

# 10th GRADE

## Course Selection Worksheet



**SOMERSET ACADEMY**  
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Rising 10th Grade Parents & Students:

Students will be entering course requests into the ASCENDER STUDENT PORTAL. Once their courses are submitted, ASCENDER STUDENT PORTAL course selections cannot be changed or edited. Be sure to review and select the correct courses. This course selection worksheet is for planning purposes.

Students will be scheduled for 8 class periods. By entering selected courses into the ASCENDER STUDENT PORTAL, I agree with my child's selections and I am aware of Honors/AP/Dual Credit requirements (Student & Family Code of Conduct, Section 3, Page 39). If the student does not meet the criteria for a particular course, the CCMR counselor will make the appropriate change.

I am also aware that the electives chosen are not guaranteed and there is a chance that students can be scheduled into an elective other than the ones chosen to best accommodate the classes that meet the requirements for grade promotion or graduation. The State of Texas requires students to pass the course with a 70 or better and maintain 90% attendance to gain course credit.

Deadline to submit ASCENDER COURSE SELECTION: Friday, April 11th

**PLEASE NOTE: Course selection priority will be given to students who have re-enrolled for the 2025-2026 school year. Courses for high school credit will have mixed grade levels of middle and high school students. STAAR EOCs (End-of-Year) COURSES are required for graduation.**

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### ENGLISH - REQUIRED EVERY YEAR (SELECT ONE)

✓	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	1021	ENGLISH II	Language Arts	English II (STAAR EOC)
	1020	ENGLISH II HONORS	Language Arts	English II Honors (Advanced)(STAAR EOC)

### MATHEMATICS - REQUIRED EVERY YEAR (SELECT ONE)

✓	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	2231	GEOMETRY	Mathematics	Geometry (Select if you previously took Algebra I)
	2235	GEOM HONORS	Mathematics	Geometry Honors (Advanced) (Select if you previously took Algebra I)
	2121	ALGEBRA II	Mathematics	Algebra II (Select if you previously took Geometry)
	2122	ALG2 HONORS	Mathematics	Algebra II Honors (Advanced) (Select if you previously took Geometry)

### SCIENCE - REQUIRED EVERY YEAR (SELECT ONE)

**IF YOU DID NOT TAKE CHEMISTRY IN 9th GRADE, SELECT ONE SCIENCE COURSE BELOW**

✓	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	3211	CHEMISTRY	Science	Chemistry (Select if you previously took Biology)
	3213	CHEMISTRY HONORS	Science	Chemistry Honors (Advanced) (Select if you previously took Biology)
	3310	IPC	Science	Integrated Physics & Chemistry (Select if you previously took Biology)
	3311	PHYSICS	Science	Physics (Select if you previously took Chemistry or IPC)
	3313	P-AP PHYSICS	Science	PreAP Physics (Advanced) (Select if you previously took Chemistry or IPC)

**SOCIAL STUDIES - REQUIRED THIS YEAR (SELECT ONE)**

✓	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	4231	W HISTORY	Social Studies	World History
	4233	AP W HISTORY	Social Studies	AP World History (\$) (Advanced)

**Math Models course will be required for students who DID NOT MEET standards on the ALGEBRA I STAAR EOC. This course will take the place of elective courses. Students coming from private/out-of-state schools without scores will be scheduled into these courses.**

✓	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	2561	MTHMOD	Mathematics	Math Models in addition to Math course.

**OTHER LANGUAGES - MUST TAKE TWO LEVELS FOR GRADUATION REQUIREMENT (CAN BE USED FOR ELECTIVES)**

#	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	8012	SPANISH 1	Other Languages	Level 1 Spanish
	8021	SPANISH 2	Other Languages	Level 2 Spanish - Prerequisite is Level 1.
	8031	SPANISH 3	Other Languages	Level 3 Spanish - Prerequisite is Level 2.
	8041	AP SPANISH	Other Languages	AP Spanish (\$) (Advanced)
	7415	COMPSCI	Tech Applications	Computer Science - Prerequisite ALGEBRA I. Can be taken as a language credit for graduation requirements. Students will commit to Computer Science Level 2 before graduation.
	3119	APCSPRIN	Tech Applications	AP Computer Science Principles (\$) (Advanced) Can be taken as a language credit for graduation requirements. Students will commit to Computer Science before graduation.

