



## Endorsements offered at St. John Paul II Catholic High School

Starting with the Class of 2018, we have adopted a new diploma program, as required by TCCED. We begin by stating that our curriculum, developed with care and considerable planning over the last seven years, **has not** changed in its Catholic nature, in its core great books philosophy, or in its college preparatory rigor. In truth, this is just placing the same courses within a different ordering framework. The changes do fit well into the natural expansion of our curriculum that has been planned already.

We are able to offer three endorsements that are earned on top of the foundation program. All students will be required to earn an endorsement, and most certainly all four-year universities require students to take the courses that make up an endorsement (that is, a fourth math course and a fourth science course).

### • ENDORSEMENT BASICS •

#### - Four More Credits -

All endorsements are four additional credits.

#### - 4<sup>th</sup> Math and 4<sup>th</sup> Science -

All endorsements include a 4<sup>th</sup> Math and a 4<sup>th</sup> Science course.

#### - 1=1 -

Some foundation and endorsement courses will count in different areas, depending on the endorsement. A credit, though, can't count twice.

#### - SJPII Requirements -

We have our own requirements, where a course will be counted as an elective or toward an endorsement, but will be a local requirement for all students. These include:

- Health      • Speech      • Tech I
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Foreign Language Course
- 4<sup>th</sup> Social Science (World History II)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Math      • 4<sup>th</sup> Science

#### - Changes allowed -

We have structured our plan to sequence of courses to allow changes even after sophomore year. All students are automatically on target for multidisciplinary.

Arts & Humanities Endorsement		Multidisciplinary Endorsement		STEM Endorsement	
4 <sup>th</sup> Mathematics Course	1.0	4 <sup>th</sup> Mathematics Course	1.0	4 <sup>th</sup> Mathematics Course	1.0
4 <sup>th</sup> Science Course	1.0	4 <sup>th</sup> Science Course	1.0	4 <sup>th</sup> Science Course	1.0
<b>Option #1</b>		3 <sup>rd</sup> Foreign Language Course	1.0	5 <sup>th</sup> Mathematics Course	1.0
<b>Option #2</b>		4 <sup>th</sup> Social Science: World History II	1.0	<b>Option #1</b>	
<b>Option #3</b>		<i>This mirrors the existing distinguished diploma.</i>		5 <sup>th</sup> Science course	1.0
2 additional fine arts (music or studio art) credits over 1 required.	2.0	<b>4.0 credits total</b>		<b>Option #2</b>	
<b>4.0 credits total</b>				Computer Science course(s)	1.0 or 2.0
				<b>4.0 credits total</b>	