

Foundation  
High School  
Program +  
Endorsement

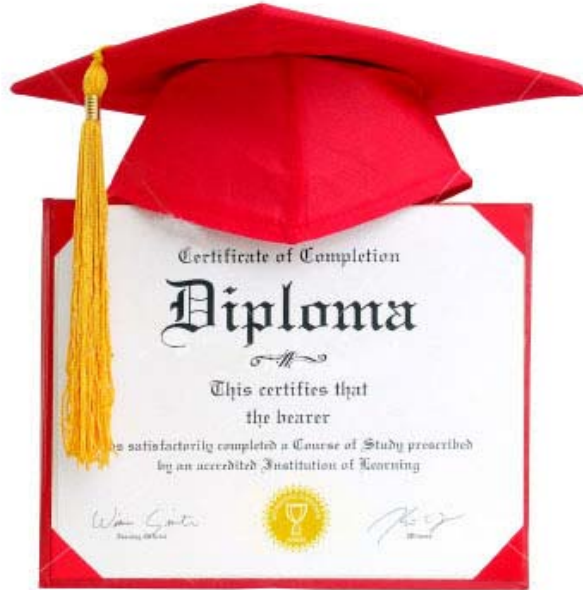


MULTIDISCIPLINARY

PUBLIC  
SERVICES

STEM

- Science
- Technology
- Engineering
- Math



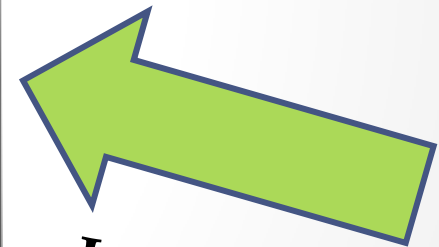
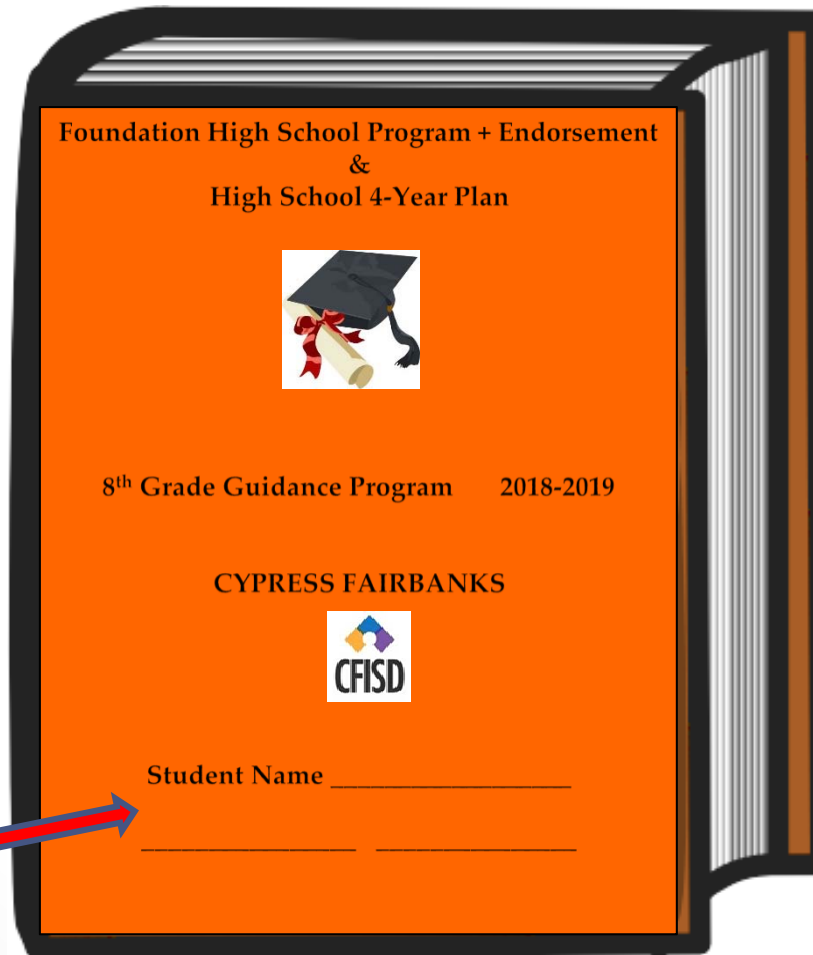
BUSINESS  
&  
INDUSTRY

ARTS  
&

HUMANITIES



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



**Leave in the  
classroom**

Write  
your name on the  
cover



# 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<br>(Foreign Language) | 2          |                                       |                                    |
| Health   | ½          |                                       |                                    |
| Physical Education                                 | 1          |                                       |                                    |
| Fine Arts  | 1          |                                       |                                    |
| Electives<br>(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*

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# Remember...



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

