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The Foundation High School Program + Endorsement (FHSP+E)

*2025-2026 Course Selection Information
for High School Students and Parents*



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Foundation High School Program + Endorsement Graduation Requirements (26 credits)

English – 4 credits

- English I, II, III, and an additional/advanced English

Math – 4 credits

- Algebra I, Geometry, and 2 additional/advanced maths

Science – 4 credits

- Biology, and one course from IPC, or Chemistry, or Physics, and 2 additional/advanced sciences

Social Studies – 3 credits

- US History, 0.5 credit Government, 0.5 credit Economics, and either World History or World Geography

LOTE – 2 credits

- Credits must be in the same language

Fine Arts – 1 credit

Physical Education – 1 credit

Health – 0.5 credit (KISD requirement)

Electives – 6.5 credits

- one elective must have a communication skills component

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Endorsement:

- *Students are expected to earn an endorsement in one of 5 areas. Each endorsement requires electives related their specific endorsement.*

Graduation Requirements





Are you on target?

- 5.5 credits needed to be promoted to the 10th grade
- 12 credits needed to be promoted to the 11th grade
- 19 credits needed to be promoted to the 12th grade
- Transcripts are viewable on the Home Access Center (under the “Grades” tab) and can be printed in SchooLinks (“School” tab and then request records.)
- Counselors will speak to you about summer school and KOLA options if you are behind in credits

Importance of taking/passing STAAR tests

Students must pass 5 STAAR tests to graduate

- *English 1, Algebra 1, Biology, English 2, US History*

House Bill 1416: Any student that does not pass a STAAR test or is absent from testing must complete 30 hours of remediation for that test subject

- *Failure or being absent could require summer school or impact your elective choices for next year*

Please take STAAR testing seriously so you can avoid extra mandatory remediation courses.

Basic Information

- All students must choose at least one endorsement at the time they enter 9th grade.
- There are multiple pathways to complete each endorsement.
- The pathway should be selected based on the student's individual interests and goals.
- Students may change and/or confirm the endorsement(s) along with their course selections each year.
- Many students will earn multiple endorsements.
- For students unsure of endorsement, choose Multidisciplinary.



Distinguished Level of Achievement (DLA)

The Distinguished Level of Achievement (DLA) is earned through successful completion of:

- All requirements for the Foundation High School Program, plus
- The requirements of at least one endorsement, including
 - Algebra II among the four required math credits, and
 - A fourth science credit

A student must graduate with a Distinguished Level of Achievement (DLA) to be considered for the Top 10% and eligibility for automatic admission to a Texas public college or university.



The Endorsements

- STEM (Science – Technology – Engineering – Math)



- Business & Industry



- Public Services



- Arts & Humanities



- Multidisciplinary Studies





STEM – Science • Technology • Engineering • Math

Option 1: STEM CTE

Complete three (3) or more courses for four (4) or more credits within the same CTE Program of Study. One of these courses must be a level 3 or 4.

OR

Complete three (3) or more courses for four (4) or more credits in a TEA designated program of study related to STEM.

Option 2: Math

Complete five (5) math credits. Students take Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II AND two (2) of the following courses for which Algebra II is a prerequisite.

Option 3: Science

Complete five (5) science credits. Students take Biology, Chemistry, and Physics, AND two (2) of the following courses.

Option 4: Combination

Students complete a combination of three (3) or more courses for four (4) or more credits from no more than two (2) options above. One of these courses must be a level 3 or 4.

* In order to earn the STEM endorsement, you must take Algebra 2 and Physics.

** To see a full list of pathways, refer to the Course Catalog on SchoolLinks <https://app.schoollinks.com/course-catalog/my-district/overview>





Business & Industry

Option 1: Business and Industry CTE

Complete three (3) or more courses for four (4) or more credits within the same CTE Program of Study related to Business and Industry. One of these courses must be from level 3 or 4.

OR

Complete three (3) or more courses for four (4) or more credits in a TEA designated program of study related to business and industry.

Option 2: English

Complete four (4) English elective credits, which must include three levels in one of the following areas:

- Journalism: Newspaper
- Journalism: Yearbook
- Speech-Debate
- Speech-Oral Interpretation

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Public Services

Option 1: Public Service CTE

Complete three (3) or more courses for four (4) or more credits within the same CTE Program of Study related to Public Service. One of these courses must be from level 3 or 4.

OR

Complete three (3) or more courses for four (4) or more credits in a TEA designated program of study related to public services.

