

Geneva High School

Memorandum

To: Board of Education
From: Tom Rogers
Date: September 18th, 2012
Re: GHS Course Modifications for 2013-2014
Cc: Dr. Mutchler, Patty O'Neil

Although it seems as if the current school year is just getting underway, we have already been hard at work planning for the 2013-2014 school year. We have proposed a few course modifications that will better enable us to meet the needs of our students. The proposed changes reflect relatively straightforward modifications of course titles and prerequisites. There should be no impact on our staffing levels as a result of these modifications.

To date, these modifications have been reviewed by the Department Chairs, Building Leadership Team, Building Administration, and the District-wide Staff and Curriculum Development Council. We await your approval before allowing students to register for these courses.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the proposed changes that appear below:

Proposed Course Modifications

Department	Course	Proposed Modification
Business	Consumer Education	Change course name to "Personal Finance" to better reflect course content.
Family & Consumer Science	Child Development	Change course name to "Child Development & Parenting" to better reflect course content.
Family & Consumer Science	Foods & Nutrition II	Add prerequisite language to reflect that a grade of at least a C in Foods I is recommended (or consent of instructor).
Industrial Arts	Not applicable	Change department name to "Technology Education" to better reflect modern course offerings and align with the state.
Math	Pre-Calculus and Trigonometry (both regular and honors levels)	Combine these two separate semester-long courses into one year-long Pre-Calculus course. This change would allow a blending of pre-calculus and trigonometry concepts throughout the year to make for a more effective sequence. This modification would maximize mathematical connections, balance the difficulty of both semesters, and provide students with an overall richer experience.
Physical Education	Senior PE Leaders	Allow students taking this course to assist in any PE course, not just freshman and sophomore PE. This change was piloted last spring, with positive feedback from students and staff.
Science	Honors Chemistry	Add prerequisite language to reflect that a grade of A in Algebra I is required.