

WHAT IS A 21ST CENTURY ENDORSEMENT?

The 21st Century Endorsement is a special notation on a student's transcript that indicates the student was part of a 21st Century Academy and attained a certain level of accomplishments specified for the academy. We encourage all 21st Century Academy students to become endorsed!

ARE THERE VARIOUS LEVELS OF ENDORSEMENT?

The following endorsements can be attained by students in all academies:

- ❖ *Endorsed*
- ❖ *Endorsed with Honors*
- ❖ *Endorsed with High Honors*



Students who complete coursework within the Academy are recognized as completers.

WHY SHOULD A STUDENT GET AN ENDORSEMENT?

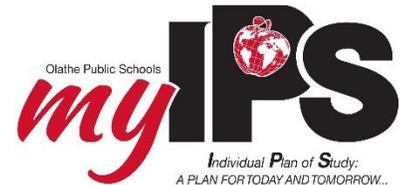
- The endorsement is a good indication for colleges and employers that you are a dedicated student with a passion for a specific area.
- An endorsement is similar to an honors designation.
- An endorsement recognizes a student for their subject-matter concentration.
- An endorsement is a great self-marketing tool!
- Students who complete endorsement requirements have a professional portfolio of coursework, extension experiences, student professional learning experiences, and projects that can be shared with potential colleges and post-secondary institutions and employers.

HOW ARE 21ST CENTURY ACADEMY ENDORSED STUDENTS RECOGNIZED?

- Student receive specific notation on their transcript
- Students are identified in the high school graduation program
- Students earn a special red, black, and white cord for graduation

HOW DOES A STUDENT EARN AN ENDORSEMENT? All academies have endorsement requirements. These requirements include:

- **Portfolio:** To earn an endorsement, all academies require students to prepare a portfolio which is maintained on the **Career Cruising™** site.
- **Individual Plan of Study:** All 21st Century students will develop an individual plan of study which is again housed on the Career Cruising™ site.
- **Academy Coursework:** This coursework is in addition to the coursework required for graduation. These courses are identified for academy students and included in the student's IPS.
- **Grade Point Average (GPA):**
 - To earn an endorsement, students must maintain a specific GPA in their 21st Century Academy coursework:
- **eHours/ePoints:** Extension experiences make the academy opportunity unique! Extension hours, earned outside the regular school day and *not* tied to a course grade, are **specific to each academy**. The total eHours/ePoints are:
 - ❖ *Endorsed = 200 eHours*
 - ❖ *Endorsed with Honors = 300 eHours*
 - ❖ *Endorsed with High Honors = 400 eHours*
- **Senior Capstone Presentation:** To earn an endorsement, all academies require students to do a Senior Capstone public presentation. Specific feedback is provided for the presentation.



The individual academy endorsement worksheet is available under the Academies tab.