**P.E./EQUIVALENT - MUST TAKE ONE FOR GRADUATION REQUIREMENT (CAN BE USED FOR ELECTIVES)**

#	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	5311	PE FIT WELL	P.E./Equivalent	Physical Education
	5121	ATHLETICS 2	P.E./Equivalent	(\$) Requires a commitment to a sport and Athletic Fee.
	5312	PESUB MARCHBAND	P.E./Equivalent	Marching Band Substitution for PE Graduation Requirement. (\$) Requires Band Director approval and \$30 yearly instrument rental.

**FINE ARTS - MUST TAKE ONE FOR GRADUATION REQUIREMENT (CAN BE USED FOR ELECTIVES)**

#	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	6111	ART 1	Fine Arts	Level 1 Art
	6121	ART2 DRAWING	Fine Arts	Level 2 Art - Prerequisite is Level 1.
	6132	ART3 PAINTING	Fine Arts	Level 3 Art - Prerequisite is Level 2.
	6115	AP ART HISTORY	Fine Arts	AP ART HISTORY (\$) (Advanced)
	6056	MUS1BAND1	Fine Arts	Level 1 Band - (\$) Requires \$30 yearly instrument rental if renting with Brooks.
	6057	MUS2BAND2	Fine Arts	Level 2 Band - Prerequisite is Level 1. (\$) Requires \$30 yearly instrument rental if renting with Brooks.
	6058	MUS3BAND3	Fine Arts	Level 3 Band - Prerequisite is Level 2 (\$) Requires \$30 yearly instrument rental if renting with Brooks.
	6054	MODERN BAND 1HS	Fine Arts	Level 1 Instrumental Ensemble Modern Band. (\$) Requires \$30 yearly instrument rental if renting with Brooks.
	7054	MODERN BAND 2HS	Fine Arts	Level 2 Instrumental Ensemble Modern Band. Prerequisite is Level 1. (\$) Requires \$30 yearly instrument rental if renting with Brooks.

**ENDORSEMENT COURSES:** You may select endorsement courses outside of your endorsement track as your electives. IF YOUR ENDORSEMENT IS BELOW, SELECT THE NEXT LEVEL COURSE. (ENDORSEMENT OPTIONS Page 6-7)

**Public Service (Diagnostic & Therapeutic Services)**

#	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	3501	PRINP HLTH SCI	Career/Tech Ed	Principles of Health Science (Level 1 Course for Endorsement)
	3900	MED TERMS	Career/Tech Ed	Medical Terminology (Level 2 Course for Endorsement)
	3511	ANATPHYS	Career/Tech Ed	Anatomy & Physiology (Level 3 Course for Endorsement)

**Business & Industry (Graphic Design & Interactive Media)**

#	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	7416	DIMEDIA	Career/Tech Ed	Digital Media (Level 1 Course for Endorsement)
	3545	GRAPHDES ILL 1	Career/Tech Ed	Graphic Design & Illustration 1 (Level 2 Course for Endorsement)
	3544	GRAPHDES ILL 2	Career/Tech Ed	Graphic Design & Illustration 2 (Level 3 Course for Endorsement)

**STEM (Engineering Foundation)**

#	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	3506	PRIN APPL ENGR	Career/Tech Ed	Principles of Applied Engineering (Level 1 Course for Endorsement)
	3530	MANUFAC ENGINEE	Career/Tech Ed	Manufacturing Engineering (Level 2 Course for Endorsement)
	3521	ENGR DSGN PRES	Career/Tech Ed	Engineering Design & Presentation 1 (Level 3 Course for Endorsement)

**STEM (Architectural Drafting & Design)**

**NEW ENDORSEMENT AVAILABLE**

#	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	3507	PRINARCH	Career/Tech Ed	Principles of Architecture (Architectural Design) Level 1 Course
	3508	ARCHDSN1	Career/Tech Ed	Architectural Design I (Architectural Design) Level 2 Course

