

HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: November 17, 2025

Agenda Item: J.4

Board Goal: Student Achievement

Subject: Consideration and possible approval of New Course Offerings for the 2026-2027 School Year

Administrator Responsible/Position: Marivel Sedillo, Deputy Superintendent / Chief Academic Officer
Dr. Michael Watson, Deputy Academic Officer
Maritza Gonzalez, Director of Guidance and Counseling

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

☒ Action needed ☐ Information only ☐ Receive input

B. Authority for This Action:

☒ Local Policy: ☐ Law or Rule ☐ N/A
EHAC – Basic Instructional
Program: Required Instruction
(Secondary)

C. Goal or Need Addressed: The goal of this request is to seek the consideration for approval of new courses for the 26-27 school year

D. Summary:

- ☒ **Previous board action relating to this item:** Each year we submit any new courses for approval in preparation for the new school year
- ☒ **Future action anticipated:** If and/or when approval is secured, we will factor that decision into the course selection process that will begin in early Spring for the 26-27 school year
- ☒ **Background information:** Four new courses are recommended at this time:
- Advanced Placement Microeconomics
 - General Employability Skills (7th and 8th Grades)
 - Intro to Public Speaking (7th Grade)
 - Intro to Debate (8th Grade)

E. Comments Received:

☒ Cabinet ☐ DLT ☐ FBOC ☐ Teacher Org. Reps. ☐ Other:

F. Administrative Recommendation: Administration recommends approval of the course requests

Advantages and benefits of this proposal: To provide student additional advanced and/or CTE course options to enrich their learning experience. More opportunities for students to take advanced courses, additional courses within their career pathways and to increase access to opportunities to earn industry-based certifications.

Expected results in terms of student benefit/achievement: Continue to provide enriching learning experiences to prepare students for postsecondary readiness and success.

Effect of this action on other parts of the system: N/A

Consequences of not approving this recommendation: Students will not have access to the proposed courses.

G. Fiscal Impact and Cost: N/A

H. Monitoring and Reporting Time Line:

Person responsible for evaluating this decision or action: Marivel Sedillo

Evaluation method and timeline: Courses taught and TEKS covered. Track and monitor the number of students who earn industry-based certifications and increase the number of students meeting college and career readiness. With Board approval, these courses will start in 2026-2027.

Next report to the Board: This agenda item will be brought back to the Board in the Fall of 2026 for new course requests for the upcoming school year.

I. Suggested Motion:

I move that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve new course requests for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.