

# Choose Your Klein ISD Graduation Plan

You will create your graduation plan as an 8th grader during course selection prior to entering 9th grade. Each student chooses their **Foundation High School Graduation plan with a distinguished level of achievement & 1 Endorsement (26 Total Credits)**. Use this handout to guide you through choosing your courses, pathway, & completing your Klein ISD High School 4-Year Graduation Plan.

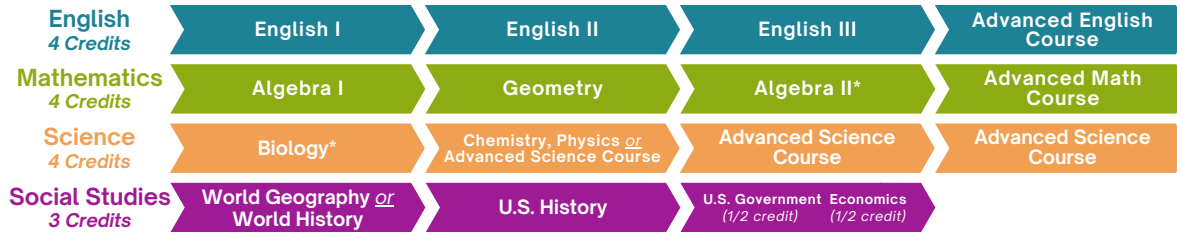


## 1 Before You Begin

- Klein ISD High School 4-Year Graduation Plan Form - Review & get your copy at <https://kisd.us/GradPlanForm>
- Klein ISD Pathways Website - Explore your options at <https://kleinisd.net/pathways>
- Klein ISD High School Course Catalog - View course information at <https://kisd.us/CourseCatalogs>

## 2 Core Required Courses (15 Credits)

Begin by choosing your **English** (p. 6), **Math** (p. 29), **Science** (p. 37), & **Social Studies** (p. 46) courses. Fill in the courses on your graduation plan form beneath the grade level columns. If you took high school courses in intermediate school, add them to the column titled "High School Credits Earned (7th-8th Grade)". Refer to the [Course Catalog](#) for advanced courses.



## 3 Additional Required Courses (4 Credits)

Next, choose your **Language Other Than English** (p. 18), **Fine Art** (p. 149), & **Physical Education** (p. 53) courses & place them beneath the grade level. Students should take two levels of the same language (foreign language or computer science). If you took high school courses in intermediate school, add them to the "High School Credits Earned (7th-8th Grade) column." Refer to the [Course Catalog](#) for specific & advanced courses.



## 4 Your Pathway, Endorsement(s) \*\* & Electives (7 Credits)

A pathway is a sequence of courses centered around your interests and future plans taken to earn endorsement(s). In finalizing your graduation plan, you will choose a Klein ISD pathway. Your pathway will automatically include at least 1 **endorsement** & some **electives** as part of your coursework. You will add additional electives, if needed, totaling 7 credits. Klein ISD Pathways, their coinciding endorsements, & course catalog page numbers are listed on page 2 of this handout. You will

- Review your options & choose a **pathway**.
- Place a checkmark on your graduation plan form next to the **endorsement(s)** that are part of your pathway.
- Fill in the courses for your pathway from the course catalog in the row on your form titled "**Endorsement Courses**."
- Fill in additional elective courses in the row on your form titled "**Electives**."

**Endorsements**, included in every Klein ISD Pathway, are required by the state & provide you with in-depth knowledge of a subject area. They are comprised of approximately 4 courses grouped together by interest or skill.

- Endorsements are categorized by Arts & Humanities, Business & Industry, Multidisciplinary Studies, Public Service, or Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (S.T.E.M.).
- You must choose an endorsement to follow when entering 9th grade, but may change or add an endorsement at any time.
- The same course may count as part of the set of 4 courses for more than 1 endorsement.

**Electives** are courses outside of your core curriculum that provides the opportunity to enhance a chosen pathway or explore specific areas of interest.

- Some electives will be included in your course of study when choosing a pathway.
- Once your pathway criteria has been met, you may choose additional electives to fulfill your 7 required credits.

## Did you know?

### Distinguished Level of Achievement

Every student chooses a High School Graduation plan with a **distinguished level of achievement**.

By graduating at a distinguished level of achievement students are **eligible** for

- Top 10% automatic admissions at Texas public universities
- Certain financial aid including the TEXAS Grant Program & the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program (Must be financially qualified)

### Performance Acknowledgement

Students may earn a **performance acknowledgment** on their transcript for outstanding performance if they meet the state's qualifying criteria by

- Successfully completing dual credit courses
- Demonstrating bilingualism and biliteracy
- Earning qualifying scores on the PSAT, ACT's Plan, SAT or ACT, Advanced Placement tests, or International Baccalaureate exam
- Obtaining a nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license

### Advanced Academics

Review your advanced academic options in the [Course Catalog](#) on page 167.

- AP Capstone Diploma
- Advanced Placement Courses (AP)
- Dual Credit
- Gifted & Talented Education
- International Baccalaureate Diploma Program
- Klein Prep Courses (KP-formerly Pre-AP)
- OnRamps - University of Texas

### Special Programs

Find Special Programs information & resources in the [Course Catalog](#) on page 4.

- Dyslexia & Related Disorders
- Gifted & Talented Education
- Section 504
- Special Education

### End-of-Course Exams (EOCs)

STAAR EOC exams are state mandated tests given during the final weeks of a course. In addition to meeting graduation course requirements, students are required to pass a total of 5 EOCs throughout their high school years to earn a diploma. Those 5 EOCs are given when a student takes English I and II, Biology, Algebra I and U.S. History courses.

