

Grand Prairie ISD Endorsement Options

Students must earn 26 credits to earn an endorsement. Minimum requirements include the completion of the FHSP (22 credits), a **fourth credit in math**, a **fourth credit in science** and **two additional elective credits** while completing the specific requirements for the Endorsement.

*Approved Dual Credit courses may substitute for any of the course requirements listed

Arts & Humanities

An **Arts & Humanities Endorsement** requires completion of the FHSP + Endorsement requirements including one of the following options:



Option A: Social Studies

Five (5) Social Studies Credits

Option B and C: Foreign Language

Four (4) levels of the same Language Other than English (LOTE) (Option B) OR two (2) levels of one Language Other than English AND two (2) levels of a different Language Other than English (Option C)

Option D: American Sign Language

Four (4) levels of ASL

Option E: Fine Arts

A coherent sequence of four (4) credits in Fine Arts from ONE OR TWO Fine Art disciplines including Art, Dance, Music and Theatre

Option F: English

Four (4) English elective credits selected from English IV, Independent Study in English, Literary Genres, Creative Writing, Research and Technical Writing, Communication Applications, Humanities, and AP English Literature and Composition

This endorsement cannot be earned through combining courses from separate Arts & Humanities options.

Business & Industry

A **Business & Industry Endorsement** requires completion of the FHSP + Endorsement requirements including one of the following options:



Option A: CTE

Four (4) credits of at least two (2) courses in the same career cluster with at least one (1) advanced CTE course. Courses may be selected from CTE courses or Career Development courses. The final course must be selected from the following clusters:

- Ag, Food and Natural Resources
- Architecture and Construction
- Arts, A/V Tech & Communication
- Trans, Distribution & Logistics
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Finance
- Information Tech
- Manufacturing
- Marketing
- Business Mgmt & Admin
- OR Career Prep I or II

Option B: English

Four (4) English credits that include three (3) levels in one of the following:

- Adv. Journalism – Literary Magazine, Broadcast, Newspaper OR Yearbook
- Public Speaking
- Debate

Option C: Technology

Four (4) tech app credits from the following:

- Digital Design & Media Production
- Digital Art & Animation
- 3-D Modeling & Animation
- Web Communication
- Web Design
- Ind. Study in Evol/Em Technology
- Web Game Development
- Digital Comm in the 21st Century
- Digital Video & Audio Design

Option D: Combination

A coherent sequence of four credits from Option A, Option B or Option C.

Public Services



A **Public Services Endorsement** requires completion of the FHSP + Endorsement requirements including one of the following options:

Option A: CTE

Four (4) credits in CTE or Career Development that consists of at least two (2) courses in the same career cluster and at least one advanced CTE course. The final course in the sequence must be selected from one of the following clusters:

- Education and Training
- Government and Public Administration
- Health Science
- Human Services
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security
- Or Career Prep I or II

Option B: JROTC

Four (4) JROTC courses for 4 credits



A **STEM Endorsement** requires completion of the FHSP including Algebra II, Chemistry, Physics or Principles of Technology and one of the following options:

Option A: CTE

Four (4) CTE or Career Development credits, at least two (2) courses in the same career cluster and at least one (1) advanced CTE course. The final course must be selected from CTE STEM courses or Career Prep I or II if the course addresses a CTE STEM career.

Option B: Computer Science

A coherent sequence of four (4) credits in Computer Science

Option C: Math

Successful completion of two (2) additional math courses for which Algebra II is a prerequisite

Option D: Science

Successful completion of two (2) additional science credits beyond Biology, Chemistry, and Physics

Option E: Combination

A cross-disciplinary study of science and math including three (3) credits from a combination of courses chosen from up to two of the following:

- STEM CTE
- Computer Science
- Math courses for which Algebra II is a prerequisite
- Science courses beyond Chemistry and Physics

Multidisciplinary Studies

A **Multidisciplinary Studies Endorsement** requires completion of the FHSP + Endorsement requirements including one of the following options:



Option A: CTE

Four (4) advanced courses, from within one endorsement area or from various endorsement areas not in a coherent sequence, that prepare the student to either successfully enter postsecondary education without the need for remediation or to successfully enter the workforce

Option B: Four x Four (4 x 4)

Four (4) credits in each of the four foundation subject areas of English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies including a traditional English IV course (Academic, PreAP, AP or Dual Credit) and Chemistry and/or Physics

Option C: AP or Dual Credit

Four (4) AP, Dual Credit, or IB course credits (IB for transfer students only as the International Baccalaureate program is not offered in GPISD) selected from English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Languages other than English, and/or Fine Arts

Course offerings will vary among campuses