17, 2024.

Students should turn the sheets in to the counseling office by Friday, February 9, 2024.

FBISD COURSE SELECTION WORKSHEET 2024-2025

Name _____ ID # _____

Please use the back of this worksheet to create your Career Plan (four year high school plan). See the Course Selection List and Course Guide for more information. Transfer your courses for next year to the table below. Career Plans (4 year plans) must be entered in by February 9, 2024.

THIS FORM IS DUE ON _____. FAILURE TO TURN IN THIS FORM WILL RESULT IN YOUR CLASSES BEING SELECTED FOR YOU.

Circle your Foundation High School Plan Endorsement:

STEM Business and Industry Public Services Arts and Humanities Multidisciplinary

Indicate the 7 Classes in your Career Plan for 2024-2025:

Four Core Classes		Level	
	Course #	Course Title	Please be aware that you will be responsible for any <u>summer assignment</u> required for AAC (formerly Pre-AP)/AP courses.
1. English			*AAC/AP or On Level (circle one)
2. Math			*AAC/AP or On Level (circle one)
3. Science			*AAC/AP or On Level (circle one)
4. Social Studies			*AAC/AP or On Level (circle one)
<u>Three Additional Electives</u> - Consider graduation requirements such as Fine Arts, World Languages, Speech, Health, P.E. & Endorsement Requirements			
	Semester 1 - Course #	Semester 1 - Course Title	Semester 2 - Course # Semester 2 - Course Title
5. Elective			
6. Elective			
7. Elective			
<p align="center">Important</p> <p>*Successful AAC/AP students are task-oriented, proficient readers who are able to prioritize their time. Students and their parents should carefully consider the time outside of school and the dedication required for success in AAC/AP courses. Each AAC/AP course requires several hours of individual study time per week. Once the Fall semester begins, students must stay in AAC/AP courses for at least three weeks before being considered for a level change. See Course Selection Guide for more information.</p>			

Please carefully consider all choices made at this time. The master schedule is developed each school year based on your top seven choices. Alternates will be used and/or granted if your top seven classes are not possible. Over the summer, teachers are hired, books are ordered, and the master schedule is set based on the choices on this sheet.

ALTERNATE COURSES

In order of preference, please list at least three alternate courses. Alternates are highly suggested for *World Language, Fine Arts, and 3rd/4th Science* (where applicable). If you do not list alternates, your counselor will select for you based on course availability and your graduation requirements.

	Course #	Course Title
Alternate 1		
Alternate 2		
Alternate 3		
Alternate 4		

Student Signature _____

Student's email address _____

Student Phone # _____



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Dates to Remember for 8th Grade Students

- January 17th – Course Selection Worksheets/information will go home with all 8th grade students during Advisory.
- January 18th – Clements and Elkins counselors will speak to their zoned students during 1st period.
- January 22nd – Course Selection Window opens in Skyward for 8th grade students.
- February 2nd – Career Day for all 8th graders
- February 9th – Course Selection Window closes for all students.
- High School 8th grade Course Selection Parent Nights
- Clements HS – January 17, 2024 6:00-7:00pm – Counselor Presentation
- Elkins HS – January 18, 2024 5:00-6:00pm – Club/Organization Fair
6:00-7:00pm – Counselor Presentation



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