

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

High School Course Planning Guide 2024-2025

12-12-2023

Board Goal:

The HIGH SCHOOL Course Planning Guide for the 2024-2025 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
 - Re-arranged some categories for a more logical flow
 2. General Clarifications –
 - Clarified language in “Traditional Methods for Earning Credit,” “Go Centers,” “Standard Level” courses
 - Academic Dual Credit - Add TEA courses crosswalks
 - IPC – Correct grade levels for transfer grades
 - More information on Texas College Bridge
 - CTE Programs of Study “Arrows”
 3. Changes in Practice –
 - Speech Proficiency Courses: Add Strategic Learning for High School Mathematics
 - Texas First Graduation Plan
 - Repeating Courses (HB 3803)
 - Changes to CCMR and industry-based certification requirements
 4. Course Changes Recommended by Course Committee –
 - AP Precalculus (add)
 - Earth and Space Science (add)
 - Practical Math ALT (add)
 - Math Models ESL (add)
 - US Government ESL (add)
 - US Economics ESL (add)
 - IB French HL (Y1 and Y2) (add)
 - IB Math Analysis and Approaches HL (Y1 and Y2) (add)
 - Academic Competitions (add)
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Fine Arts Courses:

- Studio Art II Honors (sunset)
- Band Sub Non-Varsity B I-IV (add)
- Jazz Non-Varsity B I-IV (add)
- Art I: Art Appreciation (add)
- Technical Theatre III and IV – Advanced Costume (add)
- Dance I-IV: World Dance (Step Team) (add)
- Dance I: Dance Wellness (Dance for Athletes) (add)

CTE Courses:

- Introduction to Culinary Arts *change to* Culinary Arts (revise)
- Digital Art and Animation (add)
- AC/DC Electronics (add)
- Medical Terminology (add)
- Practicum in Animation (add)
- Practicum in Commercial Photography (add)
- Practicum in Graphic Design (add)
- Practicum in Audio/Visual Production (add)

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

Results

Board approval of the high school course offerings for 2023-2024 will allow the catalog to be distributed for spring registration.

Other Options

The Board could decide to make no changes.