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