



Smithfield Middle School & Birdville High School proudly present...

What? I'm going to have a high school student?

\* Thanks for coming tonight. ©

a few things...

- Yes, you are going to have a high school student!
- Middle School & High School has changed... and it's good!
- If you have any questions: email me, text me or call me anytime.

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Our mission: what we believe.



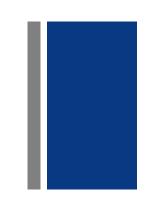


in a future they CREATE.





## Our Goals.



- **Connecting** kids with their interests.
- Empowering kids with **information** to guide them.
- Pointing kids toward the <u>direction</u> that makes sense for them.
- Helping kids become the person they want to be.



## Think of it this way.



It's <u>not</u> about choosing **A COLLEGE.** 



It's <u>not</u> about choosing **A CAREER.** 



It's about finding A CONNECTION.

which will lead to college & careers.



Why it matters.



It's logical.

If you know which direction to go, you're more likely to keep walking.





## Graduation requirements.



- 4 Math
- 4 Science
- 4 (3) Social Studies
- 2 World Languages
- 1 P.E.
- 1 Fine Arts
- .5 Health / .5 Speech
- .5 Technology
- 4.5 (5.5) Endorsement Electives

# 26 credits to graduate





# House Bill 5 Graduation Requirements for Implementation in 2014-15



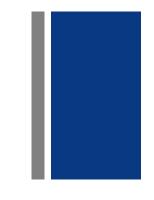
Every student will select an endorsement.

Students may graduate with more than one endorsement.











# endorsement.

Don't let the word scare you.

- Tool to guide kids.
- Carrot for achievement.

That's it.



#### Foundation HS Plan with Endorsements



#### Secondary Diploma:

#### --Select--

Arts & Humanities- Art

Arts & Humanities- Band

Arts & Humanities- Choir

Arts & Humanities- Dance

Arts & Humanities- Languages Other Than English

Arts & Humanities- Social Studies

Arts & Humanities- Theatre Arts

Business & Industry- Agriculture Food & Natural Resources

Business & Industry- Architecture & Construction

Business & Industry- Arts, Audio Visual Technology & Communication

Business & Industry- Business Management & Administration

Business & Industry- Finance

Business & Industry- Hospitality & Tourism

Business & Industry- Information Technology

Business & Industry- Journalism

Business & Industry- Manufacturing

Business & Industry- Marketing

Business & Industry- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics (Auto Technology)

Multidisciplinary Studies

Public Services -Health Science

Public Services- Education & Training

Public Services- Government & Public Administration

Public Services- Human Services

Public Services- Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security

STEM- Mathematics

STEM- Science

STEM- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics



## Here's how endorsements work...

- 4 classes in any area of study.
- 5 total Math classes.
- 5 total Science classes.
- 5 total Social Studies classes.
- Multidisciplinary (mix of any 4)



## Putting it in perspective.

More students than ever before are taking High School classes in Middle School and online which gives them...

	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
1	R	R	R	R
2	R	R	R	R
3	R	R	R	R
4	R	R	R	R
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lots of wonderful choices!

28 openings 26 to graduate.





Putting it in perspective.



## test scores.

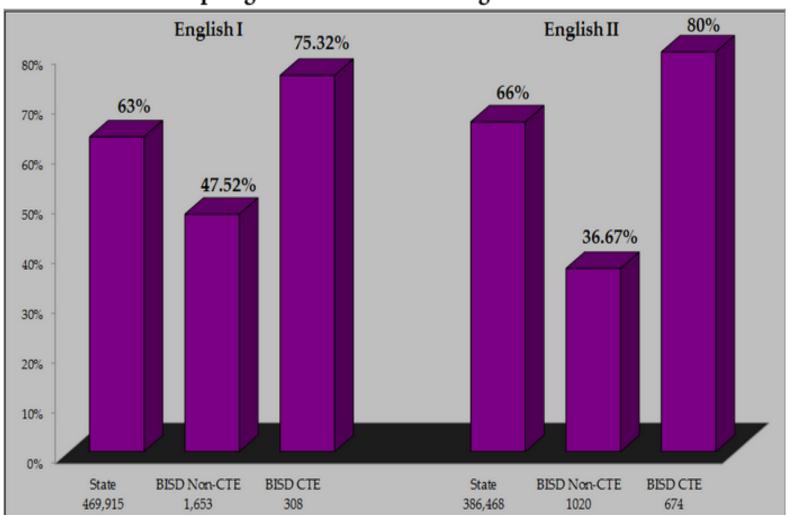
Let's talk about what providing our students a direction does for test scores.

It's good. Really good.