### **BUSINESS & INDUSTRY (Web Development)**

### **NEW ENDORSEMENT AVAILABLE**

#	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	7414	PRIN OF INFO TE	Career/Tech Ed	Principal of Information Technology (Web Development) Level 1 Course
	7415	COMP SCI 1	Tech Applications	Computer Science 1- Prerequisite ALGEBRA I. (Web Development) Level 2 Course
	7514	WEB GAME DEV	Tech Applications	Web Game Development (Web Development) Level 3 Course

Endorsement: STEM (Math)
3 credits in Mathematics by successfully completing Algebra II and two additional approved Mathematics courses, for which completion of Algebra II is required.
Endorsement: Multidisciplinary Studies (AP or Dual Credit)
4 credits in AP or dual credit courses selected from English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Economics, Language Other Than English (LOTE), or Fine Arts.

Endorsement: Arts & Humanities (History)
5 Social Studies credits
Endorsement: Arts & Humanities (Spanish)
4 levels of Spanish
Endorsement: Arts & Humanities (Fine Arts)
4 courses from one or two categories (Band/Theatre/Art)
Endorsement: Multidisciplinary Studies (Core)
4 credits in each foundation subject area, including Chemistry and/or Physics and English IV or a comparable Advanced Placement (AP) course.

### **THESE CORE COURSES CAN BE CHOSEN AS ELECTIVES OR FOR ENDORSEMENTS**

#	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	4413	AP HUMAN GEOGRA	Social Studies	AP Human Geography (\$) (Advanced)
	3516	ENVIR SYSTEMS	Science	Environmental System
	3515	AP ENVIR	Science	AP Environmental Science (\$) (Advanced)
	1120	AP SEMINAR	Miscellaneous	AP Seminar (\$) (Advanced) AP Seminar gives students the opportunity to engage in discussion, research, and writing related to global issues. Students are empowered to conduct analysis and evaluation of collected data, work in teams and individually, and discover that solutions are only a discovery away.

**GENERAL ELECTIVES**

#	Course Number	Course Title	ASCENDER Student Portal Tab:	Course Description
	2345	FINANCIAL MATH	Career/Tech Ed	Financial Mathematics (CTE)
	4411	PSYCHOLOGY	Social Studies	Psychology (half credit 0.5) Semester 1/Must take SOCIOLOGY Semester 2.
	4412	SOCIOLOGY	Social Studies	Sociology (half credit 0.5) Semester 2/Must take PSYCHOLOGY Semester 1.
	5315	HEALTH ED	Health	Health & Wellness (half credit 0.5) Semester 1/Must take Life Nurt Well Semester .2
	5316	Life Nurt Well	Career/Tech Ed	Life Nutrition & Wellness (half credit 0.5) Semester 2/Must take HEALTH ED Semester 1.
	7415	COMP SCI 1	Tech Applications	Computer Science 1- Prerequisite ALGEBRA I.
	3119	APCSPRIN	Tech Applications	AP Computer Science Principles (\$) (Advanced)
	1111	COMM APP	Speech	Communication Applications (half credit 0.5) Semester 1/Must take DEBATE 1 Semester 2 or be an ECHS Student Semester 2.
	1117	DEBATE 1	Speech	Debate (half credit 0.5) Semester 2/Must take COMM APP Semester 1.

***ELECTIVES: We will try our best to enroll you in electives of your choice, but they are not guaranteed. Students could be scheduled into an elective or math lab class to accommodate the required courses best.***

***WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CHOOSE TWO ALTERNATE ELECTIVES. ALL ELECTIVES MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION AND ENDORSEMENTS. HIGH SCHOOL ENDORSEMENTS ARE CHOSEN IN 8TH GRADE. REFERENCE THE GRADUATION & ENDORSEMENT PROGRESSION SHEET TO FOLLOW YOUR ENDORSEMENT TRACK.***

**Advanced courses:** Honors/AP/DUAL CREDIT course selections will be reviewed and approved by administration.

AP Courses require students to register for the AP Exam(s) (Free/Reduced Rates \$26 OR Standard Rates \$99). If the student is absent for the AP Exam, they will have to pay for the \$40 unused/cancellation fee.

**High School Credit Courses:** High school credit level courses require a passing grade of 70 or higher and 90% attendance. All high school credit courses are used for graduation requirements.

