School Board Workshop:	**November 9, 2026**
Subject:	**BHS Course Proposals**
Presenters:	**Cynthia Mueller, Director Teaching and Learning** **Mark Mischke, BHS Principal**

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

No recommended action at this time. Action will be taken at the November 23 school board meeting.

DESCRIPTION:

New course proposals and course modifications have been solicited and developed for next school year. The district's course proposal process begins in September and ends with school board approval in December. Once approval for course changes is given, the course information is included in the registration and scheduling process for the middle school and the high school.

Overview of the Course Proposal Process

The course proposal process includes a series of steps to ensure that all perspectives of possible implications of the addition or modification of each proposed course have been considered. The following information is communicated to teachers as they consider submitting a proposal.

- A course outline will be required for all proposals.
- Course outlines shall be written under the guidance of the Department of Teaching & Learning.
- The Director of Teaching & Learning may reject or recommend redesign of a course proposal at any time in the process.
- Incomplete proposals will not be processed.
- Course proposal support is required from the following groups prior to school board approval:

BHS Principal
Department Chairs
Community Teaching & Learning Council

- Course approval does not guarantee implementation. Implementation is dependent on resources and scheduling considerations. Courses that do not receive sufficient student requests will not be offered next year, but may remain in the registration book as an option for the following school year. Feasibility of implementation is determined by the site principal.

The course proposals review process timeline for this year is as follows:

BHS Department Chairs on October 28, 2026
Community Teaching & Learning Council on October 30, 2026
School Board Meeting – Course Proposal Review on November 9, 2026
School Board Meeting – Course Proposal Approval on November 23, 2026

All course proposals recommended to move forward will be presented to the school board for approval. Each individual or group was asked to use the following criteria in formulating a recommendation for each course.

Criteria to Consider

- *Evidence of student need or parent/community demand*
- *Program rationale match*
- *Program standards alignment*
- *Cost and/or resource availability*
- *Overlap with other courses*
- *Match of content and course length*
- *Efficiency in utilization of space and personnel*

BHS Course Proposals
For Potential Implementation in 2027-2028

Each of the proposals received were reviewed by the BHS Principal and the Director of Teaching & Learning prior to being discussed by the BHS Department Chairs. Course proposal information for each course is included as an attachment.

Department	Course Modification
English	Publications Writing
English	Creative Writing
FCS	Foods 2: Culinary Foods
FCS	Foods 3: Baking and Pastry
FCS	Textile Design: Sewing Fundamentals
FCS	Fashion: Art, History, and Design

Department	Course Addition
Music	Music Production 2: Audio Engineering and Live Recording
Art	Unified Accessible Arts
Business Ed	AP Business with Personal Finance

Department	Course Modification • Hybrid
English	CIS Introduction to Public Speaking
English	CIS Literature
English	CIS Writing/Critical Reading A & B
Math	AP Calculus BC
Tech Ed	Woods 2
Tech Ed	CIS Woods 3
World Languages	CIS German 1003 and CIS German 1004
World Languages	CIS Spanish 1003
Social Studies	AP Microeconomics
Science	CIS Chemistry I (A/B) and CIS Chemistry II (A/B)

Department	Bison Online
Math	ACT Mathematics

At the November 23 board meeting, approval will be recommended for each course proposal presented, and for all approved new course proposals to be included as additional opportunities for student registration.

Each new course approved for implementation in 2027-2028 will be allotted curriculum development hours. These hours are under the direction of the Department of Teaching & Learning.

ATTACHMENT:

- BHS New Course Proposals for 2027-2028_responses