# + STAAR research: why endorsements are GOOD for kids.

Spring 2015 STAAR EOC English I & II

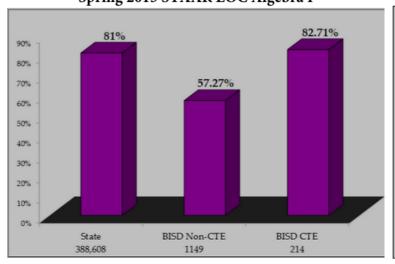




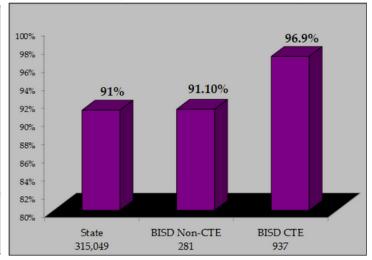


#### STAAR research: related to endorsements.

Spring 2015 STAAR EOC Algebra I

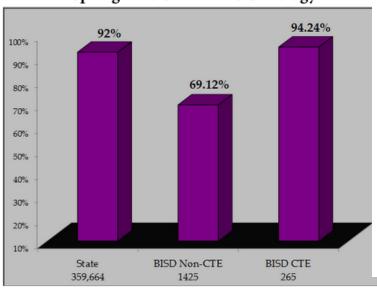


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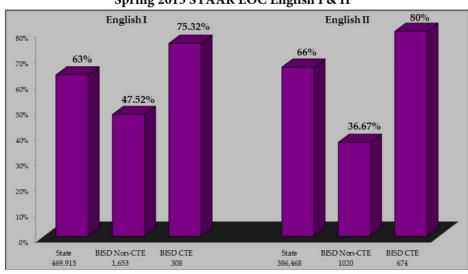


STAR
State of Texas Assessments
of Academic Readiness

**Spring 2015 STAAR EOC Biology** 



Spring 2015 STAAR EOC English I & II



\* We give them options.

- Online classes
- Summer school
- Regular or Pre AP

## Pre AP vs Regular classes



What should you do?





## Pre-AP

- If you like the class
- If you can do the homework
- If you have an A or B average
- If you understand the content



## Regular classes

- If you dislike a subject
- If you struggle with the homework
- If you have trouble passing the class
- If you don't get the concepts



## Pre AP vs Regular classes

#### other considerations...

- Are you involved in a lot of activities?
- Do you have a good work ethic?
- Are you strong in organization?
- GPA-weighted courses (both sides of the equation)

The bottom line.



We want to empower kids with a direction.



