



Board Agenda Item Overview

Meeting Date: September 15, 2026

Meeting Type: Regular

Item Category: Future Action Item

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Item Name: INSTRUCTIONAL UPDATE: DISCUSSION OF THE ADDITION OF THE AVANT WORLD LANGUAGES ASSESSMENTS FOR ACCELERATION AND COURSE CREDIT

Item Summary: Lamar CISD serves a diverse population of students through dual language, English as a Second Language, and world language programs that promote language development, academic achievement, and biliteracy. The Department of Multilingual Education is recommending the addition of the Avant World Languages Assessment to the list of Board-approved Credit-by-Examination (CBE) options for the Languages Other Than English high school graduation requirement.

Recommendation: Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve Avant as a Board-approved examination for acceleration and course credit.

Policy Reference: EHDC (Legal)

Strategic Plan Priority: Enhanced Student Learning Experiences

District Value(s): ☒ Accountability ☐ Big-Thinking ☐ Compassion ☐ Excellence ☐ Integrity ☐ Joy

Currently Budgeted? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ No Budgetary Impact

Completion or Implementation Timeline: Begin November 2026 and continue to support student requests for Credit-by-Examination (CBE).

Our Vision:

We are a values-driven community where innovation thrives, excellence is the standard, and every student has access to an elite education.