



# Planning for your Future!

Understanding Graduation Requirements and planning for your life after high school.

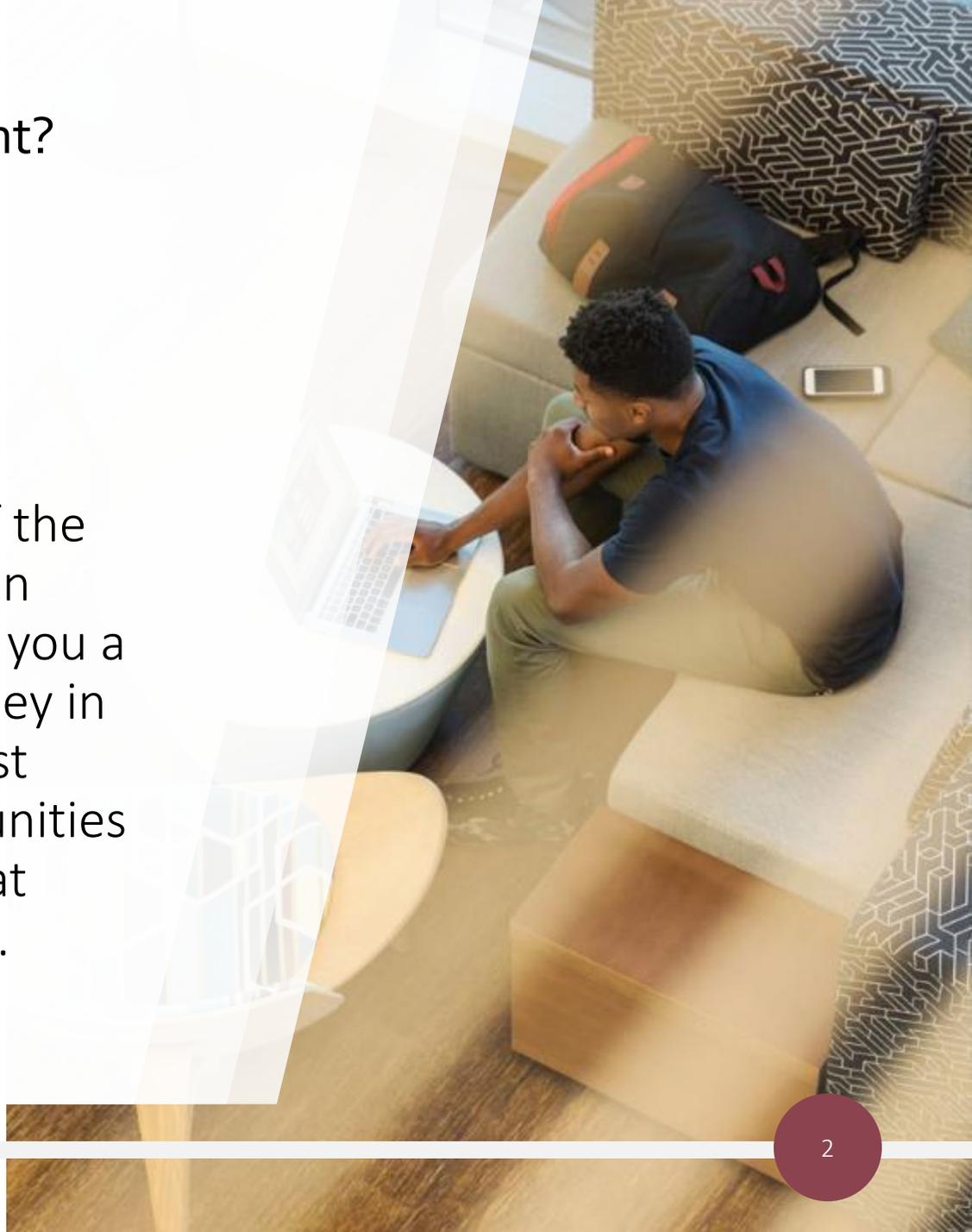
# Why is a graduation plan (4 Year Plan) important?



We want you to be prepared for life after high school and making intentional choices in your high school courses can set you up for future success.



Taking advantage of the programs available in Killeen ISD can save you a lot of time and money in the future. You must explore the opportunities and make a plan that supports your goals.



# What are your goals for life after high school?

How do you want to contribute to the world around you?

- You are valuable.
- You have a purpose.
- You matter!



