



Life High School Waxahachie
8th Grade High School Planning
Class of 2029
January 2025

The Mission of Life School is to develop leaders with life skills through strong academics, character training, and a partnerships with parents and the community.



Welcome To LHSW Class Of 2029

FUTURE FRESHMAN SHOWCASE

JOIN US ON MONDAY, JANUARY 27TH

FROM 6-7pm

AS WE SHARE WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT AS YOU

EMBARK ON YOUR HIGH

SCHOOL CAREER.





College, Career & Military Readiness (CCMR)

Life School is committed that every graduate is College, Career and/or Military (CCMR) ready, as defined by the new state accountability system.

Some ways that students display CCMR readiness are:

- college entrance scores on TSIA2, SAT and/or ACT
- Passing scores on AP exams
- Passing CTE Industry Standard certification exams
- Completing Dual Credit courses
- Military enlistment

Life School is committed to paying for the following, for every student:

- TSIA2 exams
- PSAT and SAT exams
- AP exams
- CTE Industry Standard certification exams
- Hosting the ASVAB on campus



Honors/AP vs. Dual Credit

Honors/ AP

- No cost
- High School credit once class is passed; student must earn a 3 or above on AP exam to receive college credit
- All classes are on campus
- Must have 85 or higher in last course of same content
- STAAR scores must be a 70% or higher for the two previous years in certain content area

Dual Credit

- Affordable College Fees
- High School & College credit once class is passed
- Classes are off-campus at Navarro
- Must have an 85 or higher in all current classes to enroll
- Must have passed all recent STAAR exams
- Must pass the TSIA2 for advisement



Honors/AP Course Requirements

Before students enroll in a Honors or AP course, teachers and coordinators will screen each student to ensure that minimum criteria have been met. The following criteria may be used in that screening process:

- **STAAR score must be 70 or higher for the two previous years.**
- **The student's final grade in their last course of same content area must be 85% or higher.**
- **Student must receive teacher recommendation from teacher of same academic discipline on district Honors/AP recommendation form.**
- **Students must meet minimum standard on district exams from previous years in same content area.**
- **See Honors and AP course descriptions for additional criteria and more information.**



Advanced Placement (AP)

- Life School offers 11 College Board Advanced Placement Courses.
 - Goal is to earn a 3 or higher on college board exam to transfer to a college/university
 - AP exams are given in May and cost approximately \$100 (paid for by the district)
 - Visit www.collegeboard.org for Parent Information



Dual Credit

- Life School offers up to 56 dual credit college hours through Navarro College – Waxahachie.
 - Get an early start on college credit.
 - Earn college credit and high school credit at the same time.
 - College fees are at a more affordable cost.
 - Accepted by most Texas Public colleges; Out-of-State and private colleges may not accept some dual credit courses depending on your degree plan.
 - Students take two courses a semester as pre-assigned per grade level; Common Core courses only
 - Students can graduate high school with an Associate's Degree.



Dual Credit Requirements

Students interested in enrolling in dual credit courses should first review the requirements below.

- Students must maintain an 85 or higher in all current courses
- Students that are interested will complete a Dual Credit Interest Packet and turn back in to middle school counselor by DUE DATE!!!!
- The student must pass all parts of their current grade state assessment.
- The student must take the TSIA2 exam (to be given at LMSW approved students only will be notified of testing date).
- Once all criteria above is met, the student will receive an email from the dual credit counselor on steps for dual credit application.
- **The student pays all the costs associated with taking the college course including textbooks required each semester.**

PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELORS FOR MORE INFORMATION.



Exciting New Dual Credit Development

Life School has created a new partnership with Texas State Technical College (TSTC) available to 11th grade students only. Two-year CTE Programs of Study:

- HVAC Technician
- Diesel Technician
- Welding Technician
- Cybersecurity Certification



Texas First Early High School Completion Program

Students will have the opportunity to earn their High School Diploma by the end of their junior year and attend a participating Texas University on a 1 or 2 semester scholarship:

- Top 10% of class
- FAFSA completion
- Meet minimum 22 credits to qualify
- GPA 3.0 or higher
- Pass all STAAR EOC requirements



HB 5: Foundation Graduation Plan with Endorsement - Distinguished

Subject	Credits
English Language Arts <ul style="list-style-type: none">English I (EOC)English II (EOC)English IIIEnglish IV	4.0
Mathematics <ul style="list-style-type: none">Algebra I (EOC)GeometryAlgebra IIAdvanced Mathematics Course	4.0

