

Multidisciplinary Studies

- (c-1) A student may earn an endorsement on the student's diploma and transcript by successfully completing curriculum requirements for that endorsement adopted by the State Board of Education by rule. The State Board of Education by rule shall provide students with multiple options for earning each endorsement, including, to the greatest extent possible, coherent sequences of courses. The State Board of Education by rule must permit a student to enroll in courses under more than one endorsement curriculum before the student's junior year. An endorsement under this subsection may be earned in any of the following categories:
- (5) multidisciplinary studies, which allows a student to:
 - (A) select courses from the curriculum of each endorsement area described by Subdivisions (1) through (4); and
 - (B) earn credits in a variety of advanced courses from multiple content areas sufficient to complete the distinguished level of achievement under the foundation high school program

Considerations:

- Many school districts are likely to only be able to offer the multidisciplinary studies endorsement.
- There is not an existing definition of advanced courses.
- Many colleges and universities require the 4x4 for admission.
- Credits sufficient to achieve the distinguished level of achievement include Algebra II.

Decisions Points:

- (1) Number of courses that a student must complete to earn an endorsement
- (2) Require specific courses for the endorsement?
- (3) Course options for the endorsement

Examples:

- (1) Four credits related to the endorsement
- (3)
 - (A) Four advanced courses from within one endorsement area that are not in a coherent sequence
 - (B) Two advanced courses from each of two endorsement areas
 - (C) Four credits in each of the four foundation subject areas to include English IV and chemistry and/or physics
 - (D) Four AP or IB courses to include one credit in each of the four foundation subjects