



Public Services Endorsement

All students can thrive with the proper tools and resources to prepare them for their career paths. The goal of a career endorsement is to equip students for life after high school by ensuring they have everything they need to obtain a postsecondary degree or industry certification that reflects their individual passions and skills.

Career Endorsements help prepare students for high-demand careers. There are many paths to success, and all are worth celebrating.

WHAT IS AN ENDORSEMENT?

An endorsement is an option students can add to their high school diplomas to show knowledge and/or skills gained in one of five broad subject matter areas: STEM, Arts and Humanities, Business and Industry, Public Services, or Aerospace and Defense or in Multidisciplinary Studies. To get an endorsement, students must complete a logical sequence of specific courses and activities approved by their districts. The following are suggestions. Decisions about endorsements are at the determination of the district.

Schools will use this endorsement guide to:

- › Collaborate with industry leaders to build customized pathways so students can earn endorsements from high-demand industries.
 - For example, a district and employer may build an agreement allowing students earning an endorsement to automatically qualify for an internship with their organization.
- › Collaborate with local postsecondary educators to build customized pathways for students to earn endorsements.
 - For example, a district and university may build an agreement allowing students earning an endorsement to opt out of first year academic advising on campus.

Students will use this endorsement guide to:

- › Accompany their ICAP plan and take steps toward gaining meaningful experience in their chosen career pathway.
- › Locate college and career preparation events in their area.
- › Research Oklahoma's fastest growing industries.
- › Participate in career training programs to meet future workforce needs.
- › Connect with community mentors passionate about giving students the opportunity to succeed past high school.

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To earn the Public Services Endorsement, students must compile at least 10 points from across the domains of engagement: Academics, Leadership, Experience, and Service.

	OPTION 1	OPTION 2
Academics	At least 4 points	At least 4 points
Leadership	At least 3 points from two areas	At least 2 points from each area
Experience		
Service		
Total	10 Points	10 Points

Some courses taken during the high school years may be eligible to count toward more than one domain or may only be eligible for domains other than Academics. Please review this table carefully when planning your pathway.

ACADEMICS

Compile at least four points from the Academic domain.

- › **Additional math course:** In addition to the three required mathematics courses, each mathematics course beyond the rigor of Algebra 2 (i.e., pre-calculus, statistics, AP Calculus, etc.) [1 point].
- › **Career Technology course:** Complete any Career Technology course under the Public Services category [1 point].
- › **Career Technology academy programs:** Complete a Career Technology program (i.e., law, public safety, corrections and security, pre-education, certified nursing assistant program, etc.) [2 points per completed year].
- › **Foreign language:** One course in addition to required foreign language course [1 point], Earn a Seal of Biliteracy [2 points].
- › **Humanities courses:** Complete any philosophy, economic, sociology, speech or debate course [1 point].
- › **Additional science course:** In addition to the three required science courses, each science course beyond the rigor of Biology 1 (i.e., chemistry, physics, AP Biology, etc.) [1 point].
- › **Concurrent enrollment:** Any concurrent enrollment course related to a Public Services degree [1 point per course].

LEADERSHIP

- › **Leadership in clubs:** Hold an elected position in Public Services - related clubs (i.e., DECA, BPA, FCCLA, Coding Club, ROTC, Debate, Key Club, foreign language, student advocacy, multicultural, etc.) [1 point per club].
- › **School clubs:** Participate as an active member in Arts and Humanities-related clubs (i.e., DECA, FCCLA, Academic team, ROTC, Cadet Club, Competitive Athletic Training, Math and Science Club Health Club, HOSA, Debate Club, Career Technology student group, foreign language, student government, multicultural, ROTC, etc.) [1 point per club].
- › **Community clubs:** Boy/Girl Scouts (if certain level/number of badges is reached) or other non-school organizations such as athletics Boys & Girls or Junior Achievement as long as they're Public Services focused [1 point per club].

