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 & HUMANITIES**
- American Sign Language
- English/Language Arts
- Fine Arts: Art, Dance, Music, Theater
- Languages other than English
- Social Studies

**BUSINESS & 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