

# Pathways at Eden Prairie Schools

An Inspired Journey of discovery, exploration  
and pursuit.



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# Why an Inspired Journey?



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# 2023-2028 Strategies & Strategic Results

## AUTHENTIC & PERSONALIZED LEARNING

By 2028 we will inspire students to engage and achieve at high levels through authentic and personalized learning experiences.

## WELLBEING

By 2028, we will nurture wellbeing among all students and staff by fostering belonging, ensuring physical and emotional health, and promoting safety, kindness and personal responsibility.

## INCLUSION & BELONGING

By 2028, we will cultivate an inclusive learning environment that fosters a sense of belonging for each student within our diverse community.



# Historical Timeline

- **February - September 2016: Academic Design Process for next ten years**
- September 2016 - May 2017: Facilities Design Process
- May 2017: Recommendations to School Board on facilities
- May 2017: Core Planning Team recommends Strategic Plan focused on personalized learning, eliminating achievement disparities, and engagement
- November 2019: Referendum passes
- 2019-2020: CMS engages in design processes
- 2020-2021: EPHS engages in design processes
- September 2021: Remodeled CMS opens, investment in schedule & several new electives added
- 2021-2022: Two Capstone Courses run at EPHS
- 2022-2023: Inspire Choice pilot at Cedar Ridge & Eden Lake (2 cycles)
- 2022-2023: Six Capstone Courses run at EPHS
- **2023-2024: All Elementary Sites experience Inspire Choice**
- **2023-2024: Five Pathways at CMS**
- **2023-2024: Nine Capstones at EPHS**

# What is Inspired Journey?



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Each person in our community experiences an Inspired Journey of **DISCOVERY, EXPLORATION, and PURSUIT.**

During the **PURSUE** portion of the journey, students take their interests to the next level to pursue their individual goals. Coursework and co-curricular experiences are provided and aligned so that students are prepared for the next step in their journey.



During the **DISCOVER** portion of the journey, students begin to discover their strengths, talents and interests as they sample a variety of topics, have new experiences and explore available resources.

During the **EXPLORE** portion of the journey, students dive even deeper into their interests with opportunities to explore, become curious about, and build skills across many disciplines.

# Essential Components



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**Students will engage with resources, tasks, purposes, and audience that are authentic to the related profession**

**Students will apply new and prior knowledge and skills**

**Students will think and act like professionals in the field**

**Students will have choice in demonstrating their learning**

# Inspired Journey at the Elementary Schools

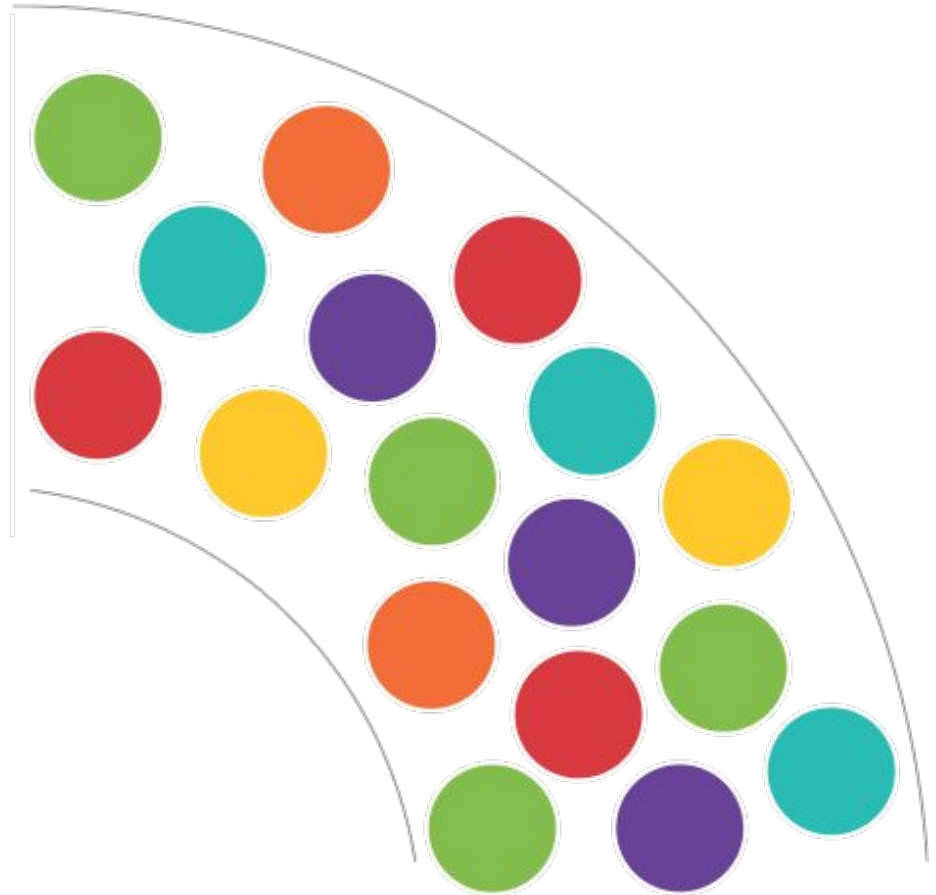


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# Discover

During the **DISCOVER** portion of the journey, students begin to discover their strengths, talents and interests as they sample a variety of topics, have new experiences and explore available resources.





