

## WHS Innovative Courses

### What is an Innovative Course?

Innovative courses allow districts to offer state-approved innovative courses to enable students to master knowledge, skills, and competencies not included in the essential knowledge and skills of the required curriculum (Texas Administrative Code [TAC] Section 74.27). The State Board of Education (SBOE) may approve any course that does not fall within any of the subject areas listed in the foundation and enrichment curricula. The commissioner of education may approve a course within the foundation or enrichment curriculum if the proposed course is academically rigorous and addresses documented student needs.

### Currently Offered Courses:

- Peer Assistance and Leadership (PALS)
- Sports Medicine

### Proposed Courses to Offer:

- Advanced Floral Design
- Practicum in Entrepreneurship
- Retail Management

### Advanced Floral Design

Advanced Floral Design focuses on building advanced skills in floral design and providing students with a thorough understanding of the design elements and planning techniques used to produce unique specialty floral designs that support the goals and objectives of a specific occasion or event. At WHS students who have successfully completed Floral Design will be eligible to take Advanced Floral Design.

### Practicum in Entrepreneurship

The Practicum in Entrepreneurship provides students the opportunity to apply classroom learnings and experiences to real-world business problems and opportunities, while expanding their skill sets and professional relationships as a real or simulated business owner versus the experience one would have as an employee. Students will prepare for an entrepreneurial career in their area of interest in their career cluster.

### Retail Management

Retail Management focuses on the distribution and selling of products to consumers using various vending points such as chain stores, department stores, stand-alone stores, and various online markets. The course highlights the everyday mechanisms necessary to operate a successful retail establishment. At WHS this course will be home for The Purple Dog Company.