EXPERIENCE

- › **Job shadow:** Job shadow experience in a Public Services field (i.e., medical professional, etc.) This can be done in person or virtual [1 point].
- › **Career Technology program of study:** Participate in a Career Technology Public Services-related program of study [2 points].
- › **Internship or pre-apprenticeship:** Experience in a Public Services field (in person or virtual) [2 points].
- › **Work experience:** Working a part-time job either in summer or during the school year [2 points].
- › **Mentorship or training:** Complete a work - keys assessment [1 point].

SERVICE

- › **Community service:** Community Service project related to solving a Public Service or Public Health-related problem [1 point].
- › **Tutoring:** Volunteer as a tutor (district determines minimum amount of time) [1 point].
- › **Community clubs:** Boy/Girl Scouts (if certain level/number of badges is reached) or other non-school organizations such as athletics Boys & Girls Club or Junior Achievement as long as they're Public Services focused [1 point per club].
- › **Volunteer:** Commit to serve a minimum number of hours to volunteer for a non-profit organization. (minimum amount of time to be set by district) [1 point].

For a full list of service or work-based learning activities, [click here](#).

CAREERS BY PATHWAYS

This Career Endorsement prepares learners for careers in numerous fields that relate to public services. After learning a student's career interest, these endorsements should serve as a guide for students and families. Oklahoma's [Critical Occupations](#) include jobs that are in-demand and make high wages.

Many of these occupations have skills that translate to similar jobs and industries. Explore how you can use experiences gained from your endorsement to enter and advance in these careers in industries that are vital to growing our state's economy.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- › [Aerospace and Defense](#)
- › [Information Services](#)
- › [Transportation and Distribution](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH

- › [Direct Patient Care](#)
- › [Imaging and Diagnostics](#)

CAREER TRAINING / COLLEGE READINESS RESOURCES

[Career Technology Programs Map](#)

- › The map is meant to help students and families locate Career Technology Programs of Study available in their counties. Using this map students and families can begin making postsecondary plans while connecting their career interests to high-demand careers by career cluster.

[Advanced Placement Opportunities](#)

- › Advanced Placement courses can be an excellent opportunity to prepare students for college courses.

CAREER PLANNING RESOURCES

[OK College Start](#)

- › OK College Start is a free online tool that provides career interest quizzes, career information, growing occupation trends, scholarship and financial aid resources, and information about programs of study in Oklahoma. This is a perfect tool to pair with career curriculum in the classroom, as well as financial aid presentations.

[OK Career Guide](#)

- › The OK Career Guide is a free online tool to provide students free career-interest assessments, information about career expectations, growing trends in occupations, and information on programs of study available in Oklahoma. This interactive tool can be used in the classroom during career lessons and while at home with parents.

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To view a list of Oklahoma University programs click the links below:

- › [Bacon College](#)
- › [Cameron University](#)
- › [Carl Albert State College](#)
- › [Connors State College](#)
- › [East Central University](#)
- › [Eastern Oklahoma State College](#)
- › [Langston University](#)
- › [Mid-American Christian University](#)
- › [Murray State College](#)
- › [Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College](#)
- › [Northeastern State University](#)
- › [Northern Oklahoma College](#)
- › [Northwestern Oklahoma State University](#)
- › [Oklahoma Baptist University](#)
- › [Oklahoma Christian University](#)
- › [Oklahoma City Community College](#)
- › [Oklahoma City University](#)
- › [Oklahoma Panhandle State University](#)
- › [Oklahoma State University](#)
- › [Oklahoma State University - Institute of Technology](#)
- › [Oklahoma State University - OKC](#)
- › [Oklahoma Wesleyan University](#)
- › [Oral Roberts University](#)
- › [Redlands Community College](#)
- › [Rogers State University](#)
- › [Rose State Community College](#)
- › [Seminole State College](#)
- › [Southeastern Oklahoma State University](#)
- › [Southern Nazarene University](#)
- › [Southwestern Christian University](#)
- › [Southwestern Oklahoma State University](#)
- › [Tulsa Community College](#)
- › [University of Central Oklahoma](#)
- › [University of Oklahoma](#)
- › [University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma](#)
- › [University of Tulsa](#)
- › [Western Oklahoma State College](#)



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