Option 2: NJROTC

Students complete four (4) Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROC) credits.

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Arts & Humanities

Option 1: English Language Arts

Complete four (4) English elective credits in addition to English I, English II, English III.

Option 2: Fine Arts

Complete four (4) courses in the same fine arts area for 4 credits

OR

Students complete two (2) courses in one fine arts area AND two (2) courses in a different fine arts area for 4 credits

Option 3: Social Studies

Complete five (5) Social Studies credits.

Option 4: Languages Other Than English (LOTE) - World Languages

Complete four (4) World language credits (LOTE), which must include:

Four (4) credits in one language

OR

Two (2) credits in one language and two (2) credits in a second language.

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Multidisciplinary Studies

Option 1: 4 x 4 Plan

Complete four (4) credits in each of the four (4) core content areas.

- Four (4) English credits including English IV
- Four (4) Math credits
- Four (4) Science credits including Biology and Chemistry and/or Physics
- Four (4) credits of Social Studies

Option 2: AP, Dual Credit, and/or IB*

Complete four (4) Advanced Placement (AP) or four (4) Dual Credit(DC) or International Baccalaureate*(IB) credits from the areas listed below.

OR

Complete a combination of Advanced Placement (AP) Dual Credit (DC) or International Baccalaureate*(IB) credit courses for four (4) credits from the areas listed below.

- English Language Arts
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Languages Other than English
- Fine Arts

*International Baccalaureate (IB) not offered in Katy ISD.

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Katy ISD Grading Scale

Course	90-100 A	80-89 B	70-79 C	69 and Below F
Advanced	5	4	3	0
Dual Credit	4.5	3.5	2.5	0
Academic	4	3	2	0

The alphabetic identification for scores 70-79 is a C.

Students in the top 10% will be provided their numeric class rank in the spring semester of their junior year.

Transcripts will include the numeric class rank only for students in the top 10%.

Students beyond the top 10% will be provided their quartile rank in the spring semester of their junior year.





Top 10% Rule

A student whose class rank* is in the top 10 percent of the graduating class may be eligible for automatic admission consideration at a Texas public college or university with the exception of the University of Texas at Austin, which is top 5%.

**Class rank must be based on the student's rank at the end of the 11th grade, middle of 12th grade, or at high school graduation, whichever is most recent at the college or university's application deadline.*



Gifted and Talented Typical Secondary Course Pathway

The courses listed below are for students who have been identified Gifted & Talented through the Katy ISD screening process.

Grade	Math			ELA	Science	Social Studies
8 th	8 th grade Math	Algebra I-GT	Algebra II-GT			
9 th	Algebra 1	Geometry KAP/GT	AP PreCalculus-GT	English 1 KAP/GT	Biology KAP/GT	AP Human Geography GT
10 th	Geometry KAP/GT	Algebra II KAP/GT	AP Statistics-GT	English 2 KAP/GT	Chemistry KAP/GT	AP World History GT
11 th	Algebra II KAP/GT	AP PreCalculus-GT or AP Statistics-GT	AP Calculus BC-GT	AP English Language & Comp GT	AP Physics I GT AP Biology GT AP Chemistry GT AP Environmental GT	AP US History GT
12 th	AP PreCalculus- GT or AP Statistics-GT	AP Calculus BC-GT or AP Statistics-GT	Multi Variable Calculus KAP/GT	AP English Literature & Comp GT	AP Physics II GT AP Biology GT AP Chemistry GT AP Environmental GT	AP Macroeconomics GT AP Microeconomics GT AP Government GT

Students identified as GT who self-select out of a GT course option at any time will be exited from that content area.

Students who take World Geography KAP or World History KAP at any time, summer included, will be exited from GT identification in Social Studies.





Miller Career & Technology Center is a central site for innovative CTE courses not available at the home campuses.

- MCTC courses are only available for 11th and 12th grade students.
- Students must apply and be accepted to MCTC courses.
- Many MCTC courses require specific prerequisites.
- Miller course requests open January 27th at 7am and close February 28th at 11:59pm

[MCTC Course Catalog](#)
[MCTC Course Request Link](#)



Dual Credit Courses

If you are interested in taking Dual Credit Courses, you and your parents need to attend the Dual Credit informational meeting on **February 19th at 6:00 PM in the Katy High School Commons.**

If you are interested in taking a dual credit course, complete the [DUAL CREDIT INTEREST FORM.](#)

**You will receive instructions to complete the dual credit registration process after completing the interest form.*



Dual Credit Deadlines

Summer Classes - paperwork due Friday, February 28th, at 3PM.