# Elementary- Inspire Choice

## Discovery Groups:

- 6-8 weeks
- Authentic learning
- Pathways centered

## 5th Grade Steppingstone Experience:

- Celebrate learning and continued practice of the 4 Cs
- Reflect on talents and interests “discovered” during elementary

# WHAT ARE DISCOVERY GROUPS?

Discovery was created from the Rensuli, et. al. research:

“Enrichment clusters allow groups of students who share a common interest to come together each week during a specially designated time block to produce a product, performance, or targeted service based on that common interest.” (Rensuli, Ries, Gentry 2014).

Usually last for  
6-8 weeks

Are unique and  
driven by student  
interests,  
questions and  
passion areas

Open and  
available to ALL  
students

All teachers,  
specialists and  
school staff can  
participate.

Authentic and  
relevant  
knowledge  
connected to the  
area of interest

Apply thinking  
skills to common  
problems  
identified by the  
group

Work is directed  
towards the  
production of a  
product or service  
to an authentic  
audience

Community  
members are  
sought out and  
welcomed as  
cluster facilitators

# Discovery Highlights from SY 23-24

| Pathway                                    | CR | EHSI | EL | EPO | FH | OP | PV | Total |
|--|----|------|----|-----|----|----|----|-------|
| Business & Management                      | 0  | 2    | 9  | 1   | 4  | 4  | 3  | 23    |
| Communications & Arts                      | 25 | 37   | 31 | 12  | 36 | 26 | 34 | 201   |
| Engineering, Technology, and Manufacturing | 13 | 8    | 7  | 1   | 10 | 13 | 17 | 69    |
| Human & Public Services                    | 12 | 17   | 11 | 4   | 14 | 12 | 17 | 87    |
| Natural & Applied Sciences                 | 12 | 17   | 11 | 7   | 7  | 14 | 11 | 79    |

- 459 Discovery Groups
- 100% of staff and students participated at Elementary Schools
- Data supports increased engagement, attendance and reduced behavior
- Summer working group created for continuous improvement
- 41 Guest Instructors

