



PLAN YOUR PATH

Columbus Municipal School District

This year's ninth graders—the Class of 2019—will be the first CMSD graduates to experience a whole new personalized learning path to graduation. Students will identify career fields that interest them and will take courses that will prepare them for success in college and the job market. Learn more about the new Pathways to Graduation Program and how it will enhance your child's educational experience in Columbus Municipal School District!



Plan Your Path—Elementary School

THIRD-GRADERS MUST PASS THE STATE READING ASSESSMENT TO BE PROMOTED TO THE NEXT GRADE.

- **Elementary State Assessments:**

Pre-K	MKAS ² (K Readiness)
Kindergarten	MKAS ² (K Readiness)
Grade 3	Reading, Math, and 3rd Grade Reading Summative Assessment
Grade 4	Reading and Math
Grade 5	Reading, Math, and Science

- **What you can do to help your child:**

- ✓ Schedule parent-teacher conferences on a regular basis.
- ✓ Read with your child and encourage your child to read on his/her own.
- ✓ Make sure your child is in school on time each day.

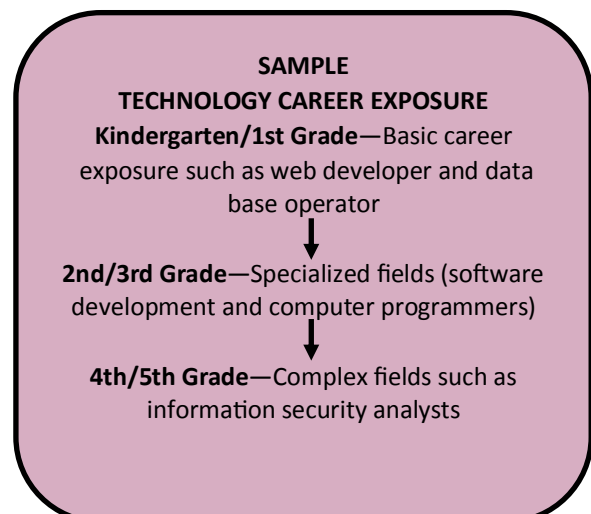
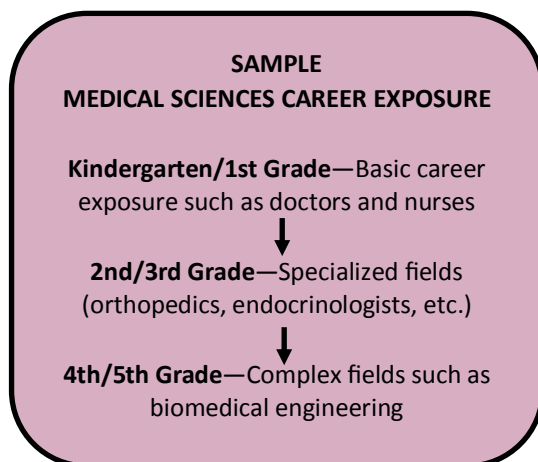
Elementary Magnet School Themes

Select a magnet school theme based on your child's interest

- ✓ Cook Fine Arts Magnet School
- ✓ Fairview Aerospace and Science Magnet School
- ✓ Franklin Medical Sciences and Wellness Magnet School
- ✓ Sale International Studies Magnet School
- ✓ Stokes-Beard Technology & Communication Magnet School

- **Plan Your Pathway:**

- ✓ Personal Graduation Plans (PGP) will be created for all students. These PGPs will provide a personalized instructional plan based on the student's interests, identified strengths and areas of opportunity.
- ✓ Mastery of content will be demonstrated through grade level appropriate authentic projects and captured in electronic portfolios.
- ✓ Grade level appropriate exposure to careers and university connections based on magnet theme.
- ✓ By Grade Five, students will have extensive expertise in subjects and careers related to their school's magnet theme and produce significant authentic products in the field.





Plan Your Path—Middle School

- **Middle School State Assessments:**

Grade 6	Reading & Math
Grade 7	Reading & Math
Grade 8	Reading, Math, & Science (Algebra I if enrolled)

Earn high school
credits while in
middle school!