Fall/Spring Classes - paperwork due Friday, March 21st, at 3PM.

Summer School - Credit Recovery



Katy Summer Academic Term - Credit Recovery

- Virtual course, but in-person support and lab time available at Raines Academy
- One session
 - June 2 - June 26
- Registration should open May 1st
- Check www.katyisd.org in April for more information
- No fee for credit recovery courses



Original Credit Summer School

Original Credit Courses - Katy Virtual School

- 2 sessions:
 - Session 1: May 28 - June 26
 - Session 2: July 1 - July 31
- Cost \$200 per semester course
 - Register at www.katyisd.org/KVS
 - Free lunch: no charge, reduced lunch: \$50 per semester course
- Select these courses in SchooLinks to register for any virtual options for summer 2025 or fall/spring 2025-2026



Virtual Course Options by grade level

Grade Level	Virtual Course Options
9th	May choose <u>up to</u> 1 Instructional Day Request (ID course in a Study Hall). May choose <u>up to</u> 2 Tuition-based virtual courses.
10th	May choose <u>up to</u> 2 Instructional Day Request (1 Study Hall and/or 1 LA/ER). May choose <u>up to</u> 2 Tuition-based virtual courses.
11th	May choose <u>up to</u> 2 Instructional Day Request (Study Hall, LA, ER - any combo). May choose <u>up to</u> 2 Tuition-based virtual courses.
12th	May choose <u>up to</u> 2 Instructional Day Request (Study Hall, LA, ER - any combo). May choose <u>up to</u> 2 Tuition-based virtual courses.

[Virtual Course Brochures](#)

What is CCMR?

Our goal is for every student to graduate high school as college, career, or military ready (CCMR).

What makes you CCMR?

- **Advanced Placement (AP) Examination - score of 3 or higher.**
- **Meet TSI Criteria via SAT, ACT, TSI-A, or College Prep Course in English and Math**
- **Earn Dual Course Credits** *A graduate completing and earning credit for at least three credit hours in ELA or mathematics or at least nine credit hours in any subject.*
- **Earn an Industry-Based Certification**
- **Graduate with Completed Individualized Education Program (IEP) and Workforce Readiness.**
- **Enlist in the Armed Forces.**
- **Graduate Under an Advanced Diploma Plan and be Identified as a Current Special Education Student.** *A graduate who is identified as receiving special education services and earns an endorsement.*

Early Release/Late Arrival Requests (Non - crediting bearing periods)

- 11th and 12th graders who are on track to graduate may request early release or late arrival
 - You must have passed all STAAR End of course exams you have attempted to be eligible for this request.
 - You must have met CCMR or have course plans to meet CCMR
- 11th graders may request 1 period
 - 1st or 7th period
- 12th graders may request 2 periods
 - 1st, 7th, 1st/2nd, 1st/7th, 6th/7th
- A contract must be signed and returned to your counselor

Are you an athlete?

- Let your counselor know if you are planning to play a sport in college
- College athletes must meet NCAA eligibility requirements
- Be mindful of the courses you select for core subjects
- Visit <https://web3.ncaa.org> for more information

Choosing Courses for Next Year

- You will choose your courses in SchooLinks - Course Planner (in MyKatyCloud)
- Students can submit their course plans **AND** the personalized plan beginning **February 3rd**.
- Course descriptions & prerequisites are outlined in the SchooLinks course catalog.
- *Every student will meet with the school counselor to review credits and finalize course requests.*



SchooLinks Workflow



Student submits **Course Planner**
(open now)



Student submits **Personalized Plan**
(February 3, 2025)

Email notification triggered



Guardian reviews and **approves Personalized Plan**



Meet with Counselor to review and **approve Course Planner & Personalized Plan**

Counselor emails guardian if they have not already approved the personalized plan



**Students can edit plans until counselor approval OR March 18, whichever comes first.*

**Guardians can approve plans until March 18 or Campus deadline, whichever comes first.*



Choosing Courses for Next Year

1. Choose or review your pathway that leads to your endorsement.
2. Choose courses from the required subject areas
 - English
 - Math
 - Science
 - Social Studies
3. Choose courses from other areas to fill all **SEVEN** class periods
4. Courses marked (*sem*) are one-semester courses. If one course marked (*sem*) is selected, a second is also required