# DISCOVERY GROUP



*A student choice opportunity  
to develop interests and talents*

**Be Your  
Own Boss  
(4)**

**Cooking and  
Baking (4)**

**Kid Makers (5)**

**Animals (1)**

**Happy  
Seedlings (3)**

**Wilderness  
Wednesday (K)**

**Arts and  
Crafts (1)**

**Theater (4)**

**Legos Video (3)**

**Building (1)**

**Terrific  
Technology  
(2)**

**Coding (3)**

**Lights, Camera,  
Action (4)**

**Games (3)**

**Where in the  
World (5)**

# Inspired Journey at the Middle School

Capstone

Stepping-  
stone

Discovery  
Explore  
Pursue

Milestone

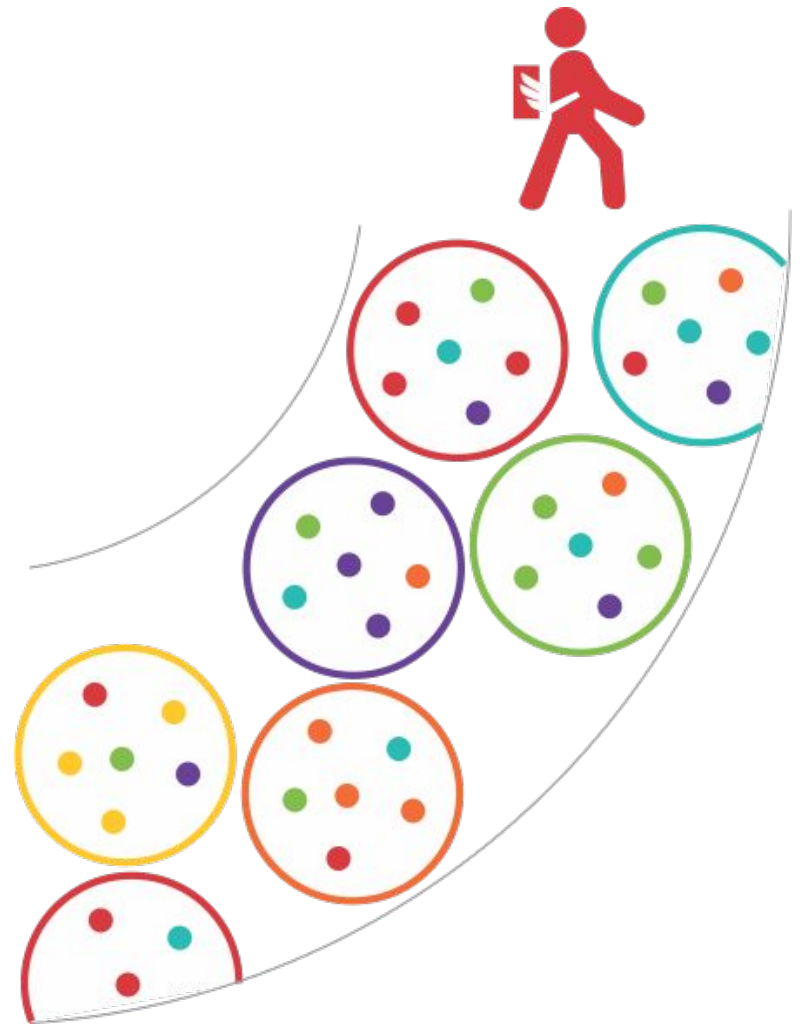


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# Explore

During the **EXPLORE** portion of the journey, students dive even deeper into their interests with opportunities to explore, become curious about, and build skills across many disciplines.





# Middle- Explore

## Exploration Courses:






- Students participate in all 5 pathways
- Authentic learning
- Pathways centered

## Milestone Experiences:

- Demonstrate 4Cs ability through authentic presentation
- Showcase refined skills within pathway



# CMS Exploration Courses

|                  | <br><b>BUSINESS &amp; MANAGEMENT</b>           | <br><b>HUMAN &amp; PUBLIC SERVICES</b>                         | <br><b>NATURAL &amp; APPLIED SCIENCES</b> | <br><b>ENGINEERING, TECHNOLOGY &amp; MANUFACTURING</b> | <br><b>COMMUNICATION &amp; ARTS</b>                   |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|--|
| <b>6th Grade</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pathways to Business</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Studies</li> <li>• Key Scholars Social Studies</li> <li>• Key Spanish Social Studies</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science</li> <li>• Advanced Science</li> </ul>                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pathways to Engineering and Technology</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visual Arts</li> <li>• Digital Media Arts</li> <li>• Theater Arts</li> </ul>                    |
| <b>7th Grade</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal &amp; Business Career Literacy</li> <li>• Entrepreneurship</li> </ul>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Studies</li> <li>• Advanced Social Studies</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science</li> <li>• Advanced Science</li> </ul>                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designers &amp; Makers</li> <li>• GreEngineering</li> </ul>                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arts, Media, &amp; Culture</li> <li>• Drawing &amp; Painting</li> <li>• Theater Arts</li> </ul> |
| <b>8th Grade</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal Financial Literacy</li> <li>• Business Leadership &amp; Management</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Studies</li> <li>• Advanced Social Studies</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science</li> <li>• Advanced Science</li> </ul>                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design, Model &amp; Make</li> <li>• Coding &amp; Robotics</li> </ul>                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visual Arts &amp; Identity</li> <li>• 3D Visual Arts</li> <li>• Theater Arts</li> </ul>         |

# Explore Highlights from SY 23-24

- 19 Exploratory Courses
- 99% of students participating in all pathways
- Increased authenticity in projects
- Summer curriculum development
- 8 Guest Instructors
- 3 Site Visits
- Milestone projects at Inspired Journey Summit



