Arts & Humanities

Can you imagine YOURSELF here?

Explore your future with THE FOUNDATION HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

**PRODUCERS & DIRECTORS**

Projected number of jobs in Texas by 2028:

- **7,523**

Typical credentials:
- **High School Diploma**

Typical starting pay:
- **$37,664**

Average pay:
- **$69,369**

**FOUNDATION HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM (FHSP)**

A plan of 22 credits you and all your classmates will have to earn to graduate high school. (See page 5)

**ENDORSEMENT**

An option you can add to your high school transcript to show your knowledge and skills gained in one of five areas: STEM, Arts & Humanities, Business & Industry, Public Services, and Multidisciplinary Studies.

You must complete specific courses approved by your district.

**ENDORSEMENT QUESTIONS?**

Talk to your school counselor!

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FIGURING OUT WHAT YOU WANT TO DO when you grow up is a challenge, but it's worth it!

With the Foundation High School Program’s endorsement options, you have the opportunity to explore classes that interest you today so you can find your dream job tomorrow. In many of these courses, you will even get to experience what it’s like to work in the jobs that interest you.

Remember: you have options, probably more than you have ever considered. For example, you don’t have to be a professional artist to work in the arts. You can become a museum conservator, archivist, curator, or a graphic designer.

If you love to dance but sustain an injury, you can still immerse yourself in that professional field with a career as a theatrical makeup artist, producer or director, costume attendant, or choreographer.

So go exploring! Research your endorsement and career interest options before deciding which paths to pursue. The decisions you make about your education today will affect how well you enjoy your job in the future, how much money you earn, your future lifestyle, and so much more. So think it through, plan your future, and have fun!
So, you think you might want to select the Foundation High School Program’s Arts & Humanities endorsement option? Awesome! Browse through some of the data for Arts and Humanities job titles in this booklet to help you decide if this is the right educational and career path for you.

We hope that by learning all you can about potential careers in the fields that interest you, you will be empowered to find a career that you love, and that also pays for you to live the way you want once you are living on your own. So enjoy this booklet, explore some options, and don’t hesitate to talk to your parents, family, friends, teachers, counselors, and us at the Texas Workforce Commission if you have questions about your career goals.
TO THE RIGHT
are some sample occupations under the Arts & Humanities endorsement. Not all Arts- or Humanities-related occupations are included here (there are hundreds), and some of those listed may also fall under other endorsements.

VISIT
TWC’s Autocoder website at www.BitLy/autocoder to find other job titles that may interest you! Just enter a job title or description in the search field and common titles will populate. Upon selecting one, a catalog of other closely related job titles will appear.

ARTS, AV TECH & COMMUNICATIONS
• Actor
• Animator
• Art Director
• Broadcast Technician
• Camera Operator
• Choreographer
• Commercial/Industrial Designer
• Desktop Publisher
• Entertainer
• Film & Video Editor
• Fine Artist
• Graphic Designer
• Makeup Artist
• Music Director/Composer
• News Analyst

MANUFACTURING
• Instrument Tuner
• Jeweler
• Painter/Decorator
• Precious Metal Worker
• Woodworker
ARTS & HUMANITIES OCCUPATIONS BY EMPHASIS

HOSPITALITY & TOURISM
- Ethnic & Cultural Studies Teacher
- Costume Attendant
- Entertainment Attendant
- Gaming/Sports Book Writer
- Interpreter/Translator
- Museum Technician
- Museum Conservator

HUMAN SERVICES or STEM
- Anthropologist
- Archeologist
- Technical Writer
- Dressmaker/Tailor
- Mental Health Counselor
- Philosophy Teacher
- Religious Worker

OTHER CLUSTERS
- Archivist
- Business Manager
- Curator
- Fashion Designer
- Floral Designer
- History Teacher
- Interior Designer
- Proofreader
This table shows what every Texas student needs to graduate. Every student must earn the 22 credits under the “FHSP” column. Your parents or guardians will need to give the school district written permission to allow you to waive earning an endorsement. Otherwise, you must pick an endorsement and earn the total 26 credits to graduate. Remember that your school district has the authority to establish requirements in addition to those listed here. Check with your school counselor for more information.

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<th>Courses Required for FHSP Credits</th>
<th>FHSP Credits</th>
<th>FHSP Credits + Endorsement Credits</th>
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<td><strong>SCIENCE</strong></td>
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<td><strong>SOCIAL STUDIES</strong></td>
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<td>U.S. Government (1/2 credit)</td>
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<td>Economics (1/2 credit)</td>
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<td><strong>LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH</strong></td>
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<td>2 credits in the same language or 2 credits from Computer Science I, II, &amp; III</td>
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<td><strong>FINE ARTS</strong></td>
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<td><strong>ELECTIVES</strong></td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL CREDITS</strong></td>
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Students can earn one or more performance acknowledgments in addition to their high school graduation plan. There are several different areas in which students can earn these performance acknowledgments, shown below.

