

Texas Education Agency Graduation Toolkit



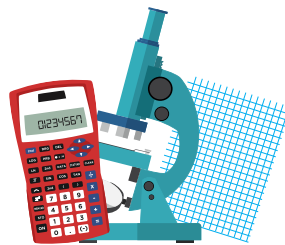
Endorsement Options – Choices

Endorsements

Students may earn one or more endorsements as part of their high school diploma. An endorsement consists of a sequence of courses that are grouped together by interest or occupational skill. They provide students with in-depth knowledge of a subject area or a high-wage, high-skill, and in-demand occupation. Every career and technical education (CTE) Program of Study leads to an endorsement.

Students earn an endorsement by completing four credits each in both math and science, two additional elective credits, and the curriculum requirements for the endorsement.

Students can choose from five endorsement areas which include:



Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)

(a sequence of courses in one of the following areas or a combination of courses from no more than two areas)

- CTE STEM courses or an approved STEM-related Program of Study*
 - Mathematics
 - Science
- * For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/2YF42Uq>



Business and Industry

(a sequence of courses in one of the following areas or a combination of courses from no more than two areas)

- CTE business and industry-related Programs of Study*
 - Agriculture, food and natural resources
 - Architecture and construction
 - Arts, audio-video technology, and communications
 - Business management and administration
 - English electives in public speaking, debate, advanced broadcast journalism, and advanced journalism, including newspaper and yearbook
 - Information technology
 - Finance
 - Hospitality and tourism
 - Manufacturing
 - Marketing
 - Transportation, distribution, and logistics
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Students must select an endorsement upon entry into the ninth grade. Districts and charter schools are not required to offer all endorsements. If only one endorsement is offered, it must be multidisciplinary studies.

A student may graduate without earning an endorsement, if, after the student's sophomore year, the student's parent signs a waiver permitting the student to graduate without earning an endorsement.

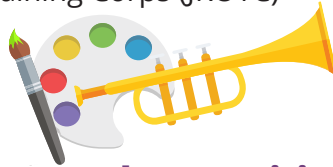


Public Service

(a sequence of courses in one of the following areas)

- CTE public-service-related Programs of Study*
- Human services
- Law, public safety, corrections, and security
- Health science
- Education and training
- Government and public administration
- Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC)

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Arts and Humanities

(one of the following)

- Two levels each in two languages other than English (LOTE)
- Four levels in the same LOTE
- Courses from one or two disciplines in fine arts (music, theater, art, dance, or film)
- English electives not included in the business and industry endorsement
- Social studies
- American Sign Language (ASL)



Multidisciplinary Studies

(one of the following)

- Four advanced courses that prepare a student to enter the workforce successfully or postsecondary education without remediation
- Four credits in each foundation subject area, including chemistry and/or physics and English IV or a comparable Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) English course
- Four credits in AP, IB, or dual credit courses selected from English, mathematics, science, social studies, economics, LOTE or fine arts

*Students may earn more than one endorsement.

Visit your school counselor to learn more about your options.