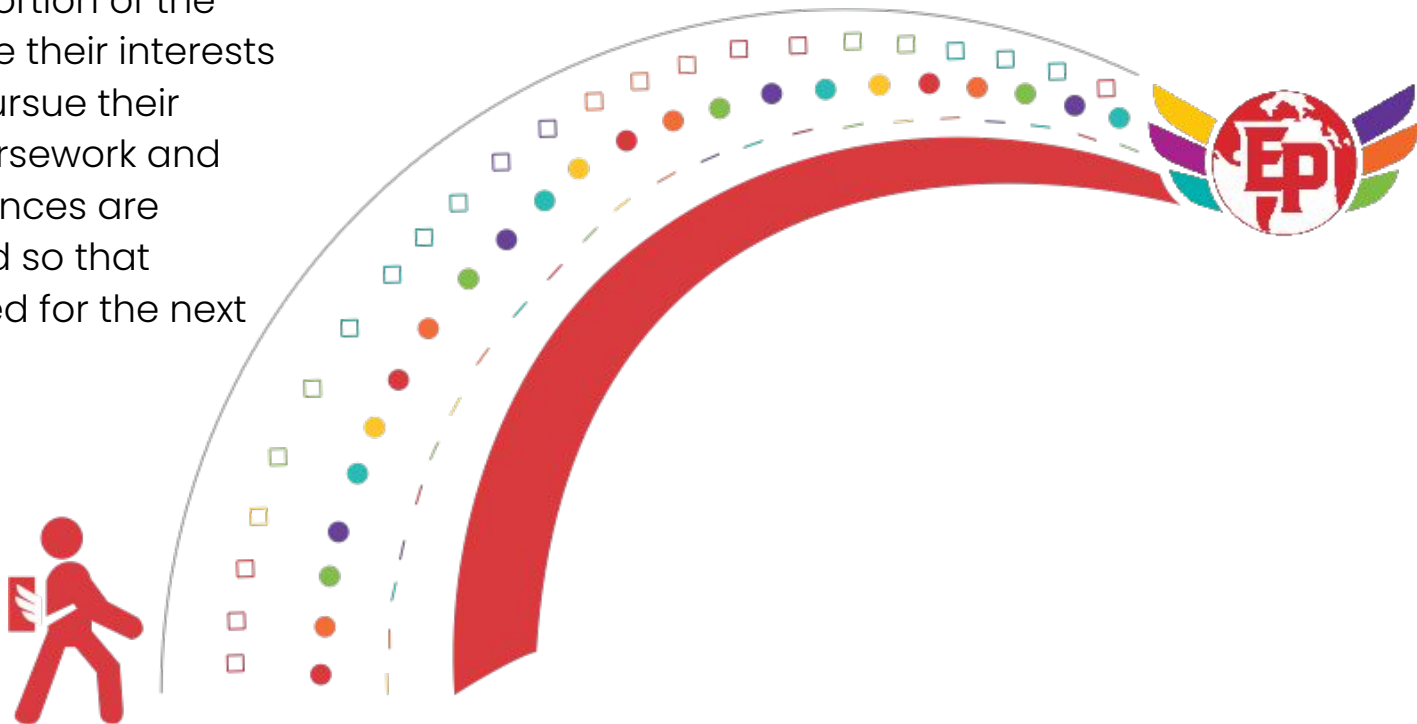
# Inspired Journey at the High School



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# Pursue

During the **PURSUE** portion of the journey, students take their interests to the next level to pursue their individual goals. Coursework and co-curricular experiences are provided and aligned so that students are prepared for the next step in their journey.





# High School- Pursue

## Pathways:

- 10 credits to be a “Pathway Completer”
- Supporting Courses
- Tailored Core Courses
- Extra Curricular

## Capstone Courses:

- Four essential elements of Capstones
- Authentic learning and audiences
- Refining 4 C’s

# Pathway Completers



Pathway Completed: Business & Management  
Pathway Completed: Communications & Arts  
Pathway Completed: Eng., Tech. & Manufacturing  
Pathway Completed: Human & Public Services  
Pathway Completed: Natural & Applied Sciences

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| EPHS Academic Planner | Earned        |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Fine or Applied Arts  | 5,000         |
| Health                | 1,000         |
| Math                  | 8,000         |
| Physical Education    | 2,000         |
| Science               | 6,000         |
| Social Studies        | 8,000         |
| Technology            | 1,000         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>61,000</b> |

**State Seals**  
Gold bilingual or multilingual Seal 03/01/2022 Spanish

Pathway Completed: Business & Management  
Pathway Completed: Communications & Arts  
Pathway Completed: Eng., Tech. & Manufacturing  
Pathway Completed: Human & Public Services  
Pathway Completed: Natural & Applied Sciences

# EP Pathways & Capstones



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|---|--|
| Business & Management                   | Entrepreneurship, Integrated Marketing & Analytics, Leadership and Management Internship (EPO)                                   |
| Human & Public Services                 | Education, Civics in ACTION, Public Policy and Artificial Intelligence (EPO)   |
| Natural & Applied Sciences              | Science Research & Design, Biomedical Internship: CNA Capstone   |
| Engineering, Technology & Manufacturing | Principles of Engineering, Advanced Woodcrafting, iOS App Development, Aeronautics Capstone                                      |
| Communication & Arts                    | Art Capstone, Media and Communication Capstone, Professional Music Performance (EPO), Writing/Illustrating for Publication (EPO) |

\*\*Red text indicates it is a new Capstone for 24-25 school year





# Business and Management



BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT

2024-25

## Planning Your Pathway Business & Management

**Plan your Pathway below!** 10 credits necessary to complete a Pathway, earned through Pathway Courses, extracurricular activities, and a required Capstone Course.

