



Trivium Academy

High School Planning
and Course Selection



Goals

Review Graduation Requirements

Outline Trivium Academy Course Progression

Understand Endorsements

Choose Electives

Consider Future Plans

*College

*Career

*Military

Graduation Requirements

Trivium Academy students will graduate on the Texas Foundation Plan with an endorsement in Multidisciplinary Studies. Additional endorsements may be earned with elective choices.

Requirements - 26 Credits

4 Years English, Social Studies, Math, and Science

1 Year Physical Education (Athletics, Dance, Musical Theatre, Vocal Ensemble, or 2 semesters Marching Band)

1 Year Fine Arts

2 Years Language Other than English (Currently Spanish at Trivium, exploring other options)

1 Semester Health

1 Semester Professional Communications (or 1 year Debate or Oral Interpretation)

5 Electives

High School Course Progression Humanities

On Level

9th:	English 1/World Geography*
10th:	English 2/World Geography*
11th:	English 3/US History
12th:	English 4/ Government & Economics

**Rotating: World Geography/World History*

Advanced

Honors English 1/AP European History*
Honors English 2/AP European History*
AP English Literature*/AP US History
AP English Literature*/ AP Government & AP Macroeconomics

**Rotating: AP Euro Hist/AP World Hist*

OnRamps Rhetoric/AP English Lit.

High School Course Progression Math

On Level- Option 1

On Level- Option 2

Advanced

9th: Algebra I

Algebra I

Honors Algebra I

10th: Geometry

Geometry

Honors Geometry

11th: Algebra 2

Math Models

OnRamps Algebra 2

12th: Precalculus

Algebra II

OnRamps Precalculus

AP Calculus AB

6th Advanced Math Course

High School Course Progression Science

	<i>On Level- Option 1</i>	<i>On Level- Option 2</i>	<i>Advanced</i>
9th:	Biology	Biology	Honors Biology
10th:	IPC (Integrated Physics & Chemistry)	IPC (Integrated Physics & Chemistry)	Honors Chemistry
11th:	Chemistry	Anatomy & Physiology	OnRamps Geoscience*
12th:	Anatomy & Physiology	Chemistry (with Algebra II)	OnRamps GeoScience*

**Rotates every year with Honors Physics*

- All students must have Chemistry and/or Physics to be eligible for the Multidisciplinary Studies endorsement.

Understanding Endorsements

- Endorsements consist of a related series of courses grouped together by interest or skill set. They provide students with in-depth knowledge of a subject area.
- Students select endorsements before 9th grade. They may add or change endorsements each year.
- All Trivium Academy students will work toward the Multidisciplinary Studies endorsement and may choose to add others.
- Endorsements appear at the bottom of the student's high school transcript.

Multidisciplinary Studies

Four credits in each foundation subject area:

English (must include English 4)

Science (must include Chemistry and/or Physics)

Math

Social Studies

- Every Trivium Student should enter Multidisciplinary Studies as first endorsement

The Multidisciplinary Studies endorsement reflects college admission requirements.

Arts and Humanities

Trivium Academy students can earn this endorsement by any of the following pathways:

1. Completing four years in the same fine arts field of study
2. Completing two years each in two fine arts fields of study
3. Completing an additional credit of Social Studies (AP Psychology and Sociology)

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)

Trivium Academy students may earn the STEM endorsement by completing a 5th year of Math or Science.

*Many in-state colleges view this endorsement as a sign of increased rigor and preparation for college majors in science and engineering.

Business and Industry

Trivium students may earn the Business and Industry endorsement by completing a coherent sequence of career and technical education (CTE) courses.

Example:

Entrepreneurship 1 → Entrepreneurship 2 → Practicum: Entrepreneurship

Other CTE courses currently offered are listed below:

Fashion Design 1

Fashion Design 2

Graphic Design and Illustration

Other CTE courses offered with student interest:

Principles of Business

Business Law

Human Relations Management

Global Business

Commercial Photography 1

Commercial Photography 2

- English electives in Debate, Oral Interpretation, and Yearbook will also earn this endorsement.