### Have Questions?

Contact Your Counselor at [kisd.us/SecondaryCounselors](https://kisd.us/SecondaryCounselors)

\*A plan with a distinguished level of achievement must consist of 4 Math Credits (including Algebra II) and 4 Science Credits (including Biology).

\*\*A student may graduate without earning an endorsement if, after 10th grade and with their counselors guidance, parents sign a form allowing the student to omit the requirement.

# Pathways, Interests, & Endorsements

Use the information below to guide you in choosing a pathway, endorsement, & courses. Locate a pathway of interest. Note the listed endorsement(s) & check out the page(s) in the course catalog to view the information & courses for the pathway. The course catalog can be found at <https://kisd.us/CourseCatalogs>.

## Locations, Endorsements & Designations

### Locations

- Klein High School
- Klein Collins High School
- Klein Forest High School
- Klein Cain High School
- Klein Oak High School
- Vistas High School

If a location is not listed the program is available at all high schools.

### Endorsements

- Arts & Humanities
- Public Service
- Business & Industry
- S.T.E.M.
- Multidisciplinary Studies

### Designations

- College Pathways
- Industry Recognized Certifications

If zoned to a different high school than a COLLEGE PATHWAY location, you must switch schools permanently to participate.

## Helpful Links

- Klein ISD Pathways Website <https://kleinisd.net/Pathways>
- High School 4 Year Graduation Plan Form <https://kisd.us/GradPlanForm>
- Klein ISD Course Catalogs <https://kisd.us/CourseCatalogs>
- Questions? Klein ISD Secondary Counselors <https://kisd.us/SecondaryCounselors>

## Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources

- Animal Science / Veterinary Medical Assistant - p. 70
- Applied Agriculture Engineering - p. 72
- Environmental & Natural Resources - p. 73
- Plant & Floral Science - p. 74

## Architecture & Construction

- Architectural Design - p. 76
- Construction Technology - p. 78
- Electrical Technology College Pathway - p. 79
- HVAC & Refrigeration Technology - p. 81
- Interior Design - p. 82

## Arts, A/V Technology & Communications

- Animation - p. 84
- Audio/Video Production - p. 86
- Fashion Design - p. 88
- Video Game Programming & Design - p. 90
- Broadcast Production - p. 92
- Newspaper Production - p. 94
- Yearbook Production - p. 96

## Athletics

- Exercise Science & Wellness - p. 134

## Business, Marketing & Finance

- Accounting & Financial Services - p. 98
- Business Management - p. 101
- Entrepreneurship - p. 102
- Global Business College Pathway - p. 179
- Marketing & Sales - p. 104

## Education & Training

- Early Learning - p. 118
- Teaching & Training - p. 120
- High-Quality Teaching College Pathway - p. 179

## Government & Public Administration

- JROTC - p. 145

## Health Science

- Certified Nursing Assistant - p. 122
- Emergency Medical Technician - p. 124
- Health Science Clinical - p. 126
- Medical Sciences - p. 128
- Medical Sciences College Pathway - p. 179
- Pharmacy - p. 130
- Healthcare Diagnostics - p. 132

## Hospitality & Tourism

- Culinary Arts - p. 106

## Human Services

- Cosmetology - p. 136
- Family & Community Services - p. 137

## Humanities

- Social Studies - p. 46
- Language Other Than English (LOTE) - p. 18

## Information Technology

- Network Design - p. 108

## Law & Public Service

- Forensic Science - p. 139
- Law Enforcement - p. 142
- Legal Studies - p. 143

## Manufacturing

- Robotics - p. 110
- Welding - p. 112

## Performing Arts

- Band - p. 159
- Choir - p. 159
- Dance - p. 161
- Orchestra - p. 159
- Theatre - p. 155

## S.T.E.M.

- Advanced Computer Science & Algorithms - p. 58
- Computer Science & Algorithms - p. 61
- Cybersecurity - p. 63
- Engineering Design - p. 65
- Electrical Engineering - p. 67
- Geospatial Engineering & Land Surveying College Pathway - p. 179

## Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

- Automotive Technology - p. 114
- Automotive Technology College Pathway - p. 179
- Logistics Management College Pathway - p. 179
- Small Engine Technology - p. 115

## Visual Arts

- Drawing - p. 150
- Digital Art & Media - p. 150
- Floral Design - p. 150
- Painting - p. 150
- Photography - p. 150
- Sculpture & Ceramics - p. 150

## Multidisciplinary Studies

- Early College High School - p. 179
- Honors College - p. 179
- International Baccalaureate Diploma Program - p. 168 & 179

A multidisciplinary studies endorsement is earned when students successfully complete advanced courses in multiple content areas.

### Option A: Advanced Courses

4 from other endorsement areas (p. 166)

### Option B: Four by Four

4 credits in each foundation subject area, including English IV and chemistry and/or physics (p. 166)

### Option C: Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or Dual Credit

4 credits in Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or dual credit selected from English, mathematics, science, social studies, economics, LOTE or fine arts (p. 166)

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## Complete Your Graduation Plan Form

Now that you have chosen your courses, you may fill in the remaining areas of your Graduation Plan Form. Note that your graduation plan is flexible & may be altered as needed throughout the school year and the students high school career.

- Since you have completed steps 1-4 place a checkmark next to "Distinguished" & "Endorsement" beneath the "Graduation Plan" section.
- If you have chosen any dual credit courses or a pathway with industry-based certifications (✓) place a checkmark next to "Performance Acknowledgement" beneath the "Graduation Plan" section.
- In the "Postsecondary Plans" section, place a checkmark on all items that apply.