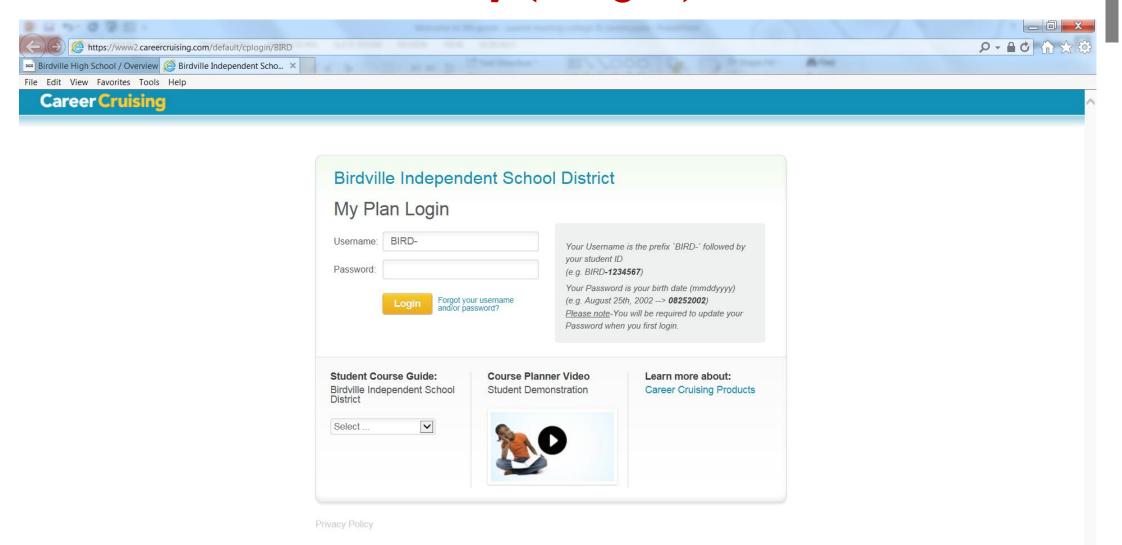
## CareerCruising.com

■ This is where we do EVERYTHING



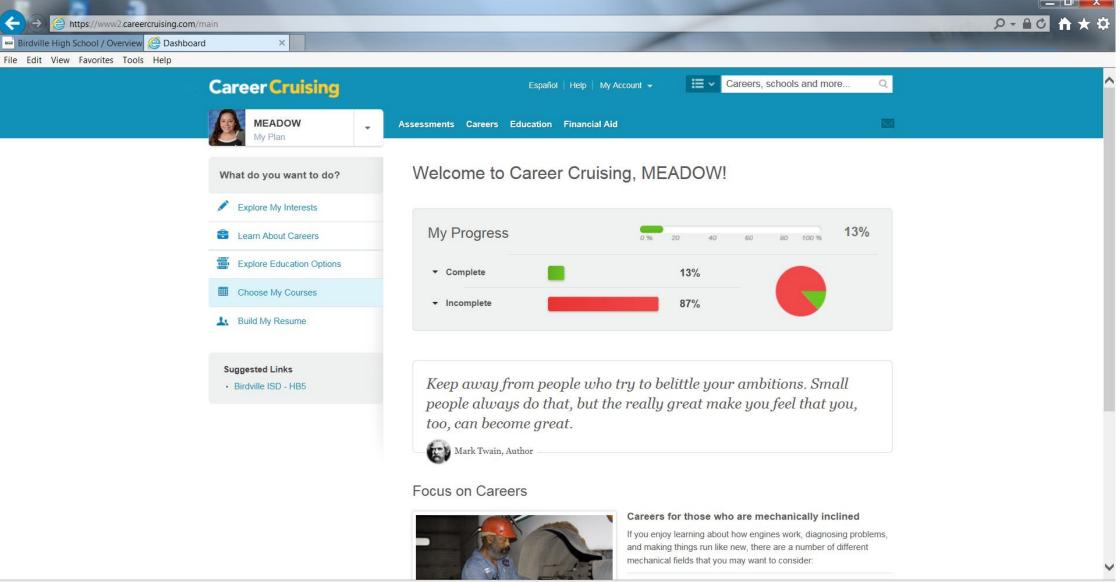
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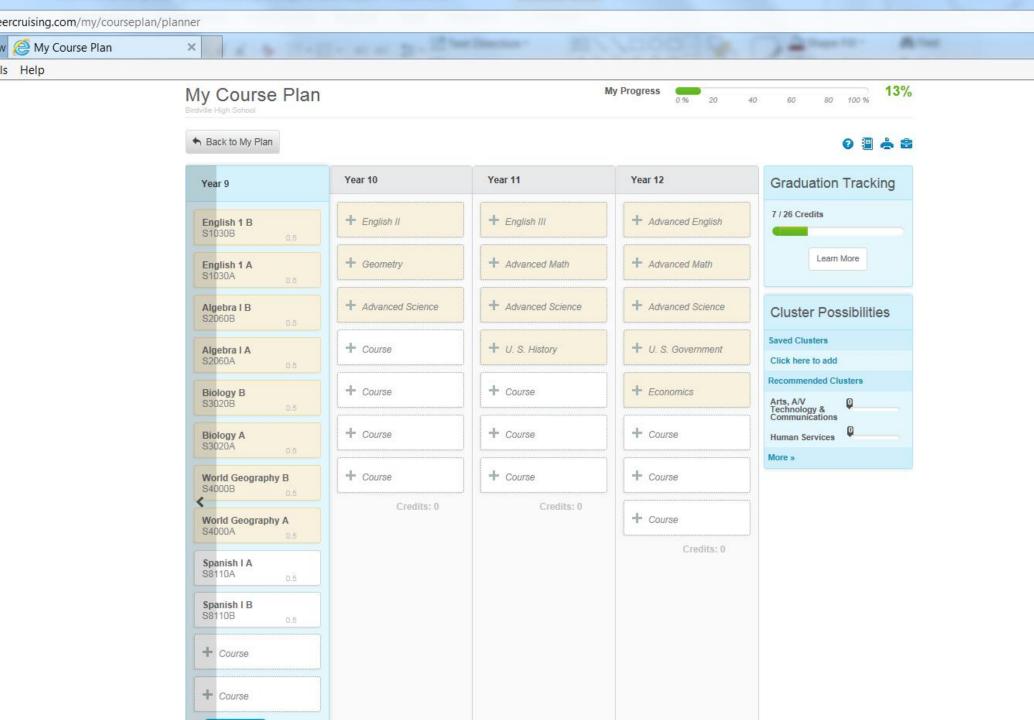




## Click on "Choose My Courses"



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Remember... 8<sup>th</sup> grade decisions are a starting point, not set in stone. Thanks for coming.

