



# Preparing for the Future

Transitioning from Calvary  
to high school and college

# How Firm a Foundation



“What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?” Mark 8:36

- What is the purpose of life?
  - To know Jesus, to share Jesus, and to glorify him in all things.



# Texas Graduation Plans

## *As of 2014-2015*



### Foundation+

### Distinguished

English

4.0

4.0

Mathematics

3.0 + 1.0

4.0

Science

3.0 + 1.0

4.0

Social Studies

3.0

3.0

Language

2.0

2.0

Fine Arts

1.0

1.0

Physical Education

1.0

1.0

Health

0.5

0.5

Elective Components

6.5\*

6.5\*

1 Endorsement – 4.0  
(Math, English, Elec)

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(Alg II, No IPC, Elec)

**TOTAL CREDITS**

**26**

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# Graduation Plans With Endorsement



	Found+	Disting
<b>ENGLISH:</b> English I, II, III, Advanced Course	4.0	4.0
<b>MATHMATICS:</b> Alg. 1, ( <b>Alg. 2</b> ), Geometry, Advanced Course	4.0	4.0
<b>SCIENCE:</b> Biology, (IPC)/ <b>Chemistry, Physics</b> , Advanced Course(s)	4.0	4.0
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES:</b> World History/Geography, U.S. History, U.S. Government (.5), Economics (.5)	3.0	3.0*
<b>WORLD LANGUAGE:</b> Foreign or Computer	2.0	2.0*
<b>FINE ARTS:</b> Art, Dance, Music, Theatre, Design	1.0	1.0
<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>	1.0	1.0
<b>HEALTH</b>	0.5	0.5
<b>ELECTIVES</b>	6.5*	6.5*
<b>ENDORSEMENT ELECTIVES</b>	4.0	4.0
1. STEM		
2. Business/Industry		
3. Public Services		
4. Arts/Humanities		
5. Multidisciplinary Studies		



# Endorsements

## 1. STEM

- Environmental Science, Technology, Engineering, Advanced Math

## 2. Business and Industry

- Database Management, Information Techn., Communications, Accounting, Finance, Marketing, Graphic Design, Architecture, Construction, Welding, HVAC, Logistics, Automotive Techn., Agricultural Science

# Endorsements



## 3. Public Service

- Health Sciences, Education/Training, Law Enforcement, Culinary Arts, Hospitality

## 4. Arts and Humanities

- Political Sciences, World Languages, Cultural Studies, English Literature, History, Fine Arts

## 5. Multidisciplinary Studies

- Select courses from each endorsement area
- Credits in advances course for distinguished level



# Advanced Diploma

- **Distinguished Designation**
  - 4 Credits Science – No IPC
  - 4 Credits Math – Including Algebra II
  - At least 1 Endorsement
  - Qualifies Top 10% College Acceptance & TX Grant
- **Performance Acknowledgments**
  - AP Exam – Score of 3 or Better
  - PSAT, PLAN, SAT, ACT – Outstanding
  - Dual Credit Courses 12 Cred & 3.0+
  - Recognized Certification or License





# **HB 5**

## **State of Texas**

### **2014-2015**



- **Endorsements**
  - RISD & PISD Offer All Endorsements
  - If 1 Endorsement – Must be Multidisciplinary Studies
  - Selection in Writing – May Change Endorsement
- **5 End of Course (EOC) Exams - STAAR**
  - English I and II, Algebra I, US History, Biology
- **Calvary Potential HS Credits**
  - Algebra – 1 Credit
  - Latin I – 1 Credit



# High School Diploma Texas Grant



**Qualifies for Financial Grants**  
EFC \$5430 or under - FAFSA

- ✓ Tuition/fees to non-profit public university/college
  - \$5666 - 9050 for Public and State Colleges
  - \$3010 for Community College
  - \$5496 for Technical Institutes
- ✓ Texas Accredited High School
- ✓ Foundation, Recommended, Distinguished Plan
- ✓ Financial Need

# Types of Student Classes

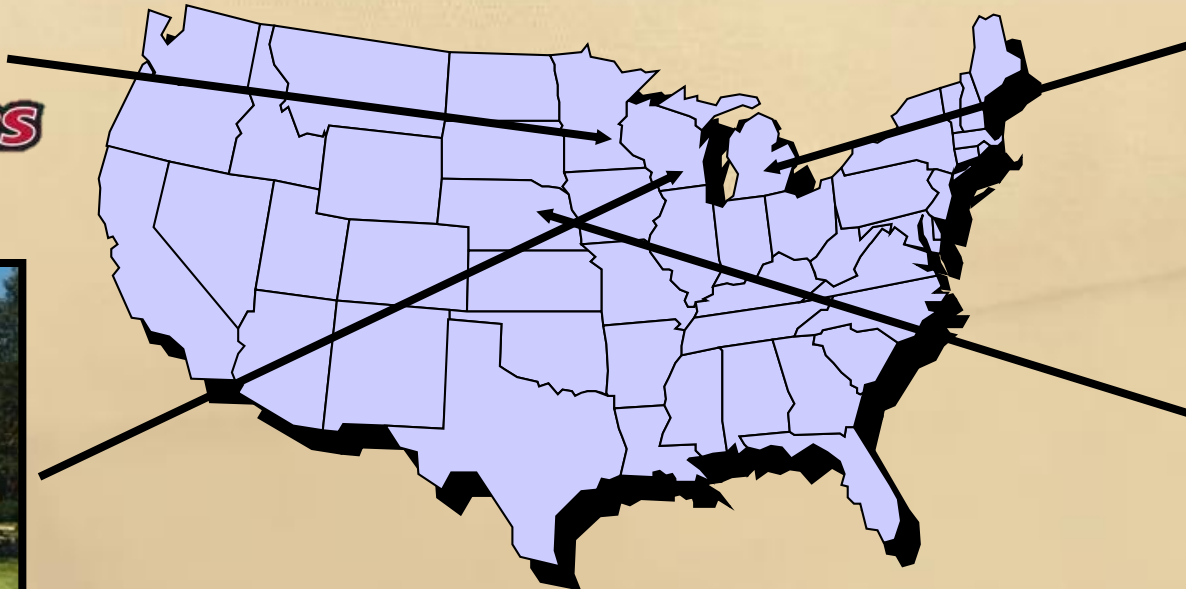


- **Honors**
  - Same Curriculum as Regular – Depth/Extension
  - Focused on High-Achieving Students
- **Advanced Placement (AP) (10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Gr)**
  - Correspond with College Courses
  - AP Exams for College Credit
- **Dual Credit – College Credit (11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Gr)**
- **International Baccalaureate (IB)**
- **Career and Technical Education (CTE)**

# WELS High Schools



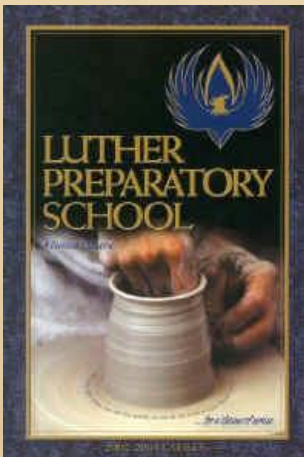
- Luther Preparatory School – Watertown, WI
- Nebraska Lutheran – Waco, NE
- St. Croix Lutheran – W. St. Paul, MN
- Michigan Lutheran Seminary – Saginaw, MI



# Preparatory Schools



- Focused on Training for Ministry
  - Pastors and Teachers
  - Lay Leaders
- College Preparatory Curriculum
- MLC Focused College Guidance
- Synod Supported Tuition



# Preparatory School Curriculum



<b>RELIGION</b>	<b>4.0*</b>
<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>MATHMATICS:</b> Minimum of Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or IIA	<b>3.0</b>
<b>SCIENCE:</b> General Science, Biology, Physics, Chemistry	<b>3.0</b>
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES:</b> World Geog., Ancient/Medieval History, Modern World History, U.S. History	<b>3.0</b>
<b>HEALTH</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>COMMUNICATION APPLICATIONS</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>MUSIC &amp; FINE ARTS</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<b>TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>FOREIGN LANGUAGE:</b> Latin, German, Spanish	<b>4.0</b>
<b>ELECTIVES</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>GRADUATION</b>	<b>30 Standard</b>

**St. Croix and Nebraska LHS:** AP Courses, Dual Credit, Broader Course Selections



# WELS Boarding High Schools



Nebraska – Waco, NE

St. Croix – W. St. Paul, MN


Rocky Mountain – Denver, CO


California – Wildomar, CA





# WELS School Fees



- Luther Prep   
1st Child \$ 10700.00

- Michigan Lutheran Seminary   
1st Child \$ 10820.00

- Nebraska Lutheran   
1st Child \$ 9576.00

- St. Croix Lutheran   
1st Child \$ 13,500.00 (\$900,000 in tuition assistance)  
Boarding Offer – 2 Scholarships \$3000 Each

- ✓ High School Placement Test
- ✓ Application & Financial Aid



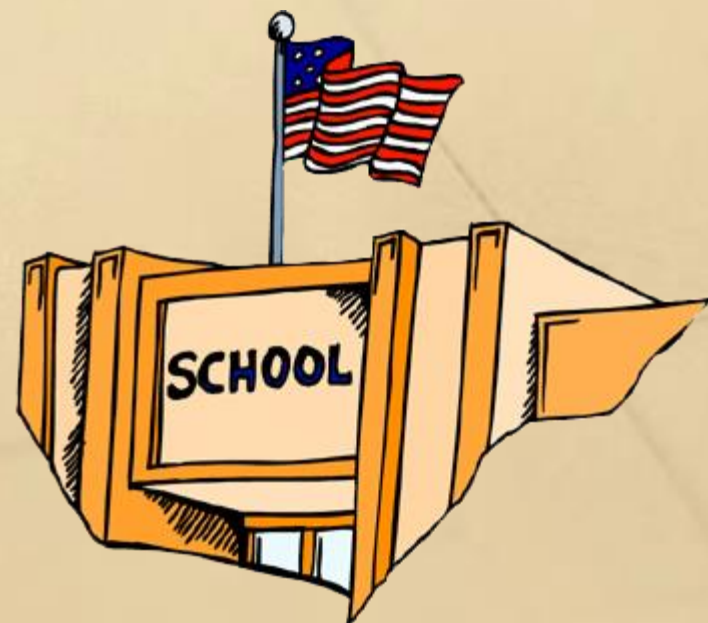
# Area Private Schools



- **Philosophy and Beliefs**
- **Accreditation**
- **Visitation**
  - Open House
  - Student for a Day – Shadow
- **Recommendation Forms/Letters**

– Faith Lutheran – Plano	\$ 9640
– Garland Christian Academy	\$ 8150
– Dallas Christian	\$16000*
– Dallas Lutheran School	\$14150

  - Scholarship/Entrance Test – February
  - Preview – January 17 at 9:00 – 11:00 AM



# Facilitating Enrollment



- **School Orientations: January – February**
- **School Open House**
- **Meeting with Counselor: March – May**
  - Recent Report Card
  - Accredited Status of Calvary  
TEPSAC ID 057-256-101
  - Standardized Test Scores
  - Calvary Input Regarding Credits
- **Registration**
  - Spring or Summer Depending on District



# Acclimating Students



- Attend School Open House
- Attend School Events
- Develop Circle of Friends
  - Extracurricular Activities
    - Choirs
    - Athletics
    - Clubs
- Utilize School Communications





# Looking to College

- **High School Course Load**
  - 4 Years: English, History, Math, Science
  - 3 Years: Foreign Language
  - Honors, AP, and Dual-Credit Courses
  - Extracurricular Activities
- **High School Testing**
  - PSAT/NMSQT
  - PLAN
  - SAT I/II
  - ACT





# College Prep Testing

- **PSAT/NMSQT**

- Preparation for SAT

- Freshman & Sophomore Year – October
- Comparison to Juniors: Reading, Math, Writing
- Identify Strengths and Weaknesses

- National Merit Scholar Qualifying Test

- Junior Year – October
- Notification for NMS Recognition – September
  - Commended, Semi-finalist, Finalist
  - Scholarship Awardees





# College Prep Testing

- **PLAN**

- Pre-ACT Test

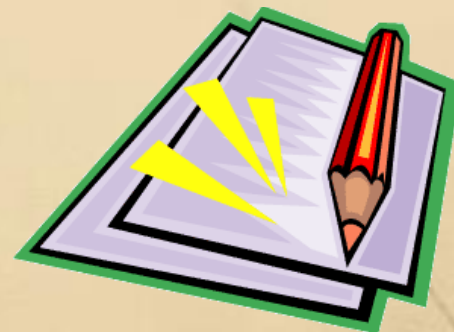
- Academic Measurement
    - Career Planning
    - High School Course Selection

- Assesses

- English, Math, Reading, Science, (Writing)

- Sophomore Year – Fall

- Junior Year – Spring







# College Entrance Tests

- **SAT**
  - Standard Test in South and West
  - New SAT: Evidence-Based Reading & Math
    - 200-800 Points Each
    - Top Score: 1600      Average: 1080
    - Texas Universities: 1300 Minimum
  - SAT II: Subject Matter Tests
  - Taking the Test
    - Junior Year: Spring and Summer
    - Register: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
    - Select Colleges: 4 included







# College Entrance Exams

- **ACT**
  - Standard Test in Midwest and Northeast
  - English, Math, Reading, Science, (Writing)
    - 1-36 Scale
    - Average Score: 21 (30 for Texas Universities)
  - Taking the Test
    - Junior Year: Spring and Summer
    - Register at: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
    - Select Colleges: 4 included





# Planning Resources

- Web Sites
  - <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/graduation.aspx>
  - [www.CollegeForTexans.com](http://www.CollegeForTexans.com)
  - [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- Financial Aid
  - Average Texas Public University \$24,263
  - Average Texas Comm.College \$ 4000\*
  - FAFSA: After January 1 – Senior Year
  - Texas Grant: Covered by FAFSA
  - Scholarships, Grants and Aid

# Maintaining a Firm Foundation



- Home Devotional Life
- Church and Bible Class Attendance
- Youth Group
- Church Service Activities
- Home as Focal Point for Friends
- True Wisdom

