

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

EXPLORE YOUR FUTURE WITH THE FOUNDATION HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

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A cartoon illustration of a person with a camera around their neck, holding a camera up to their eye. A speech bubble next to them says 'CAN YOU IMAGINE YOUR FACE HERE?'. The person is wearing an orange shirt and blue pants. A yellow starburst is behind the camera lens.

**CAN YOU
IMAGINE
YOUR FACE
HERE?**

PHOTOGRAPHER

Jobs projected in Texas by 2024: 8,060

You will need:

Education level varies, but long-term on-the-job training is required by all

Typical starting pay is:

\$20,199 a year

Typical average pay is:

\$43,177 a year

Turnover: Very Low

Figuring out what you want to do when you grow up is a challenge, but boy is it worth it! With the Foundation High School Program's endorsement options, you have the opportunity to explore classes and fields of study 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 an Archivist, Curator, Museum Conservator, 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!

WHAT IS THE FOUNDATION HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM?

The *Foundation High School Program* is a detailed plan of 22 credits that you and all your classmates will have to earn in order to graduate from high school. See page 4 for details.

An **endorsement** is an option you can add to your high school diploma to show your knowledge and/or skills gained in one of five broad subject matter areas: STEM, Arts and Humanities, Business and Industry, Public Services, and Multidisciplinary Studies. To get an endorsement, you must complete a logical sequence of specific courses approved by your district.

If you have questions about which endorsement would be best for you, talk to your school Counselor!

HOW ABOUT HERE?



MULTIMEDIA ARTIST

Jobs projected in Texas by 2024: 4,580

You will need:
a Bachelor's degree

Typical starting pay is:
\$37,196 a year

Typical average pay is:
\$62,821 a year

Turnover: Low

So . . . you think you might want to select the Arts and Humanities Foundation High School Program endorsement option? Awesome! Browse through some of the data for job titles found under the Arts and Humanities endorsement in this booklet to help you decide if this is the right educational and career path for you. For more information on jobs in this career field, you can:

1. Call our **24-hour Hotline at 1-800-822-PLAN (7526)**
2. Go to Texas Career Check and click "Explore Careers" at **www.texascareercheck.com**
3. Visit the LMCI website to see what available products may best serve your needs: **www.texasworkforce.org/labormarket**

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.

Arts and Humanities occupations can be found in all of the following Achieve Texas career clusters.



Sample Arts and Humanities Occupations by Emphasis

Below are sample occupations under the Arts and Humanities endorsement. Not all Arts and Humanities-related occupations are included here (there are hundreds), and some of those listed below may fall under other endorsements as well. Talk to your school Counselor for more information.

Arts, A/V Technology & Communications Cluster		
Actors	Animators	Art, Drama, and Music Teachers, Postsecondary
Art directors	Broadcast News Analyst	Audio & Video Equipment Technicians
Broadcast Technicians	Camera Operators	Camera & Photographic Equipment Repairers
Choreographers	Craft Artists	Commercial & Industrial Designers
Dancers	Desktop Publishers	Communications Teachers, Postsecondary
Editors	Entertainers & Performers	English, Language, & Literature Teachers, Postsecondary
Film & Video Editors	Fine Artists	Foreign Language, & Literature Teachers, Postsecondary
Graphic Designers	Makeup Artists, Cinematic	Music Directors and Composers
Multimedia Artists	Public Address Announcers	Reporters & Correspondents
Architecture & Construction and Education & Training Clusters		
Archivists	Curators	Interior Designer
Finance, Government & Public Administration, and Marketing Clusters		
Proofreaders & Copy Markers	Floral Designers	Business Manager Agents of Artists, Performers, & Athletes
Fashion Designers	Proofreaders	History Teachers, Postsecondary
Manufacturing, Human Services, and STEM Clusters		
Clergy	Designers, all other	Anthropologists & Archeologists
Archeologists	Jewelers	Precious Stone Workers
Religious Workers	Tailors and Dressmakers	Painting, Coating, & Decorating Workers
Technical Writers	Musical Instrument Tuners	Philosophy & Religion Teachers, Postsecondary
Hospitality & Tourism and Public Service Clusters		
Costume Attendants	Entertainment Attendants	Area, Ethnic, & Cultural Studies Teachers, Postsecondary
Interpreters	Translators	Gaming & Sports Book Writers
Museum Technicians	Museum Conservators	

Keep in Mind

The career titles listed above are just a fraction of the possible occupation opportunities available within this endorsement area, so be sure to visit TWC's AutoCoder website to find other job titles that may interest you: <http://autocoder.lmci.state.tx.us>.

