

# HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

22 CREDITS

FOUNDATION  
GRADUATION PLAN



4 CREDITS

ENDORSEMENT



26 CREDITS

DISTINGUISHED LEVEL  
OF ACHIEVEMENT

**ALGEBRA II  
REQUIRED FOR ADVANCED MATH CREDIT**

## ENDORSEMENTS

HISD students must earn one or more endorsements as part of their graduation requirements. Endorsements consist of a related series of courses that are grouped together by content or skill set. They provide students with in-depth knowledge of a subject area. Students must select an endorsement in the ninth grade.

Students earn an endorsement by completing the sequence of courses required for the endorsement, including four credits of math and science, and two additional elective credits. It is possible for students to earn more than one endorsement.

## STUDENTS CAN CHOOSE FROM 5 ENDORSEMENT AREAS



### ARTS AND HUMANITIES

American Sign Language  
English Language Arts  
Fine Arts:  
Art  
Dance  
Music  
Theater  
Languages Other Than English  
Social Studies



### BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources  
Architecture & Construction  
Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Communication  
Business Management  
English Electives:  
Broadcast Journalism  
Newspaper  
Public Speaking  
Debate  
Finance  
Hospitality & Tourism  
Information Technology  
Manufacturing  
Marketing  
Transportation Distribution & Logistics



### MULTI-DISCIPLINARY

Dual Credit Courses  
Four credits in each area: Math, Science, Social Studies, and English  
Four Advanced Placement (AP) Courses  
Four International Baccalaureate (IB) Courses



### PUBLIC SERVICES

Education & Training  
Government & Public Administration  
Health Science  
Human Services  
JROTC (Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps)  
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security



### S.T.E.M.

Advanced Mathematics  
Advanced Sciences  
Computer Science  
CTE- STEM Courses