### PURSUING A CAPSTONE (\* indicates a required prerequisite course)

Marketing Strategies\*

Business Innovations\*

Entrepreneurship Capstone

Marketing Strategies\*

Social Media Marketing\*

Integrated Marketing & Analytics Capstone

**EP ONLINE**  
Choose one: AP Psychology, International Business Management, Personal Finance, or Sports & Entertainment Marketing

Small Business Management

Leadership & Management Internship Capstone

### PATHWAY COURSES - up to 8 credits available from Pathway Courses

| Year | Credits | Course |
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**Available Supporting Courses:** Accounting, AP Microeconomics\*\*, AP Macroeconomics\*\*, Business Innovations, Business Introduction, Business Introduction - Spanish, Spreadsheets & Databases\*\*, Marketing Strategies, Leadership Through Project Management, Digital and Social Media Marketing, Personal Finance, Adjudication Nation, Business Law & Ethics, Fashion Design & Merchandising, Psychology, AP Psychology\*\*, Gourmet & International Foods, Level 4 World Language Courses\*\* or ASL 3, Community Employment Seminar, Senior Intern Program, Hospitality & Tourism, Web Design, Sports & Entertainment Marketing, Small Business Management, International Business Management.

Courses in **black** are exclusive to EPMS  
 Courses in **BLUE** can also be taken through EP Online  
 Courses in **RED** can be taken exclusively through EP Online  
 \*\*College credit available

### QUALIFYING ACTIVITIES

1 Pathway credit per year, maximum 2 available

| Year | Credits | Course |
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### CAPSTONE COURSES

Required - 2 credits each

| Year | Course |
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**Capstone:** Entrepreneurship Capstone, Integrated Marketing & Analytics Capstone, Leadership and Management Internship

**Qualifying Extracurricular Activities:** DECA, Computer Science Honors Society, Quiz Bowl (do not count toward graduation requirements)

# Communication and Arts



COMMUNICATION & ARTS

2024-25

## Planning Your Pathway Communication & Arts

**Plan your Pathway below!** 10 credits necessary to complete a Pathway, earned through Pathway Courses, extracurricular activities, and a required Capstone Course.

**PURSUING A CAPSTONE** (\* indicates a required prerequisite course)

Any two Art Courses\*\* → Art Capstone

Choose one of the following\*: Intro to 21st Century Journalism, Yearbook, Photography, Graphic Technologies, Darkroom & Digital Technology, Creative Writing → Media and Communications Capstone

EP ONLINE → Two full years of music (band/orchestral) → Professional Music Performance (EPO)

Any two EPO Art and/or Creative Writing → Writing/Illustrating for Publication (EPO)

**PATHWAY COURSES** - up to 8 credits available from Pathway Courses

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**Available Supporting Courses:** Acting & Theatre Arts, Advanced Acting, Theatre Production, Ukulele, Eagle Marching Band, 9th Grade Band, 9th Grade Orchestra, Concert Band, Concert Orchestra, Concerting Orchestra, Concert Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Treble Choir, Concert Choir, Bass Clef Choir, Chamber Choir, Public Speaking, Voice Acting, Introduction to 21st Century Journalism, Graphic Technologies, Film Studies, Darkroom & Digital Photography, Jewelry Metalworking, Drawing I-II, Painting I and II, Ceramics I and II, Advanced Ceramics, Sculpture I and II, Creative Writing, Digital Art I and II, AP Studio Art\*\*, Intro to Acting: Improv and Comedy, *Creative Writing*, Interior Design, Fashion Design & Merchandising, Advanced Journalism: Yearbook, *AP Art History\*\**, 2D Animation, Fiber Arts, Advanced Animation, America Through Multimedia, Level 4 World Language Courses\*\* or ASL 3, Community Employment Seminar, Senior Internship, Web Design, Game Design, Theatre/Cinema/Film Production, Music of the World, Art of the World, Instrumental Music Techniques, Vocal Music Techniques, Visual Art Techniques, Theatre Performance Techniques, AP Music Theory

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**QUALIFYING ACTIVITIES**  
 1 Pathway credit per year, maximum 2 available

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**Qualifying Extracurricular Activities:** Speech, Debate, Drama, Y's Act (do not count toward graduation requirements)

**CAPSTONE COURSES**  
 Required - 2 credits each

| Year | Course |
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**Capstone:** Art Capstone, Media and Communication Capstone, Professional Music Performance, Writing/Illustrating for Publication

# Engineering, Technology, and Manufacturing



ENGINEERING, TECHNOLOGY  
& MANUFACTURING

2024-25

## Planning Your Pathway Engineering, Technology & Manufacturing

**Plan your Pathway below!** 10 credits necessary to complete a Pathway, earned through Pathway Courses, extracurricular activities, and a required Capstone Course.