Performance Acknowledgments Can Be Earned With The Following:

1. A nationally (or internationally) recognized business/industry certification or license
2. Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exam performance
3. PSAT, ACT Aspire, SAT, or ACT score
4. Bilingualism and biliteracy
5. Dual credit courses

If you are interested in earning one (or more!) of the above performance acknowledgements in addition to your high school graduation plan, have a conversation with your parent or guardian about which options are best for your future. Reach out to a counselor at school to find out more about specific guidelines concerning performance acknowledgments at your institution.
Students may earn one or more endorsements as part of their high school diploma. This means students interested in earning the Arts and Humanities endorsement have options. Please see the information below for more detailed information on endorsements.

- **An endorsement consists of a sequence of courses that are grouped together by interest or occupational skill. They provide students with in-depth knowledge of a subject area or a high-wage, high-skill, and in-demand occupation.**

- **Every career and technical education (CTE) Program of Study leads to an endorsement. Use this link to see how CTE Programs of Study align to different endorsements:** [www.Bit.Ly/2YF42Uq](http://www.Bit.Ly/2YF42Uq)

- **Students earn an endorsement by:**
  - Completing four credits in math
  - Completing four credits in science
  - Earning two additional elective credits, and
  - Completing the curriculum requirements for the endorsement.

- **To earn Arts and Humanities endorsement, students must complete one of the following:**
  - Two levels each in two languages other than English
  - Four levels in the same language other than English
  - Courses from one or two disciplines in fine arts (music, theater, art, dance, or film)
  - English electives not included in the business and industry endorsement
  - Social studies
  - American Sign Language (ASL)
Keep In Mind

The career titles listed here are just a fraction of all the possible occupation opportunities available in the Arts & Humanities endorsement area, so be sure to visit TWC’s AutoCoder website to find other job titles that may interest you:

**PHOTOGRAPHER**

Jobs projected in Texas by 2028:
8,180

Typical credentials:
High School Diploma

Typical starting pay:
$22,237

Average pay:
$50,767

**INTERIOR DESIGNER**

Jobs projected in Texas by 2028:
6,357

Typical credentials:
Bachelor’s Degree

Typical starting pay:
$37,882

Average pay:
$58,751

**MUSIC COMPOSER**

Jobs projected in Texas by 2028:
5,476

Typical credentials:
Bachelor’s Degree

Typical starting pay:
$47,383

Average pay:
$67,037
Using Labor Market Statistics to Filter Through Career Options

It is important to think about how much money you’ll earn in any given occupation. But you should consider several other factors to help you make informed choices. Check out the information and numbers below for a few jobs in the Arts & Humanities fields to learn about other important statistics you can discover on the Texas Career Check website, www.TexasCareerCheck.com. Use this information to help you determine what’s important to you in a career.

**YOU WILL:**

Design or create graphics to meet specific commercial or promotional needs, such as packaging, displays, or logos. May use a variety of mediums to achieve artistic effects.

Employment is expected to grow about as fast as the average, with many new jobs associated with interactive media.

Job seekers are expected to face keen competition; individuals with Web site design and animation experience will have the best opportunities.

**GRAPHIC DESIGNER**

Jobs projected in Texas by 2028: 20,364

Typical credentials: Bachelor’s Degree

Typical starting pay: $32,047

Average pay: $52,050
INTERPRETER OR TRANSLATOR

Jobs projected in Texas by 2028: 9,462

Typical credentials: Bachelor’s Degree

Typical starting pay: $33,717

Average pay: $60,351

YOU WILL:

Interpret oral or sign language, or translate written text from one language into another.

About 26 percent of interpreters and translators are self-employed; many freelance and work in this occupation only sporadically.

Need fluency in at least two languages. Job prospects vary by specialty and language.

Employment is expected to grow much faster than average.

YOU WILL:

Write technical materials, such as equipment manuals, appendices, or operating and maintenance instructions. May also assist in layout work.

Most jobs in this occupation require a college degree—preferably in communications, journalism, or English.

Job prospects for most technical writing jobs are expected to be good, particularly for those with web or multimedia experience.

Excellent communications skills, curiosity, and attention to detail are highly desired traits.

TECHNICAL WRITER

Jobs projected in Texas by 2028: 5,847

Typical credentials: Associate’s Degree

Typical starting pay: $48,647

Average pay: $71,676

YOU WILL:

Interpret oral or sign language, or translate written text from one language into another.

About 26 percent of interpreters and translators are self-employed; many freelance and work in this occupation only sporadically.

Need fluency in at least two languages. Job prospects vary by specialty and language.

Employment is expected to grow much faster than average.
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<td>POET</td>
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<td>Associate's Degree</td>
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<td>REPORTER</td>
<td>2,358</td>
<td>Bachelor's Degree</td>
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