



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: Optional Flexible School Day Program (OFSDP) and Positive Approach to Student Success (PASS)

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OF: Non-Traditional Learning Environments (NTLE)

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: June 18, 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

The NTLE Department recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the following: 1) the renewal of the OFSDP application for the existing PASS program at LBH and USHS, 2) the addition of PASS for UHS and AHS, and 3) the inclusion of the Bridge Academy initiative in the OFSDP for all four high schools.

PROGRAM GOALS:

The PASS program, which is currently implemented at the two south UISD high schools, is an initiative to improve attendance and reduce the dropout rate. This program targets current “out-of-cohort” students who are at risk of not graduating with their class due to loss of credits due to excessive absences or extenuating circumstances; eligible students take courses on a flexible schedule throughout the school day. The BRIDGE Academy will serve former UISD dropouts with an opportunity to come back and earn their diploma. This year, we recommend that the Board of Trustees extend this OFSDP opportunity to students from the BRIDGE Academy program at all four high schools. At this time, 27 students have already signed up for BRIDGE.

RATIONALE:

- Board approval is required.
- Identified Personal Learning Platform (PLP) teachers are already assigned to all four high schools.
- With the start of the BRIDGE Academy (Bridging Roads to Independence, Diplomas, Graduation and Employment) and PASS, the OFSDP program will serve and benefit more eligible students.

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

- 3 teachers at BRIDGE: ELA, Math, and PLP - can be reassigned, shared, or new hires
- A coordinator certified in Administration and an Assistant are currently assigned as staff.

BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE: