

Irving Pathway and CTSO Decision Guide



NAME _____

DATE _____

PERIOD _____

Use the current district pages

Pathway names, campuses, courses, applications, and student organizations can change. Use the current Irving ISD High School CTE pages and the current 2026-2027 coursebook. Do not use an old poster as the only source.

WHERE TO LOOK

- 1. Open Irving ISD **High School CTE**.
 - 2. Open the campus page for Irving High, MacArthur, Nimitz, Singley Academy, or Cardwell.
 - 3. Use the **2026-2027 High School Course Work** page to check one possible course or prerequisite.
 - 4. Record a question for a counselor when a campus, course, transportation route, or application step is unclear.
- Singley Academy is application-based. Other travel, transfer, or center arrangements must be confirmed with a counselor. A pathway page does not guarantee admission, transportation, a credential, or a job.

1. Research three possible pathways

Use short phrases in the table. You will explain and compare on the next pages.

RANK	EXACT PATHWAY NAME	CAMPUS OR CENTER	ONE COURSE, FEATURE, OR REQUIREMENT	EVIDENCE THAT IT FITS MY GOAL
1				
2				
3				

2. Compare the top two

Use short phrases in the table. Use the full-width lines for your decision and question.

DECISION FACTOR	PATHWAY 1	PATHWAY 2
Career-goal fit		
Current campus or access route		
Course or prerequisite to verify		
Hands-on experience or program feature		
Biggest question or trade-off		

My current first choice: _____

Why this choice is stronger right now:

One question I still need to ask a counselor, teacher, or family member:

3. Career and Technical Student Organizations

The current TEA page lists state-recognized CTSOs as part of CTE programs. The examples below are the organizations most directly connected to the career areas in this guide; the state list also includes additional organizations. CTSOs can provide leadership practice, projects, competitions, service, and contact with people who share a career interest. Local chapter availability varies.

CAREER AREA	CTSO EXAMPLES RECOGNIZED BY TEXAS
Agriculture	FFA
Business, finance, marketing	BPA, DECA, FBLA
Family and consumer sciences, hospitality, education	FCCLA, TAFE
Health science	HOSA
Skilled trades and technical service	SkillsUSA
STEM, engineering, technology	TSA

Sources: Texas Education Agency CTSO page and CTSO Oversight Policy, checked August 11, 2026. Confirm the actual chapter and participation requirements with the campus.

CTSO that may connect to my first-choice pathway: _____

One activity or benefit I would use:

Why that benefit could matter in 9th grade:

One local-availability question:

4. Make a next-step plan

My current pathway choice is:

The current district source I used:

One high-school course or requirement to verify next week:

One person I can ask:

One action I can take before high school:

Explain how a CTSO, club, course, project, volunteer role, or competition could help you test this pathway before making a bigger commitment. Write four to six sentences.

Done when

- ☐ I researched three pathways from current district sources.
- ☐ I compared the top two using five decision factors.
- ☐ I connected one CTSO benefit to my first-choice pathway.
- ☐ I named one course or requirement to verify next week.