- Students will meet with their counselor or administrator after completing an online career inventory to begin planning their Personal Graduation Path (PGP).
- Pathways:
 - ✓ STEM
 - ✓ Business & Industry
 - ✓ Public Service
 - ✓ Multi-disciplinary
 - ✓ Arts & Humanities
- Students will review their endorsement options with a teacher or school counselor.
- A plan for intervention and other support will be developed for students who are not demonstrating academic success.

- **Plan Your Pathway:**

- ✓ 6th graders—Magnet School Immersion Course—Rotation through themes to integrate career explorations as students explore magnet themes of aerospace, medical sciences and wellness, fine arts, technology and communication, and international studies. Mastery of concepts will be captured through virtual portfolios.
- ✓ 7th & 8th graders—Select a Pathway and begin selecting electives specific to career interest.
- ✓ Project Lead the Way—STEM integration in all grade levels—Foundational courses in Design and Modeling (DM) and Automation and Robotics (AR) will be offered to all middle school students.
- ✓ Standard electives such as band, P.E., and SPIRIT (gifted education) will continue to be offered to students.

- **What you can do to help your child:**

- ✓ Maintain a strong relationship with your child—talk frequently about what is going on in school.
- ✓ Encourage your child to take electives based on his/her career interests.
- ✓ Make attendance a top priority by setting a daily routine and scheduling appointments outside of school hours.



Plan Your Path—High School

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PLAN—24 CREDIT OPTION

**Traditional Graduation
Plan**

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Endorsement

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**Distinguished Level of
Achievement**

ENDORSEMENTS



STEM

- 1 Advanced Math
- 1 Advanced Science or CTE Science
- 2 Electives



Public Services

- 1 Advanced Math
- 1 Advanced Science or CTE Science
- 2 Electives



Business and Industry

- 1 Advanced Math
- 1 Advanced Science or CTE Science
- 2 Electives



Multi-disciplinary

- 1 Advanced Math
- 1 Advanced Science or CTE Science
- 2 electives



Arts and Humanities

- 1 Advanced Math
- 1 Advanced Science or CTE Science
- 2 Electives

All five endorsements require an Advanced Science or CTE Science , an Advanced Math course, and two electives.

Traditional Graduation Plan

<p>4 ENGLISH CREDITS— English 9, 10, 11 & 12</p> <p>4 MATH CREDITS— Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, & Additional Math Course</p>	<p>4 SOCIAL STUDIES CREDITS</p> <p>4 SCIENCE CREDITS— Biology & three additional lab-based science courses</p>	<p>1/2 Credit Health & 1/2 Credit PE</p> <p>1 Fine Arts Credit</p> <p>1 Business & Technology Credit</p> <p>5 Credits—Electives/Endorsement Specific</p>
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Plan Your Path—High School (Continued)

- STEM, Business and Industry, Arts and Humanities, Public Services, and Multi-disciplinary endorsements will help create a personalized learning plan in line with a student’s career interests and goals. Families will be given a breakdown of a student options well in advance, to assist them in selecting a high school endorsement and career pathway that meets the student’s career interests and post-secondary goals.
- **Tips you can share with high school students:**
 - ✓ Keep your grades up—this will affect future opportunities now more than ever before.
 - ✓ Request tutoring if you need it. Your teachers are there to help. If you know your grades are falling behind, catch up while the gap is minimal.
 - ✓ Visit your counselor to help you plan next steps after high school.
 - ✓ Take AP, IB, and dual credit courses, as well as AP and IB exams. You can earn credit for college and save money and time later.
 - ✓ Stress the importance of attending school regularly and how it relates to college and future careers.

STUDENTS MAY EARN UP TO FIVE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE, WHICH WILL BE DISPLAYED ON DIPLOMAS AND TRANSCRIPTS:

- ✓ DUAL CREDIT COURSES
- ✓ AP and IB EXAMS
- ✓ DUAL LANGUAGE
- ✓ PSAT, ACT-PLAN, SAT, ACT, or WORKKEYS EXAMS
- ✓ BUSINESS and INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS AND/OR LICENSES

REVIEWING OPTIONS with YOUR CHILD:

Entering ninth-graders and their parents will have the opportunity to review the graduation requirements, endorsement options, and college readiness information with a high school counselor or school administrator. Parents will review and sign a paper copy of the student’s personal graduation plan.



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