Subject	Credits
Science <ul style="list-style-type: none">Biology (EOC)IPC or ChemistryChemistry or PhysicsAdvance Science Course	4.0
Social Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none">World HistoryUS History (EOC)US Government (1/2 credit)Economics (1/2 Credit)	3.0



HB 5: Foundation Graduation Plan with Endorsement - Distinguished

Subject	Credits
Physical Education	1.0
Languages Other Than English	2.0
Fine Arts	1.0
Electives	7.0
All students will be aligned with the Foundation with Endorsements - Distinguished	26 credits



Distinguished Level of Achievement

A student may earn a Distinguished Level of Achievement by successfully completing:

- A total of four credits in mathematics, which must include Algebra II
- A total of four credits in science
- The remaining curriculum requirements under the Foundation Graduation Plan
- The curriculum requirements for at least one endorsement

***** In order to be considered for the Top 10% Automatic Admission to a public university in Texas, a student must graduate with the Distinguished Level of Achievement *****



Personal Graduation Plans (PGP)

- 8th Grade students will meet with your Counselor to specify in writing an endorsement.
- Personal Graduation Plans will show how you will complete your endorsement choice during your HS career.
- Parent and Student signatures are required
- You can choose to change your endorsement at any time by meeting with your Counselor.



The Five Endorsement Options

- STEM

(Science Technology, Engineering, and Math)



- Business and Industry



- Public Services

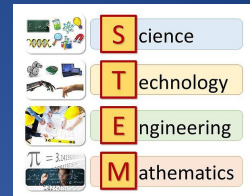
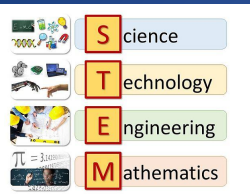


- Arts and Humanities



- Multidisciplinary Studies





STEM

5 years of either Science or Math

SCIENCE

Year 1

Biology

Year 2

Chemistry

Year 3

Physics AND...one
science listed below

Year 4

CHOOSE ONE...
Engineering Science,
A&P, Forensic Sci.,
Environmental systems,
AP Sci

MATH

Year 1

Geometry

Year 2

Algebra II

Year 3

PreCalculus

Year 4

CHOOSE ONE...
Calculus, Statistics, AQR,
Financial Math

Business Industry

Year 1

- Principles of Arts, Audio/Video Tech, and Communication
- Professional communications

Year 2

- Audio/Video Productions I

Year 3

- Audio/Video Production II/Lab

Year 4

- Practicum of Audio/Video Production

Information Tech

Year 1

Fundamentals of Computer Sci/Principles of Information Tech

Year 2

Computer Sci 1/Computer Maintenance Lab

Year 3

Networking Lab

Year 4

Practicum in Information Tech

Information Tech

Year 1

Fundamentals of Computer Sci/Principles of Information Tech

Year 2

Computer Sci 1/Game Programming & Design

Year 3

Computer Sci II

Year 4

Practicum in Information Tech

Year 1

- Principles of Arts, Audio/Video Tech, and Communication

Year 2

- Graphic Design and Illustration I
- Commercial Photography I
- Animation I

Year 3

- Graphic Design and Illustration II
- Commercial Photography II/Lab

Year 4

- Practicum in Commercial Photography

Business & Industry

Year 1

Business Information Management I

Year 2

Principles of Business, Marketing, and Finance

Year 3

Business Information Management II

Year 4

Business Management



Year 1

Business Information Management I
(optional)

Year 2

Principles of Business, Marketing, and Finance

Year 3

Financial Math

Year 4

Fundamentals of Real Estate

Public Service

Health Science

Year 1

Biology

Year 2

Principles of Health Science

Year 3

Anatomy and Physiology
Health Science Theory/Health
Science Clinical

Year 4

Pharmacology
Practicum in Health Science



Health Science-Sports Medicine

Year 1

Biology

Year 2

Principles of Health
Science-Sports Med I

Year 3

Anatomy and Physiology
Kinesiology I-Sports Med II

Year 4

Practicum of Health
Science-Sports Med III

Public Service

Education & Training

Year 1

Principles of Education & Training

Year 2

Human Growth & Development

Year 3

Instructional Practices in Education & Training

Year 4

Practicum of Education & Training



Law Enforcement

Year 1

Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security

Year 2

Law Enforcement I

Year 3

Law enforcement II

Year 4

Forensic Science

Arts & Humanities



Spanish

Year 1

Spanish I/II

Year 2

Spanish II/III

Year 3

Spanish III/IV

Year 4

Spanish IV

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Fine Arts

*TWO years of the same FA
AND

*TWO years of the same FA

OR...