**Electives:** Athletics and Level 2-4 Electives may require instructor approval. Elective courses will NOT be offered if not enough students choose them. It is important, therefore, to consider alternative elective choices very carefully. If you choose an academic elective, it will be in addition to your academic classes.

**Early College High School Students Class of 2028 COHORT 2:** Students will be scheduled for dual credit classes per their Palo Alto College Advising Meeting.

# Graduation & Endorsement Progressions



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Somerset Academy Brooks students graduate with a Distinguished Level Graduation Plan. All graduation plans require an endorsement. An endorsement consists of a sequence of courses that are grouped together by interest or occupational skill. They provide students with in-depth knowledge of a subject area or a high-wage, high-skill, and in-demand occupation. Every career and technical education (CTE) Program of Study leads to an endorsement.

Early College High School Students and dual credit students have the opportunity to graduate with an Associate's Degree from Palo Alto College. Dual credit courses will count for both the high school and college graduation plans.

For more information on Texas Graduation Plans, please review the Graduation Toolkit.

English: <https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/news-and-multimedia/brochures/graduationtoolkit2020-english-website.pdf>

Spanish: <https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/news-and-multimedia/brochures/graduationtoolkit2020spanish-website.pdf>

## ***Distinguished Level Graduation Plan***

<b>ENGLISH: 4 credits for graduation</b>
English I (STAAR EOC)
English II (STAAR EOC)
English III <b>OR</b> AP English Language <b>OR</b> Dual Credit English
4th English Course (reference choice selection worksheet) <b>OR</b> Dual Credit English
<b>MATH: 4 credits for graduation</b>
Algebra I (STAAR EOC)
Geometry
Algebra II
4th Math Course (reference choice selection worksheet) <b>OR</b> Dual Credit Math
<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION: 1 credit for graduation</b>
PE/High School Athletics/Advanced Marching Band
<b>LOTE OTHER LANGUAGES: 2 credits for graduation</b>
Spanish I <b>OR</b> Computer Science 1
Spanish II <b>OR</b> AP Computer Science Principles

<b>STAAR End-of-Course Exams Needed for Graduation</b>
Algebra I (8th or 9th grade)
Biology (8th or 9th grade)
English I (9th grade)
English II (10th grade)
United States History (11th grade)

<b>SCIENCE: 4 credits for graduation</b>
Biology (STAAR EOC)
Chemistry <b>OR</b> Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC)
Physics
4th Science Course (reference choice selection worksheet) <b>OR</b> Dual Credit Science
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES: 3 credits for graduation</b>
World Geography <b>OR</b> World History <b>OR</b> AP Human Geography
US History <b>OR</b> AP US History <b>OR</b> Dual Credit History (STAAR EOC)
Government/Economics <b>OR</b> AP Gov't/Eco <b>OR</b> Dual Credit Gov't/Eco
<b>FINE ARTS: 1 credit for graduation</b>
Art/Band
<b>ELECTIVES: 7 credits for graduation</b>
7 credits including 4 credits in ENDORSEMENT TRACK



## Endorsement Tracks

Somerset Academy Brooks students select one or more endorsement tracks to follow during high school. Students select this endorsement during 8th grade. Students may not change endorsement tracks after 10th grade without approval.

Please note: Adjustments to endorsement can be made by the CCMR Dept. due to graduation requirements and progressions.

Endorsement: Public Service (Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services) CTE
Level 1 Course: Principles of Health Science
Level 2 Course: Medical Terminology
Level 3 Course: Anatomy & Physiology
Level 4 Course: Practicum in Health Science
Endorsement: STEM (Engineering Foundations) CTE
Level 1 Course: Principles of Applied Engineering
Level 2 Course: Manufacturing Engineering Technology I
Level 3 Course: Engineering Design and Presentation I
Level 4 Course: Practicum in STEM
Endorsement: Business & Industry or STEM (Web Development) CTE
Level 1 Course: Principles of Information Technology
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Level 2 Course: Graphic Design and Illustration I
Level 3 Course: Graphic Design and Illustration II
Level 4 Course: Career Preparation for Programs of Study
Endorsement: STEM (Architectural Drafting and Design) CTE
Level 1 Course: Principles of Architecture
Level 2 Course: Architectural Design I
Level 3 Course: TBA
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