

Endorsement Requirements and Options Summary Updated 2026

Endorsement Requirements	To earn an endorsement a student must demonstrate proficiency in the following. • The curriculum requirements for the Foundation High School Program as defined by §74.12 Chapter 74, Subchapter B • this title (relating to Foundation High School Program). • Curriculum requirements for the endorsement (options listed below) • A total of four credits in mathematics • A total of four credits in science • Two additional elective credits
Endorsements	Curriculum Requirement Options
	Students who entered high school in the 2022-2023 school year or later
STEM	A coherent sequence or series of courses selected from one of the following and Algebra II, chemistry and physics or Physics for Engineering: Option A: Courses required to complete a TEA-designated program of study related to STEM (4 credits) (See Chapter 74, Subchapter B for specific Programs of Study) Option B: Mathematics courses including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and two additional courses for which Algebra II is a prerequisite (a total of five credits) Option C: Science courses including biology, chemistry, physics and two additional science courses (a total of five credits) Option D: In addition to Algebra II, chemistry and physics, one additional mathematics course listed in subsection (e)(2) of this section for which Algebra II is a prerequisite and one additional science course listed in subsection (e)(6) of this section
Business and Industry	Option A: Courses required to complete a TEA-designated program of study related to Business and Industry (4 credits) (See Chapter 74, Subchapter B for specific Programs of Study) Option B: Courses required to complete a TEA-designated program of study related to Business and Industry, if the math and science credits for the STEM endorsement are not met (4 credits) (See Chapter 74, Subchapter B for specific Programs of Study) Option C: The following English electives: public speaking, debate, advanced broadcast journalism including newspaper and yearbook (4 credits of three levels in one of the areas listed)
Public Services	Option A: Courses required to complete a TEA-designated program of study related to Public Services (4 credits) (See Chapter 74, Subchapter B for specific Programs of Study) Option B: JROTC (4 courses)
Arts & Humanities	Option A: Social studies courses (5 credits) Option B: The same language in Languages Other Than English (4 levels) Option C: Two levels in each of two languages in Languages Other Than English Option D: American Sign Language (ASL) (4 levels) Option E: Courses from one or two categories (art, dance, music, and theater) in fine arts (4 credits in a coherent sequence) Option F: English electives that are not part of Business and Industry (4 credits from courses specified in Chapter 74, Subchapter B)
Multidisciplinary	A series of courses selected from one of the following: Option A: Four advanced courses that prepare a student to enter the workforce successfully or post-secondary education without remediation from within one endorsement area or among endorsement areas that are not in a coherent sequence Option B: Four credits in each of the four foundation subject areas to include English IV, or a comparable AP or IB English course, and chemistry and/or physics Option C: Four credits in AP, IB, or dual credit selected from English, mathematics, science, social studies, economics, languages other than English, or fine arts