

# Executive Summary

## Prepared for Board of Trustees

### Middle School Course Planning Guide

#### December 13, 2023

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#### **Board Goal:**

The MIDDLE SCHOOL Course Planning Guide for the 2023-2024 school year supports the following Board goals:

- Remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus (Growth & Management)
- Cultivate a consistent, strong, district-wide balanced curriculum based on ongoing needs assessment that supports all students (Teaching & Learning Goal)
- Foster and support an advanced digital learning environment (Teaching & Learning Goal)
- Instill in students a love of life-long learning. (Climate)

#### **Purpose of Report**

Updates are made the planning guides each year to reflect changes in course offerings and other related policies and practices. The purpose of this report is to share with the Board of Trustees the changes that would include in the 2023-2024 Denton ISD High School Course Planning Guide, pending their approval. There are four categories of changes:

1. General Revisions
  - Added required TEA Automatic College Admissions letter
  - Added PE Course Codes and Course Descriptions
  - Added Electives Course Descriptions
  - Added Dance 3 Information (previously approved)
2. General Clarifications –
  - PE/Health Requirements and Options
  - Credit by Exam Rules
  - Prerequisites for Spanish for Spanish Speakers courses
3. Changes in Practice –
  - Semester Averaging Option
  - Attendance Failure Reporting Process
4. Course Changes Recommended by Course Committee –
  - New 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Options for Accelerated Spanish DL/SSS Students
  - Student Mentor Course
  - Sports and Skills 6 Course

#### **Objectives**

To provide parents, students, administrators, counselors, teachers, and district personnel with a readily-available, accurate source of information related to district courses, course planning, and related policies and practices.

#### **Operational Impact**

N/A

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**Results**

Board approval of the Middle School Course Planning Guide for 2023-2024 will allow the catalog to be distributed for spring registration.

**Other Options**

The Board could decide to not approve the changes to the course planning guide.