What problem do you want to help solve in our world?

- You make a difference.
- You inspire others.
- Our world needs you!



# What if I am not sure what I want to do after high school?



- It's okay not to have all the answers now, but you do have to start looking forward and planning for your future.
- Your counselor and teachers will help you learn about the opportunities in Killeen ISD and the Naviance tools you can use to explore careers.
- You will create your graduation plan before the end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade; however, you can change your plan in the future, if your goals change.

# Use Your Naviance Tools

## NAVIANCE ACCESS

All Killeen ISD students (7th-12th graders) should login to their Naviance account through Clever:

1. Go to your Clever portal:  
<https://clever.com/in/killeenisd>



2. Username: school username  
Password: school password
3. Click on: Naviance



# Let's start with the basics of graduation planning.



Texas requires all students to begin high school with a “foundation high school plan” with an endorsement.

In total, your graduation plan will include 26 credits.

There are some required courses and there are some courses you get to choose based upon your interests and your goals.



In Killeen ISD, credits are awarded to students who successfully complete (or pass) their courses.

In most cases, students earn a half credit for each semester.

The first and second marking periods are the first semester.

The third and fourth marking periods are the second semester.

# What is an Endorsement?

Endorsements consist of a related series of courses that are grouped together by interest or skill set.

They provide students with in-depth knowledge of a subject area.

Students must select an endorsement when developing their graduation plan.

Killeen ISD offers all five endorsement areas.

Visit this webpage for more information:

[https://www.killeenisd.org/high\\_school\\_course\\_planning](https://www.killeenisd.org/high_school_course_planning)

Arts & Humanities

Business &  
Industry

Multidisciplinary

Public Services

STEM (Science,  
Technology,  
Engineering &  
Mathematics)

# Choose an Endorsement Aligned with your Career Goals!



- What are your career interests?
- Explore career choices in Naviance.
- Watch Road Trip Nation videos in Naviance to learn more about your career choices.

# Still Not Sure Which Endorsement to Choose?



Don't worry! You have time to plan your career moves.

Consider choosing the Multidisciplinary Endorsement. This endorsement includes all of the required courses for graduation, and you have elective classes you can use to explore some areas of interest.



So, which courses are required  
in my graduation plan?

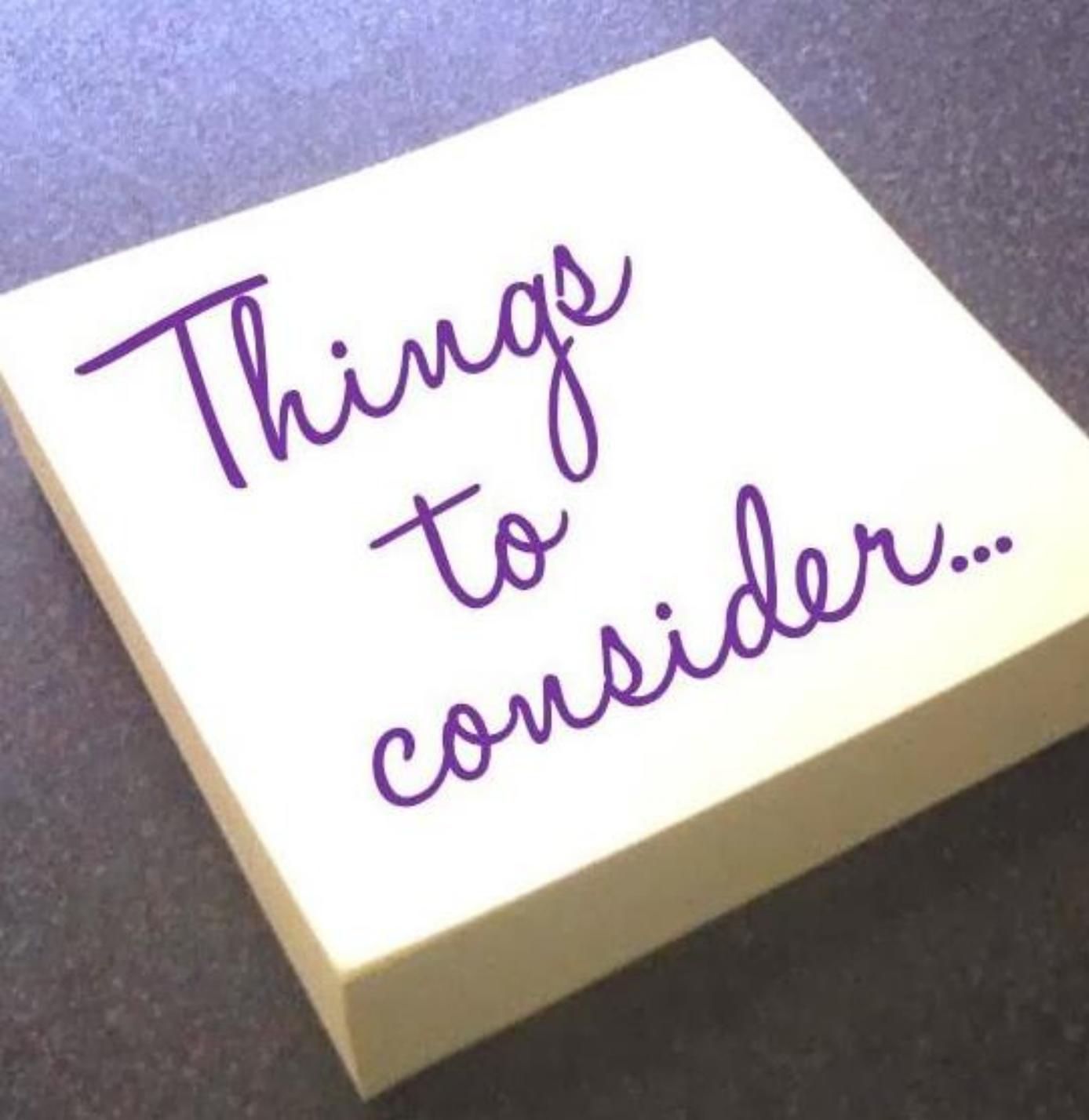
*In general,* these are the required credits for graduation plans. Your plan will vary depending on the endorsement and program of study you select.