### PURSUING A CAPSTONE (\* indicates a required prerequisite course)

Woodcrafting\*

Woodcrafting Custom Design - Intermediate

Advanced Woodcrafting

AP Computer Science Principles\* -or- AP Computer Science A/JAW\*
iOS App Development

Introduction to Engineering

Robotics and Automation

Principles of Engineering

Introduction to Aeronautics\*

Aeronautics: Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (Drones)\*

Aeronautics Capstone

### PATHWAY COURSES - up to 8 credits available from Pathway Courses

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**Available Supporting Courses:** Introduction to Aeronautics, Aeronautics: Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones), Intro to Engineering Design\*\*, Interior Design, Woodcrafting, Woodcrafting Custom Design - Intermediate, Cybersecurity, Research and Design, Residential Architecture, Engineering Manufacturing – Metal Work, Robotics & Automation, Computer Science Principles, AP Computer Science Principles\*\*, AP Computer Science A: Java\*\*, Level 4 World Language Courses\*\* or ASL 3, Community Employment Seminar, Senior Intern Program, Web Design, Game Design, Foundations of Programming, Advanced Networking

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#### QUALIFYING ACTIVITIES

1 Pathway credit per year, maximum 2 available

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**Qualifying Extracurricular Activities:** Computer Science Honor Society, Math Team, Robotics, Science Olympiad, Quiz Bowl, 4-H  
*(do not count toward graduation requirements)*

#### CAPSTONE COURSES

Required - 2 credits each

| Year | Course |
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**Capstone:** iOS App Development Capstone, Advanced Woodcrafting Capstone, Principles of Engineering Capstone, Aeronautics Capstone

# Human and Public Services



HUMAN & PUBLIC SERVICES

2024-25

## Planning Your Pathway Human & Public Services

**Plan your Pathway below!** 10 credits necessary to complete a Pathway, earned through Pathway Courses, extracurricular activities, and a required Capstone Course.

**PURSUING A CAPSTONE** (\* indicates a required prerequisite course)

Child Psychology ABR

Elementary Education Experience

Education Capstone

Any two Social Studies Courses\*

Civics in Action

**EP ONLINE**

One Social Studies/Policy Course

One Technology/Computer Science Course

EPO Public Policy and Artificial Intelligence Capstone

**PATHWAY COURSES** - up to 8 credits available from Pathway Courses

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**Available Supporting Courses:** AP Human Geography\*\*, AP US History\*\*, AP Comparative Politics\*\*, AP World History: Modern\*\*, AP US Government\*\*, AP Macroeconomics\*\*, AP Microeconomics\*\*, Intro to Social Justice, Adjudication Nation, Elementary Education Experience, Music Insights, Peer Insights, Psychology, Art Insights, AP Psychology\*\*, Child Psychology, Science of Happiness, Sociology, AP Environmental Science\*\*, Level 4 World Language Courses\*\* or ASL 3, Senior Intern Program, Community Employment Seminar, AP African American History, American Red Cross Lifeguard Training, African American History, Addressing Global Issues, World Religions, Anthropology, Principles of Public Service, Careers in Criminal Justice, Careers in National Security

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**QUALIFYING ACTIVITIES**  
*1 Pathway credit per year, maximum 2 available*

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**Qualifying Extracurricular Activities:** Y's Act, Speech, Debate, 4-H  
(do not count toward graduation requirements)

**CAPSTONE COURSES**  
*Required - 2 credits each*

| Year | Course |
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**Capstone:** Education Capstone, Civics in ACTION Capstone, Public Policy and Artificial Intelligence Capstone


# Natural and Applied Sciences



NATURAL & APPLIED SCIENCES

2024-25

## Planning Your Pathway Natural & Applied Sciences



**Plan your Pathway below!** 10 credits necessary to complete a Pathway, earned through Pathway Courses, extracurricular activities, and a required Capstone Course.

