



East Lansing
Public Schools

MEMORANDUM

TO: East Lansing Board of Education

FROM: Glenn Mitcham, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: New Course Proposal

DATE: February 21, 2025

Background:

Teachers from the Applied Technology Department at East Lansing High School desire to expand their departments course offerings by offering a Video Game Design course. This semester long course will require no prerequisite coursework and be open to students in grades 9-12.

The Applied Technology Department recently ran a student survey asking students what course they would like to see offered and Video Game Design was the clear favorite. The initial plan, if approved, will be to offer this course in place of a section of “Engineering Technology” so no additional fte. will be required. Adapted curriculum from CodeHS (AP Computer Science Principals) will be used as the anchoring curriculum to teach the course.

Attached please find a detailed course proposal and the CodeHS curriculum outline for AP Computer Science Principals. This course proposal will come for board action at the March 10 Board of Education meeting. **Members of the ELHS Applied Technology Department as well as the high school principal will be present for questions.**

Recommendation:

The board of education approve the new high school course “Video Game Design” as presented.