

AWARENESS

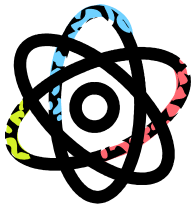
At O&A, the Academic Counselor will review each student's Personal Opportunity Plan. You can discuss diploma endorsements & classes at your assigned school that will help you fulfill your endorsement requirements, if that is what you choose. For your college research, check out www.comparecollegetx.com.

EXPLORATION

8th graders research careers and colleges, & meet with your school counselor to get ready to choose your pathway to success!

9th graders choose one or more diploma endorsements. Once you have chosen a graduation plan, you will sign it along with your school counselor. After 10th grade, you can choose to graduate without an endorsement, with your parent's signature, if you wish.

DIPLOMA ENDORSEMENTS



STEM

Includes courses related to science, technology, engineering, advanced math, and computer science courses.

TJJD does not offer the STEM endorsement



Business and Industry

Includes courses related to information technology, business management, technology applications, architecture & construction, agriculture & natural resources, communication applications, transportation, distribution & logistics, hospitality & tourism, and manufacturing.



Public Services

Includes courses related to health & human sciences, law enforcement, education & training, and public government & administration.

TJJD does not offer the Public Services endorsement



Arts and Humanities

Includes courses related to the fine arts, Social Studies, English, and languages other than English.



Multidisciplinary Studies

Includes courses from each endorsement area and credits in a variety of advanced courses from multiple content areas sufficient to complete the Distinguished level of Achievement under the Foundation High School Program.

What is the Foundation High School Program?

The Foundation High School Program is a core set of classes in the areas of math, English, science, social studies, foreign language, fine arts, physical education and electives that all students must complete as a foundation to graduate from high school in Texas. The total number of credits required is 22, made up of the following:

4 credits: English I, II, III, Advanced ELA course

3 credits: Math: Algebra I, Geometry, and an Advanced Math

3 credits: Science: Biology, IPC or an Advanced Science credit, and another Advanced Science

3 credits: Social Studies: US History, Government/Economics (0.5 credits each), and either World History or World Geography

2 credits: Language other than English (both credits must be in the same language; computer programming languages may substitute and other flexibility for second language credit for students, who due to disability, are unlikely to complete two courses in the same language).

1 credit: Fine Arts

1 credit: PE

5 credits: Electives (may include CTE and certification courses)

** Student is eligible for general admission to all institutes of higher education **

What is an Endorsement?

Adds the following courses to the 22-credit Foundation Program:

1 additional Advanced Math (for a total of 4 Mathematics credits)

1 additional Advanced Science (for a total of 4 Science credits)

2 additional Electives (for a total of 7 elective credits, 4 or 5 of which are in a specific area)

(Students may choose more than one endorsement and can change their endorsement at any time. After 10th grade, students can choose to graduate without an endorsement if they want, with parent's signature)

What is "Distinguished Level of Achievement?"

Requires students to graduate with at least one Endorsement with the Foundation High School Program (26 hours) and the fourth credit in math must be Algebra II.

The Distinguished Level of Achievement makes a student eligible for the *Top 10% Automatic Admission* to institutes of higher education and will have this designated on their diploma and transcript along with their chosen endorsement(s).

What state assessments are required for graduation?

End of Course exams are required for the following courses: English I & II, Algebra I, US History, Biology

What are "Performance Acknowledgments"?

Students who graduate with dual credit, bilingualism & biliteracy, AP or IB, PSAT, ACT's Plan, SAT or ACT, or have earned a nationally or internationally recognized industry certification or license will have "Performance Acknowledgment" designated on their diploma and transcript.

You should know...



You can earn college credit while you are in school at TJJD! Qualifying students have the opportunity to enroll in courses offered by Navarro College for college credit, and in some cases, dual credit. In other words, you earn college and high school credit at the same time.



Students ranked in the Top 10 percent of their graduating class from public high school are eligible for automatic admission to any Texas public University if they have completed the Distinguished Level of Achievement. Working hard in your classes at TJJD will help you return to your community school and compete for this honor.



According to research by the Center on Education and the Workforce, high school graduates with a bachelor's degree earn 84 % more than a high school graduate.

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	Many of the high-demand jobs in our state and country will require some postsecondary education. College, either academic or vocational, will increase your chances of being hired and increase your earning power.
	Students attending community colleges or vocational colleges may be eligible for TJJD, state or federal financial aid.
	High school graduates with a workforce certificate from a community or vocational college earn 20% more than graduates who only have a high school diploma.

ACTIVE INQUIRY

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TJJD's Lone Star High Schools offer all students the opportunity to earn a Foundation High School diploma, multiple diploma endorsements, the Distinguished Level of Achievement, and Performance Acknowledgments. Students also have a variety of industry certification programs from which to choose. Visit with your school counselor and check out these resources to research your pathway to success:

- www.collegeforalltexas.com
- www.studentaid.ed.gov
- www.texasrealitycheck.com/
- <https://texascareercheck.com/>
- www.texasworkforce.org/customers/jsemp/career-exploration-trends.html
- www.comparecollegetx.com
- www.texasworkforce.org/svcs/propschools/career-schools-colleges.html