- Just enter a job title or a description in the appropriate search box, and you will get a list of the most common title matches.
- Click on the title that best matches the job that interests you, and a catalog of other, closely-related (or interchangeable) job titles will appear.

Your Foundation High School Program Graduation Requirements

This table shows what every Texas student needs to graduate. Every student must earn the 22 credits under the “Foundation-Only” column. Your parents or guardians will need to give the school district written permission to allow you not to earn an endorsement. Otherwise you must pick an endorsement and earn 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.

Subjects and courses required for Foundation-Only Credits	Foundation-Only Credits	Foundation + Endorsement Credits	Distinguished Level Credits
English <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English I, II, and III • Advanced English course 	4	4	4
Mathematics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra I • Geometry • Advanced Math course 	3	4 - All Foundation requirements, plus additional advanced Math course	4 - All Foundation requirements, plus Algebra II specifically
Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology • Integrated Physics and Chemistry • Advanced Science course 	3	4 - All Foundation requirements, plus additional advanced Science course	4 - All Foundation requirements, plus additional advanced Science course
Social Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. History • U.S. Government (1/2 credit) • Economics (1/2 credit) • World History or Geography 	3	3	3
Physical Education	1	1	1
Languages other than English <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two credits in the same language • OR two credits from Computer Science I, II, and III 	2	2	2
Fine Arts	1	1	1
Electives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classes available for electives will be based upon the endorsement options selected by the student. 	5	7	7
Speech <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated proficiency 	0	0	0
Total Credits	22	26	26

Students can earn one or more Performance Acknowledgments, in addition to any graduation program they follow, for any of the following areas: Dual Credit course; Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exam performance; Bilingualism and biliteracy; Earning a nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license; PSAT, ACT-PLAN, SAT, or ACT score. Talk to your school Counselor for specific guidelines.

Your Arts and Humanities Endorsement Options

Students interested in earning the Arts and Humanities endorsement have several options. Once you've met your Foundation graduation requirements, you will need to successfully complete additional advanced courses in math and science (one each), plus electives, and choose **one** of the six options below to earn your remaining Arts and Humanities endorsement credits.

1. Complete five total **Social Studies** courses
2. Complete four consecutive levels of the same language in a language other than English (LOTE), for example: **French I, II, III, and IV**
3. Complete two levels of the same language in a LOTE and two levels of a different language that is another LOTE, for example:
 - a. **Spanish I and II**
 - b. **Sign Language I and II**
4. Complete four levels of **American Sign Language**
5. Complete four consecutive levels of classes from one or two fine art subjects
 - a. For example: **Drawing I, Drawing II, Drawing III, and Drawing IV** or
 - b. **Painting I and Painting II** as well as **Ceramics I and Ceramics II**
6. Complete four consecutive English classes from among the following:
 - a. **English IV**
 - b. **Independent Study in English**
 - c. **Literary Genres**
 - d. **Creative Writing**
 - e. **Research and Technical Writing**
 - f. **Humanities**
 - g. **AP English Literature and Composition**
 - h. **IB Language Studies A1 Higher Level**
 - i. **Communication Applications**



WHAT ABOUT HERE?!?

