

FINE ARTS ENDORSEMENT GRADUATION PLAN SUMMARY

The **sample** graduation plan below shows how a student at CHS may graduate with an **Arts & Humanities Endorsement** as well as a **Multidisciplinary Endorsement** with **Distinguished Achievement**.

Distinguished Achievement makes students eligible for Top 10% Automatic Admission in Texas State Colleges/Universities (Top 7% for UT). Students can achieve this distinction with room in their schedule to participate in additional ensembles or complete additional endorsements!

FRESHMAN YEAR	SOPHOMORE YEAR	JUNIOR YEAR	SENIOR YEAR
English I	English II	English III	Advanced English
Math*	Math*	Advanced Math*	Advanced Math**
Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies
Science	Science	Advanced Science	Advanced Science**
Language Other than English	Language Other than English	Elective	Elective
Fine Arts Course	Fine Art Course**	Fine Art Course**	Fine Art Course**
Physical Education+	Elective or Athletics	Elective or Athletics	Open***

Students who participate in PE or Dual Credit Courses outside of the regular school day/year, free up additional class time within their schedule for addtl. electives/endorsements. See your counselor for specific course sequences, credit by exam, and dual credit information.

To add an **ADDITIONAL** endorsement to those earned above:

Business & Industry	take 2 B&I Electives
Multidisciplinary	take 1 Multidisciplinary Elective & 1 Soc. Studies Elective
Public Services	take 2 PS Electives
STEM	take 2 STEM Electives

** One of these must be Algebra II to meet Distinguished Achievement Requirements*

***Required course to meet requirements of any chosen endorsement plan.*

****this is an free block of time that may be utilized for additional electives, ensembles, or other endorsements.*

+Only two physical education courses may be used towards the fulfillment of graduation requirements (1 = PE; 1 = Elective).

Students desiring to participate in Fine Arts for Four Years AND participate in CTE Courses through the Practicum Level (or other non athletic pursuits all four years of high school) may wish to consider taking SHOW CHOIR for their PE Credit. This course is offered outside of the school day (Mondays), freeing up a class period for students to explore and engage in additional courses of interest. Auditions for this class are held in the spring (Late April) of each school year.

While “Graduating with Endorsements” is the standard graduation plan for all students, students are not required to take or complete CTE course of study in order to fulfill this graduation plan. Endorsements may be earned in a variety of areas and disciplines that can be tailored to serve the interests of the student. The plan above is one of many ways in which a student may explore their desire to participate in the performing arts, participate in additional courses/athletic endeavors and fulfill all of the requirements of the endorsements plan. Have questions about how to make this work for you? Interested in learning more? Contact Mr. Cooley (ecooley@bisdmail.net) or a CHS Counselor for more information.

With advance planning and assistance from course instructors and counselors, it is possible to earn multiple endorsements and participate in enrichment activities and athletics throughout your high school career. Credit By Exam Courses, Online Classes, and Summer School options are available to support students in the achievement or their academic and enrichment goals.

Students may receive **Performance Acknowledgements** for Outstanding Performance in: 12 hours of Dual Credit Courses; Bilingualism & Biliteracy; AP Tests; PSAT; the ACT-Plan; SAT; ACT; or earn nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license.