

# 2026-2027 New High School Course Proposal Update

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# Agenda

- Review the process for course proposals
- Share the courses that were approved

# Course Proposal Process

- All Secondary Staff were notified in Sept and Oct
  - Notebook reminders
  - Staff Meetings
- Submissions due October 15th
- E-12 education team, districtwide directors and coordinators reviewed and gave feedback
- District Advisory Committee reviewed proposals and gave feedback
- Secondary Team of HS Principals, SCEA President, Secondary Directors, Assistant Superintendent Reviewed with a Rubric and made recommendations.
- Final recommendation reviewed by Director of E-12 Education, HS principals, Assistant Superintendent, & Superintendent

# Courses Approved for 2026-2027

Course Name	Description	Location
Construction Explorations	This course provides students with an introduction of the basic equipment used in the construction industry. Students learn about basic equipment operations and job responsibilities. This course prepares students to use concepts pertaining to safety, maintenance, mathematics, and communication that operating engineers may experience.	Apollo & Tech
Basic Grade & Construction Math	This course is the next step for students interested in becoming heavy equipment operators. In the construction industry, grading is the work of ensuring a level base, or a grade with a specific slope. Grade construction work is needed in almost any building project, from laying a building foundation to landscaping to roadwork. Introduction to core equipment used in the staking process, as well as personal protective equipment (PPE) used in the construction industry. Communication processes used in the construction industry for interpreting and setting grade are also an important part of this course. Learn mathematical concepts related to the construction industry for grade staking.	Apollo & Tech

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Course Name	Description	Location
ELD US History Foundations	This course provides and extends opportunities for EL students to obtain their language support and credit for US History at the same time. It will provide access for students to access the content at their language acquisition level.	Apollo & Tech
First Responder Intro	In this course, students will be able to see all of the areas of being a first responder and learn more about roles and responsibilities in law enforcement, fire services, EMR, and dispatch.	Apollo & Tech

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Course Name	Description	Location
Discovery Academy	This course provides students with an overview of the entire automotive industry, covering vehicle layout, components, and the correct procedures and intervals for servicing and maintaining multiple types of vehicles. Students will receive a strong emphasis on shop safety, including proper techniques for vehicle lifting and hoisting, and will be introduced to essential shop tools and equipment, learning their correct and safe usage through hands-on practice, disassembling and reassembling components. The course teaches students to navigate and apply electronic service information, technical service bulletins (TSBs), and repair orders while examining the scientific principles and materials that underpin the modern transportation industry.	Apollo & Tech
College in the Schools Business	The purpose of this course is to provide students the opportunity to earn dual credit through the Husky Advance partnership. By engaging in a college-level curriculum, students gain early exposure to business studies while easing the transition to post-secondary education.	Apollo & Tech
Theater Arts (MS)	This allied arts aligns with one of the 5 areas that we are able to provide students in the arts state requirements. We have a high participation on our theater programs after school and are hoping to continue to support student interest in this area.	North, Kennedy, & South

# Course Changes for 2026-2027

Course Name	Proposed Change	Location
Accounting	<p>Currently a Business elective for grades 9-12. <b>Recommended change is to offer this course as an elective only for grades 10-12.</b> Students in 9th grade would still have access to Intro to Business as a 9th grade option, but delaying access may offer more time for students to build the math skills necessary for the course.</p>	Apollo, Tech

- Review of Course Catalog descriptions and making revisions
- Look to upgrade Course Catalog with more user friendly version
- Working to replace Course Catalog Videos: Starting Health Sciences and Music
- Career and College Design Team
- Looking at Middle Level Allied and Elective Offering

## Next Steps



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Thank You!