New Courses for 2025-2026

1. Animation II
2. AP Pilot Kickstart Cybersecurity II
3. Marketing in America
4. Practicum in Cybersecurity (*Miller Career Center course only*)
5. Practicum in Computer Technician (*Miller Career Center course only*)
6. Instrument Ensemble I-IV
7. Dual Credit Texas Government

Course Availability Notice

- Students will be allowed to choose any course listed on the course selection worksheet provided they have met prerequisite and grade requirements.
- Due to campus staffing, some courses may not be offered at all or may ONLY be offered (asynchronously) online.
- Counselors will notify students of course availability as they receive updated course information.
 - At that time, students can opt to keep the online option or change to an alternate course.
 - Don't forget to list alternate courses in SchooLinks!



Choosing Courses for Next Year



- Warning! You cannot repeat a course for which you have already earned credit.
- Pay close attention to courses that have prerequisites.
- Counselors will meet individually with students in English classes to review course selections and answer questions.

[COUNSELOR VISIT SCHEDULE](#)



Schedule Changes

Schedule changes for the 2025-2026 school year will be allowed only in the following cases:

1. Error in scheduling by the school (data entry error)
2. Student has not met course prerequisites
3. Student has already earned credit for the course
4. Change in program (athletics, fine arts, etc.)
5. Level changes as recommended by the teacher and counselor, with parent and principal approval
6. Student did not meet standard on STAAR/EOC exam.



***You may not change your math or science course once the school year begins.**





Course Selection: Core Class Considerations

- You CANNOT change a science or math course once school begins
- Math teachers recommended specific courses for students; students will be placed according to recommendations
- Are you going to college?
 - If so, you need to take Algebra 2, Chemistry or Physics
- Economics options
 - Personal Financial Literacy & Economics, Economics, AP Macro, AP Micro

Foreign Language Options:

- In the 2024-2025 school year, Katy High School only offers Spanish, French, German, & American Sign Language (ASL) on campus.
- Chinese and Latin will only be offered as an online course.
- KHS typically has a lot of interest in ASL. Historically we cannot accommodate all ASL 1 requests. It may be offered as an online option. It is imperative that you give us an alternate course in the case that ASL 1 is not available.

Fine Arts Options:

- Students can earn fine arts credit from:
 - Band or Jazz Band (requires co-enrollment with band)
 - Orchestra or Instrumental Ensemble (requires co-enrollment with band or orchestra)
 - Choir
 - Theatre Arts 1 or Technical Theatre 1
 - Art
 - Color Guard
 - Dance or Dance Team Training
 - Digital Art & Animation
 - Floral Design, AP Art History, AP Music Theory (10th-12th Grade Options)
 - Art Appreciation (Virtual only)

Health Credit

- Health (one-semester course)
- Principles of Health Science (full-year course)
 - For students interested in any health science program (Clinical Rotation, EMT, Dental Assistant, Pharmacy Tech, or Medical Assistant), Principles of Health Science is a required prerequisite.



Communication Skills Component

One of your electives must fulfill a communication component:

- Leadworthy (one-semester)
- Professional Communications (one-semester)
- Dual Credit Professional Communications (one-semester)
- Theatre Arts 1 (full-year)
- Debate 1 (full-year)



Electives

Students must complete 6.5 total electives to graduate.

Second, third, and fourth year of athletics, band, choir, etc. count as elective credits.

Remember to select electives that align with your intended endorsement or pathway.



Counselor Meetings

- Remember that counselors will meet with you individually to review your course plan.
- Compile a list of questions to review with your counselor at this meeting.

[Counselor Visit Schedule](#)



Course Verification

March 17 - 28

- Final course requests viewable in SchooLinks beginning March 17
- If they are correct - do nothing!
- If they are not correct:
 - Complete Course Verification Google Form by March 28
 - This will be the last opportunity to make changes to your 2025-2026 course requests

Click here for information regarding Clubs and
Organizations at Katy High School

[Katy High School Clubs, Courses, and Organizations](#)

Review of Student Action Items

- Enter your course selections in the Course Planner in SchooLinks from February 3rd - March 18th.
- Use the Course Catalog to complete the remainder of your 4-Year course plan and submit your personalized plan.
- You will meet individually with your counselor to discuss your plan.
- Don't forget to complete the Miller course request or dual credit interest form if applicable.





Tonight's Presentation



Course Catalog



9th - 11th Grade Course Offerings



Dual Credit Interest Form