PRODUCERS AND DIRECTORS

Jobs projected in Texas by 2024: 8,420

You will need:
a Bachelor's degree plus work experience

Typical starting pay is:
\$29,798 a year

Typical average pay is:
\$63,653 a year

Turnover: Average

MUSICIANS AND SINGERS

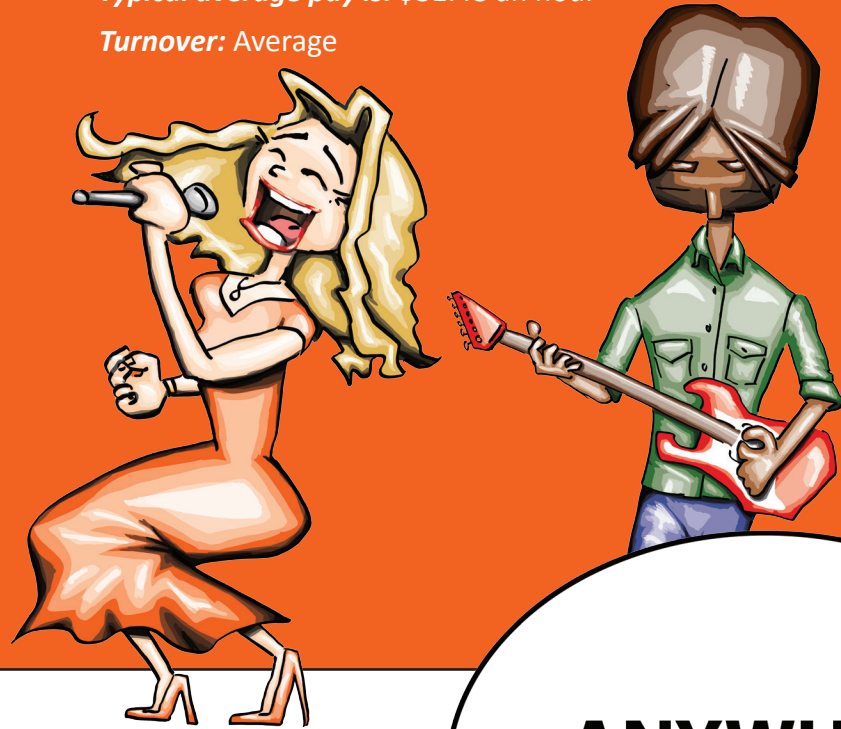
Jobs projected in Texas by 2024: 3,990

You will need: Long-term training, sometimes a degree

Typical starting pay is: \$11.45 an hour

Typical average pay is: \$31.48 an hour

Turnover: Average



**ANYWHERE
HERE?**

INTERIOR DESIGNER

Jobs projected in Texas by 2024: 7,150

You will need:
a Bachelor's degree

Typical starting pay is:
\$35,313 a year

Typical average pay is:
\$65,071 a year

Turnover: Low



MUSIC DIRECTOR/COMPOSER

Jobs projected in Texas by 2024: 8,330

You will need: Bachelor's degree plus work experience

Typical starting pay is: \$36,109

Typical average pay is: \$55,800

Turnover: Low

The Real Deal

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 many other labor market statistics to help you make informed choices.

Check out the information and numbers below for a few jobs in the Arts and Humanities fields to see other important statistics you can discover on the Texas Career Check website. Use this information to help you determine what's important to you in a career.

Graphic Designers

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 or decorative effects.

- Employment is expected to grow about as fast as the average, with many new jobs associated with interactive media.
- Jobseekers are expected to face keen competition; individuals with Web site design and animation experience will have the best opportunities.

Projected state employment for 2024	16,710
Education needed:	Bachelor Degree or higher
2015 Average Annual Wage	\$46,976
Turnover:	Average

Interpreters and Translators

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.
- Employment is expected to grow much faster than average.
- Job prospects vary by specialty and language.

Projected state employment for 2024	6,930
Education needed:	Bachelor Degree or higher
2015 Average Annual Wage	\$50,979
Turnover:	Very Low

Technical Writers

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.

Projected state employment for 2024	5,040
Education needed:	Bachelor Degree
2015 Average Annual Wage	\$70,009
Turnover:	Low

**WANT INFORMATION ON
MORE JOBS?**

Check out
www.TexasCareerCheck.com
to learn about hundreds more
ARTS & HUMANITIES careers!
EXPLORE YOUR FUTURE!

**REPORTERS
CORRESPONDENTS**

Jobs projected in Texas by 2024: 2,540
You will need: a Bachelor's degree plus work
experience
Typical starting pay is: \$21,388 a year
Typical average pay is: \$39,170 a year
Turnover: Average



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