Courses	Credits
English Courses	4 Credits Required
Math Courses	4 Credits Required
Science Courses	4 Credits Required
Social Studies	3 Credits Required
LOTE Courses	2 Credits Required
PE Courses	1 Credit Required
Fine Arts Courses	1 Credit Required
Elective Courses	7 Credits Required*

\* Note – Some of your elective courses will be used to meet your endorsement and program of study requirements.



**26 Credits**



Additional things  
to consider when  
creating your  
graduation plan.



There are four “types” of courses. Knowing these course types is important because they impact your Grade Point Average or GPA.

Course Type	Description	Impact on Grade Point Average (GPA)
Basic	Basic education courses	These courses have the lowest GPA weight.
Regular	Regular education courses	These courses have a higher weight than Basic courses in your GPA.
Honors	Honors courses were previously called “Pre-AP” courses. These courses are rigorous courses designed to prepare students for Advanced Academic coursework.	These courses have a higher weight than Regular courses on your GPA.
Advanced	Advanced courses include Dual Credit (College Courses) and Advanced Placement courses. Students may be required to meet criteria to be eligible for advanced academics courses. For example, college courses require a qualifying TSI score.	These courses have the highest weight in your GPA calculation.

# Things to Consider

Choose advanced courses based upon your academic strengths.

## Honors

These courses are more rigorous than regular courses, and they are designed to prepare you for AP and Dual Credit coursework.

They are taught by KISD teachers at your high school campus.

## Advanced Placement

These are rigorous high school courses which may lead to college credit. At the end of the course, all AP students take an AP exam.

Many colleges award college credit for AP exam scores of 3 or higher. This decision is up to your college, so be sure to do your research to find out if your college accepts AP exam scores for credit.

These courses are taught by KISD teachers at your high school campus. Your teacher submits their course syllabus to College Board for approval to teach the course.

## Dual Credit

These are college courses offered for both high school and college credit.

These courses may be taught by a KISD teacher approved by the college or a college professor.

Depending on your dual credit program, your classes may be face-to-face at your high school, online or face-to-face at the college.

Many of the college courses require you to meet the TSI requirement through a test called the TSIA.



Interested in playing college sports after high school graduation?

It is critical for you to research the NCAA course requirements and register with the NCAA Clearinghouse.

<https://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future/how-register>

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# Have questions?



Contact your school counselor.

Find your school counselor here:

[https://www.killeenisd.org/campus\\_counselors](https://www.killeenisd.org/campus_counselors)