

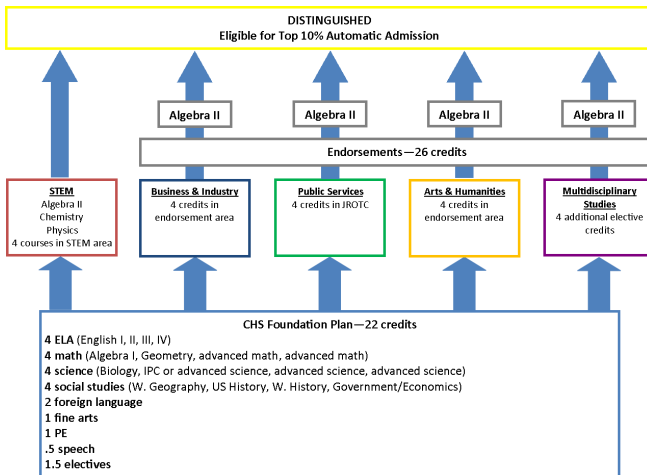
WHAT DO THESE WORDS MEAN?

CTE—Career and Technology Education. These courses are hands-on classes designed to prepare students for work in increasingly complex and demanding industries.

Endorsement—An area of specialization that students choose to study. There are five endorsements (Arts/Humanities, Business/ Industry, Multidisciplinary Studies, Public Services, and STEM) Students are not limited in the number of endorsements they can earn during their four-years in high school.

Foundation Plan—The minimum number of credits a student can complete to receive an accredited, State of Texas diploma.

STEM—Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. This is an endorsement for those students who wish to pursue a career in one of these areas after high school.



COMPLETING THE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

STUDENTS MUST:

FILL OUT THEIR FOUR-YEAR PLANS AND SELECT AN ENDORSEMENT. STUDENT AND PARENT SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED.

STUDENTS CAN EARN MULTIPLE ENDORSEMENTS.

STUDENTS SHOULD STILL PLAN ON TAKING 4-CORE CREDIT CLASSES AND 3-ELECTIVE CREDIT CLASSES PER YEAR.

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CROSBY HIGH SCHOOL

**College and
Career planning—**

**Your future
begins NOW!**



**New Graduation Plans:
An Overview**

WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT?

High school is an exciting time for everyone, full of important decisions and changes. The entering freshman of 2014 have something extra to look forward to: new and exciting graduation options. With the passage of House Bill 5 by the 83rd Texas Legislature, the old Minimum, Recommended, and Distinguished High School Programs have been discontinued and replaced.

Students entering high school for the first time during the 2014-15 school year will have the opportunity to earn a Foundation Plan Diploma with Endorsements or a Distinguished Diploma.

Endorsement programs include **STEM** (science, technology, engineering, and math), **Business and Industry**, **Arts and Humanities**, **Public Services** and **Multidisciplinary Studies**. Each eighth grader will use the course selection process to select an Endorsement and then choose from a variety of options to build a class schedule for next year.

If you pursue the Distinguished Level of Achievement Diploma and rank in the top 10% of your senior class, by the fall semester of your senior year, you will be eligible for automatic admission to most Texas public universities.

As you plan for the future, know that your counselors are here to help. If you have questions or concerns about any of these new programs, please stop in, call, or email—and let us assist you.

We look forward to serving you as you embark on your high school journey!

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

In order to continue offering a course of study that prepares all of our students for success after high school, Crosby ISD requires the following classes for graduation:

- 4 credits of English, including English I-IV
- 4 credits of math, including Algebra I and Geometry
- 4 credits of science, including Biology
- 4 credits of social studies, including: World Geography, US History, World History, and Government/Economics
- 1 credit of fine arts
- 2 credits of the same language other than English
- 1 credit of PE
- 1/2 credit of Professional Communications
- 5 1/2 credits of electives

In addition to these credit requirements, students must also have a Personal Graduation Plan on file that includes a specific endorsement that the student seeks to earn.

ENDORSEMENTS OFFERED AT CROSBY HIGH SCHOOL:

ARTS AND HUMANITIES—

There are several ways to earn this endorsement. Students may choose among these options:

- A. Students may take 5 social studies classes for 5 credits
- B. Students may take 4 levels of the same foreign language **or** 2 levels of two different foreign languages
- C. Students may take 4 levels of the same fine arts area **or** 2 levels of 2 different fine arts areas

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY—

This endorsement may be earned in several ways, as well. Students may choose among these options:

- A. Students earn 4 credits by taking at least 2 CTE courses in the same cluster, as long as

one class is the 3rd year (or higher) in the sequence

- B. Students may take four credits in any one of the following areas: Debate, Newspaper, or Yearbook.

MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES—

All students on the CHS campus should earn this endorsement because of the way our graduation plan is structured.

PUBLIC SERVICES—

There are two ways to earn this endorsement. Students may choose from these options:

- A. 4 credits of JROTC
- B. Students earn 4 credits by taking at least 2 CTE courses in the same cluster from the following areas:
 - *Education and Training
 - *Health Science
 - *Human services

As long as one class is the 3rd year (or higher) in the sequence

STEM—

Students interested in earning a STEM endorsement **must** take Algebra II, Chemistry, and Physics, in addition to selecting one of the following options:

- A. Students take 3 computer science courses from the following:
Computer Programming, Computer Science AP, Advanced Computer Science, and/or Computer Science Problems and Solutions
- B. Students earn four (4) CTE credits by taking at least two (2) courses in the same cluster that lead to a final course in the STEM cluster. At least one (1) of the courses must be an advanced CTE course (3rd year or higher course in a sequence).
- C. Students may take Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and two of the following courses:
Pre-Calculus, Calculus AP, Statistics AP, AQR, Advanced Algebra, or College Algebra
- D. Students take Biology, Chemistry, Physics, AND 2 of the following courses:
Biology AP, Chemistry AP, Anatomy and Physiology, Physics AP, Environmental Systems, or Forensic Science