Choosing Electives

Students should consider the following when making elective choices:

1. Pursuing personal interests
2. Finding or maintaining social relationships
3. Working toward future goals
4. Establishing or maintaining school allegiance and extra-curricular involvement
5. Fulfilling endorsement requirements
6. Setting healthy expectations on time
7. Demonstrating commitment and leadership

College, Career, and Military Readiness

Trivium Academy offers pathways for all students to pursue post high school goals.

- Advanced academic courses
- Individualized guidance
- Career readiness courses and resources
- ASVAB, ACT, PSAT, TSIA2 and AP test administration
- Educational resources for Military Academies and enlistment in all branches of the armed services upon request

Colleges

Students may choose to apply to four-year colleges and universities or begin their post-high school education at a two-year community college or a trade school.

Families should begin researching options and visiting various types of schools as early as possible. Begin building your college interest list by researching academic and social environment as well as financial costs.

Keep in mind to stay focused on the needs and desires of the student rather than the rankings of the university.

What Matters to College Admissions Teams

1. Strength of curriculum/academic rigor/grades
2. Student involvement in extracurricular activities (“Depth and Breadth”)
3. Volunteer hours, work experience, outside responsibilities
4. Independence and maturity
5. Communication skills - both written and spoken
6. Social and emotional health; ability to overcome obstacles
7. Expressed interest in the college and vision for involvement
8. Authenticity and ability to present unique perspective and/or experience
9. Ability to collaborate
10. Standardized test scores (ACT, SAT)



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Part 2

8th Four Year Planning

This process is required by the state of Texas for every student entering 9th grade.

The purpose of the four year plan is to provide a framework that allows each student to earn all Foundation Plan graduation requirements in high school as well as at least one endorsement.

Four Year Plans are tentative. Alterations may be made each year to accommodate the student's changing needs and priorities as well as scheduling and staffing availability at Trivium Academy.

Trivium Academy Four Year Plan

Name _____ Grade _____ ID # _____ Date Initiated _____ Date(s) Amended _____

9 th Grade (20____ - 20____)	✓	10 th Grade (20____ - 20____)	✓	11 th Grade (20____ - 20____)	✓	12 th Grade (20____ - 20____)	✓
English:		English:		English:		English:	
Social Studies:		Social Studies:		Social Studies:		Social Studies:	
Math:		Math:		Math:		Math:	
Science:		Science:		Science:		Science:	
Total Credits		Total Credits		Total Credits		Total Credits	

Discipline	Credits
English	4
Social Studies	4
Math	4
Science	4
LOTE	2
Fine Arts	1
Physical Education	1
Speech	.5
Health	.5
Electives	5
Total Credits for Graduation	26

Endorsement Multidisciplinary Arts & Humanities STEM Business & Industry

Distinguished Level of Achievement *Requires 4 math credits (including Algebra 2), 4 science credits, and an endorsement*

Notes _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Counselor Signature _____ Date _____

Completing Your Four Year Plan

9th Grade

English 1

World Geography

Math 1

Biology

Spanish 1

PE or sub

Fine Art

10th Grade

English 2

World History

Math 2

IPC or Chemistry

Spanish 2

Health/Prof Comm

Elective

11th Grade

English 3

US History

Math 3

Chem or Science 3

Elective

Elective

Elective

12th Grade

English 4

Govt/Econ

Math 4

Science 4

Elective

Elective

Elective

Four Year Plan Reminders

1. Replace “Elective” with specific classes if you are working toward an endorsement or know that you want to remain in Dance, Athletics, or another class for the full four years.
2. You may choose to enter the level of class (Honors, AP, or OnRamps) that you would like to take, and this will be reviewed at the end of each year with teacher recommendations, grades, and test scores.
3. We will post this presentation on the Trivium website for future reference.

Reminders

Although endorsements offer students an opportunity to pursue an in-depth field of study and specialize, they should not prevent students from seeking enrichment in other fields.

The four year plan serves as a framework for meeting all graduation requirements but is not intended to limit the student's future choices.

Balance is key for happy, healthy teens.

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