

# Endorsements Frequently Asked Questions

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## General

1. Does every student have to graduate with an endorsement?

No. A student may opt to graduate under the Foundation High School Program only without an endorsement if, after the student's sophomore year the student and the student's parent or guardian are advised by a school counselor of the specific benefits of graduating from high school with one or more endorsements and the student's parent or guardian files with a school counselor written permission, a form adopted by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), allowing the student to graduate under the Foundation

6. The new graduation rules include the following statement, "This section does not entitle a student to remain enrolled to earn more than 26 credits" Does this mean that a student cannot earn more than 26 credits?

No. This statement means that a student is not entitled to continue earning credit

12. Are students required to meet each of the options listed under an endorsement area, or they required to only meet one of the options?

To earn an endorsement a student must complete any specific course requirements and one set of requirements identified in

4. Which science courses may satisfy the science option under the STEM endorsement?

2. Under the arts and humanities endorsement, if a student has taken English IV, can it count as part of the four English elective credits?

Yes. A course completed as part of the set of four courses needed to satisfy an endorsement requirement may also satisfy a requirement under the Foundation High School Program, including an elective requirement. A student must still earn a total of 26 credits to graduate Foundation High School Program with an endorsement.

3. How many social studies courses are required for a student to earn an arts and humanities endorsement?

The social studies option under arts and humanities requires that a student complete credits in social studies.

## Multidisciplinary Studies

Under the multidisciplinary studies endorsement, what courses will satisfy the requirement for “four advanced courses that prepare a student to enter the workforce successfully or postsecondary education without remediation”?

Each local school district has the authority to identify