**FOUR years of the same FA

OPTIONS



Art
Band
Choir
Theatre



Social Studies

Year 1

AP Human Geography or
World History

Year 2

US History

Year 3

US Govt/Economics
AND
Old/New Testament

Year 4

Psychology/Sociology
(NT/OT if needed)

Multidisciplinary Studies

- Four advanced CTE course and/or advanced academic courses
- Four by four plan
- Four credits in AP or DC classes

Course Selection

Life School Academic Selection Form 9th Grade



CORE REQUIRED (MUST Choose One of Each Core)

ENGLISH (Choose One)

- English I
 *Honors English I

MATHEMATICS (Choose One)

- Algebra I
 *Honors Geometry OR Geometry (please circle)

SCIENCE (Choose One)

- Biology
 *Honors Biology

SOCIAL STUDIES (Choose One)

- World History
 *A.P. Human Geography

* MUST MEET requirements for Honors/AP courses (See Course Guide)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIRED (MUST Choose One)

- Spanish I
 Spanish II (Took Spanish I in Jr High)
 *Honors Spanish II (Students interested Span AP Program only)

* MUST MEET requirements for Honors/AP courses (See Course Guide)

LEADERSHIP (MANDATORY)

- Dollars & Sense / Prof Communications (mandatory for all 9th graders)

ELECTIVE OPTIONS (Choose 1- or 2 if no P.E./Ath. Needed)

ARTS & HUMANITIES ENDORSEMENT

- Art I
 Choir I
 Music Appreciation
 Theater Arts I
 Technical Theatre
 Musical Theater (Audition Required see Theater Instructor)
 Theater Production I (Audition Required see Theater Instructor)
 Band I
 Art II (Art I HS prereq)
 Theatre Arts II (Theatre Arts I HS prereq)

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY ENDORSEMENT

- Business Information Management I
 Principles of Arts, AV, Tech
 Principles of Information Technology (can also be STEM Endorsement)
 Computer Science I (prereq. Fund of Comp. Sci.)

PUBLIC SERVICES ENDORSEMENT

- Principles of Education & Training
 Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security

STEM: SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATH END

- (More Options Available in Grades 10-12)

PE / ATHLETICS REQUIRED (Optional)

P.E. I P.E. II (must have taken P.E. I at LMSW)

Drill Team (Audition required)

Marching Band

ATHLETICS (Athletic fee & RankOne required)

Sport(s): _____

Athletic Applications can be found at www.lifeschools.net

Please see the most current Course Guide for detail descriptions, requirements, and guidelines for courses at www.lifeschool.net.

 Student PRINTED Name

 Student Signature

 Date

 Parent Signature

 Date

TOTAL OF COURSES SHOULD BE SELECTED

MULTIDISCIPLINARY ENDORSEMENT

*Dual Credit- Must maintain 85 in ALL classes and pass TSIA2

*Student will be placed in courses once requirements are met.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: (Write Down 2 Elective Options)

1 _____

2 _____

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

Choose One Endorsement and Circle Area of Interest:

Arts & Humanities Spanish / Fine Art / Social Studies

Business & Industry Business Management / Info. Technology
 Real Estate / Audio & Video / Graphic Design / Comm. Photography

STEM Science / Engineering / Math

Public Services Health Science / Educ. & Training / Law

Multidisciplinary Dual Credit / Adv. Placement / Undecided



www.lifeschool.net

Find information regarding:

House Bill 5

Dual Credit

Course Guide

GPA Calculation

Graduation Toolkit

Financial Aid and Scholarship Links

Forms and Documents

NCAA Eligibility



Welcome to HIGH SCHOOL

- If you have additional questions that were not addressed or answered, please contact the school counselors:

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Welcome to HIGH SCHOOL

- Future Freshman Showcase (Parent Night) Monday January 27, 2025 6-7 PM
- Course Selection Sheets are Due by Thursday January 30, 2025. Please turn them into your 8th Grade Counselor Ms. Woods. (REQUIRED)
- Dual Credit TSIA2 Testing Packet Due by Thursday January 30, 2025. Please turn them into your 8th Grade Counselor Ms. Woods. (OPTIONAL)