January 23, 2007

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval for the High School Course Catalog for 2007-2008. The course catalog is comprised of all of the course offerings, graduation requirements, testing information, GPA guidelines and information, college information, and also serves as a planning guide. The changes made to this new catalog were for purposes of updating TAKS requirements, deleting courses no longer offered, reflecting Board approved changes, and for text editing. The new 4 x 4 plan was outlined along with updated information for PSAT and SAT testing and support programs. Website information has also been updated along with dual credit information to reflect the College Algebra course as part of the On the M.A.R.C. project. As a direct result of suggestions made by the Board, a personal graduation planner was developed and is a pullout insert provided for each bulletin.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

None

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

All required or editing changes proposed are the direct result of a review by all high school principals, associate principals, counselors, registrars, the Academic Leadership Team, the Director of CATE, the Director of Fine Arts, the Director of Bilingual Education, the Director of Athletics, the Director of Special Education, and the Director of Secondary Curriculum, Instruction, and Staff Development.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

None

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

Approval will allow the catalog to be distributed for spring registration.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

None

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose not to make the proposed changes or not to publish the Course Catalog.

OTHER COMMENTS:

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

The superintendent recommends approval.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Vicky Christenson, Director of Secondary Curriculum and Staff Development

ATTACHMENT:

Draft copy of the 2007-2008 High School Course Catalog

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation:	
Comments:	
Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent:	
Comments:	
Signature of Superintendent:	
Comments:	