**PURSUING A CAPSTONE** (\* Indicates a required prerequisite course)

Two Advanced Science Courses
One Elective Science Course (Health, Ag, Computer)
Science Research and Design

Choose two of the following\*: Anatomy/Physiology, First Aid & CPR/AED Certification, Intro to Organic Chemistry & Biochemistry, Medical Terminology and Health Careers, Nutrition & Exercise Science, Introduction to Health and Medical Science, or Veterinary Science
Biomedical Internship: CNA Capstone

**PATHWAY COURSES** - up to 8 credits available from Pathway Courses

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**Available Supporting Courses:** Honors Earth & Space Science, Honors Biology, AP Biology\*\*, Honors Chemistry, AP Chemistry\*\*, Honors Physics, AP Physics\*\*, AP Environmental Science\*\*, Statistics & Data Science, AP Statistics\*\*, Spreadsheets & Databases\*\*, Computer Science Principles, AP Computer Science Principles\*\*, AP Computer Science A. Java\*\*, Advanced Biology: Anatomy/Physiology, First Aid and CPR, Advanced Biology: Botany/Horticulture, Intro to Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry - Structures Reactions and Energy, Problem Solving Seminar, Medical Terminology and Health Careers, Nutrition and Exercise Science, Food Chemistry, Level 4 World Language Courses\*\* or ASL 3, Introduction to Aeronautics, Aeronautics: Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones), Work Experience Seminar, Senior Internship, Agscience, Sports Medicine, Forensic Science, Astronomy, Biotechnology, Veterinary & Marine Science, Pharmacology

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**QUALIFYING ACTIVITIES**  
 1 Pathway credit per year, maximum 2 available

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Qualifying Extracurricular Activities: Math Team, Science Olympiad, HOSA, Quiz Bowl (do not count toward graduation requirements)

**CAPSTONE COURSES**  
 Required - 2 credits each

| Year | Course |
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Capstone: Science Research & Design Capstone, Biomedical Internship: CNA Capstone

# EP Pathways & Capstones



Education

# EP Capstone Experiences



# EP Capstone Experiences





# Capstone Highlights from SY 23-24

| Pathway                                    | Capstone                                   | 22-23      | 23-24      | 24-25 (registered) |
|--|--|------------|------------|--------------------|
| Business & Management                      | Entrepreneurship                           | 38         | 88         | 98                 |
|  | Integrated Marketing & Analytics           | N/A        | 18         | 30                 |
|  | Leadership and Management Internship (EPO) | N/A        | N/A        | 1                  |
| Communication & Arts                       | Art Capstone                               | N/A        | 0          | 12                 |
|  | Media and Communication Capstone           | N/A        | 5          | 22                 |
|  | Professional Music Performance (EPO)       | N/A        | N/A        | 2                  |
|  | Writing/Illustrating for Publication (EPO) | N/A        | N/A        | 10                 |
| Engineering, Technology, and Manufacturing | iOS App Development                        | 23         | 38         | 61                 |
|  | Advanced Woodcrafting                      | 11         | 24         | 16                 |
|  | Principles of Engineering                  | 15         | 15         | 14                 |
|  | Aeronautics Capstone                       | N/A        | N/A        | 20                 |
| Human and Public Services                  | Education                                  | 23         | 12         | 16                 |
|  | Civics in Action                           | N/A        | 10         | 21                 |
|  | Public Policy and AI (EPO)                 | N/A        | 5          | 2                  |
| Natural and Applied Sciences               | Science Research and Design                | 21         | 14         | 43                 |
|  | Biomedical Internship: CNA Capstone        | N/A        | N/A        | 45                 |
| <b>Total</b>                               |  | <b>131</b> | <b>224</b> | <b>413</b>         |

- 224 students participating in Capstones
- 77 Guest Instructors
- 31 Site Visits
- 89 Project Partners
- 28 Mentors Contributed

# PORTRAIT: Eden Prairie Schools Inspired Journey



Eden Prairie Schools has developed a vision for learning that connects Preschool-12+ in which each student experiences an Inspired Journey of discovery, exploration, and pursuit.

- During the **DISCOVER** portion, students begin to uncover their strengths, talents and interests as they sample a variety of topics.
- As students **EXPLORE**, they dive deeper into their interests and have opportunities to become curious about and build skills across many disciplines.
- At the **PURSUE** stage, students take their interests to the next level to achieve their goals. Coursework and co-curricular experiences are aligned so students are prepared for life after high school.

All the experiences are organized into the five Pathways of Business & Management, Human & Public Services, Natural & Applied Sciences, Engineering, Technology & Manufacturing, and Communication & Arts.

## PRACTICE: Eden Prairie Schools Pathways

| DISTRICT PATHWAYS   | COMMUNICATION & ARTS   | HUMAN & PUBLIC SERVICES   | NATURAL & APPLIED SCIENCES                              | ENGINEERING, TECHNOLOGY & MANUFACTURING                     | BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT   |
|---|--|---|---|---|---|
| <b>ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (K-5)</b><br><b>Discovery Groups:</b><br>Opportunities through scholastic enrichment to identify interests and talents   | Theater Camp<br>Making Movie Magic<br>Eagle Pride Though Art | Rejuvenate Recess<br>Sportsmanship<br>Kindness Campaign             | Exploring the Outdoors<br>Artsy Animals<br>The Lab Rats | Coding for Kids<br>Cardboard Arcade<br>BUILD a Better Place | Be Your Own Boss  |
| <b>MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8)</b><br><b>Exploration Courses &amp; Extracurriculars:</b><br>Opportunities within curriculum and outside of school for deeper learning and focus on identified interests and talents | Yearbook<br>Visual Art & Identity<br>Theater Arts            | Student Council<br>Debate Team<br>8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ambassadors | Robotics<br>Math Team<br>Science Olympiad               | Designers & Makers<br>Coding & Robotics<br>GreEngineering   | Personal & Business Career Literacy<br>Personal & Business Financial Literacy<br>Business Leadership & Management |

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| <b>HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)</b><br><b>Capstone Courses:</b><br>Opportunities to acquire, apply, and demonstrate learning in personalized ways that authentically reflect how professionals think and act within the career field<br><br>These courses are the culmination of student discovery, exploration, and pursuit within a career Pathway and prepare students for specific college, career, and civic opportunities post-graduation. | <b>Multimedia Story Production</b><br><i>(New for 2023-24)</i>  | <b>The Intelligent Classroom (AI)</b><br><i>(New for 2023-24)</i>  | <b>Civics in ACTION</b><br><i>(New for 2023-24)</i>  | <b>Education</b>  | <b>Aeronautics</b><br><i>(New in 2024-25)</i>                   | <b>Science Research &amp; Design</b>         | <b>Engineering</b>  | <b>Woodcrafting</b>   | <b>iOS Mobile App Development</b>              | <b>Entrepreneurship</b>  | <b>Integrated Marketing &amp; Analytics</b><br><i>(New for 2023-24)</i> |
| <b>PROJECT PARTNERS</b>  | <br>  | <br>   | <br><br><br>   | <br>  | <br><br>  | <br><br><br><br>                             | <br><br><br><br>  | <br><br><br><br>  | <br><br><br><br>                               | <br><br>   | <br><br>  |
| <b>SITE VISITS</b>   |   |  | Shakopee Mdeawakton Community Cultural Ctr.<br>MSU Mankato<br>City of Eden Prairie<br>PROP<br>Minnesota State Capitol<br>Economic Development Bus Tour | Hmong Culture Center<br>Minnesota History Museum<br>Sharing & Caring Hands<br>Minnesota State Capitol                   | Thunderbird Aviation<br>Premier Jets<br>Elliott Aviation<br>AV8 | SunOpta<br>Miromatrix<br>Lifecore Biomedical | MTS<br>Danfoss<br>CEM<br>Anagram<br>E.A. Sween<br>NuAire<br>Emerson | ABC Cabinetry<br>Lennar Homes<br>DDK Construction<br>Dunwoody College of Technology<br>Hennepin Technical College | PROP<br>Smith Coffee<br>Eden Prairie City Hall | Aola Mall<br>University of St. Thomas<br>Schools<br>Economic Development<br>Bus Tour | Eden Prairie Schools<br>Administrative Services<br>Center (ASC)         |
| <b>CAREER FIELDS</b>   | Visual Arts & Composition,<br>Performing Arts & Music, Journalism & Mass Media,<br>Digital Design & Programming | Government & Public Administration,<br>Law & Public Safety, Education & Training,<br>Counseling & Human Services | Health & Medical Science,<br>Agriculture & Animal Science, Earth & Space Science,<br>Physical Science & Mathematics                                    | Architecture & Construction, Manufacturing,<br>Transportation & Distribution, Computer Science & Information Technology | Entrepreneurship, Finance, Marketing,<br>Hospitality & Tourism  |  |   |   |  |  |   |

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# Snapshot of the future

- **2024-2025: Summary data & key additions**
  - a. 413 Students Registered for Capstones
  - b. Expected ~200 Pathway Completers
  - c. Continued and Improved Inspired Journey Summit (becomes annual event)
  - d. Adding Certified Nursing Assistant and Private Pilot License Knowledge Exam Certifications
- **Goals for 2025-2026**
  - a. All 5 Pathways at CMS have Exploratory Courses
  - b. All Capstone Courses have either college credit or certification
  - c. 1-2 more Capstones based on student interest/community demand
- **2026-2027**
  - a. Focus on a continuous improvement model for all pathways programming
- **2027-2030**
  - a. Continue monitoring data so pathways best support evolving students and industry demands
  - b. Implementation of 10-year Academic Vision



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