

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

January 22, 2013

High School Course Catalog and Planning Guide

Board Goals

The High School Course Catalog and Planning Guide for the 2013-2014 school year supports the following Board goals: Vision goal I C - remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus; Teaching & Learning goal II A – cultivate a consistent, strong, district-wide balanced curriculum based on ongoing needs assessment that supports all students; and Climate goal III D – instill in students a love of life-long learning.

Purpose of Report

The course catalog is comprised of all of the high school course offerings, graduation requirements, testing information, GPA guidelines and information, and college information, and also serves as a planning guide. The changes made to this new catalog were for purposes of continuing to update the new STAAR state assessment requirements, deleting courses no longer offered, adding new courses already approved by the Board, reflecting any Board approved changes, and for text editing. As a direct result of suggestions made by the Board, a personal graduation planner was developed and is now a permanent part of the planning guide as well as additional information about scholarships for attending college. All required or editing changes proposed are the direct result of a review by all high school principals, associate principals, counselors, registrars, the Academic Leadership Team, the ATC principal, content area Curriculum Coordinators, the Director of Counseling, the Director of Fine Arts, the Director of Bilingual/ESL Education, the Director of Athletics, the Director of Special Education, and the Director of Secondary Curriculum, Instruction, and Staff Development.

Objectives

- To add information about Naviance
- To update the STAAR information
- To update the IB information
- To update the dual credit information
- To update all special education course numbers and names to reflect the changes required by the new STAAR assessment procedures
- To update the current CTE courses of study

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- To highlight CTE courses that can count for a 4th year of math and science
- To update any changes in course information
- To correct, edit, and enhance all information provided for students and parents

Operational Impact

Funds are provided to print a High School Course Catalog and Planning Guide for every 8th grade student to have and for any new to Denton ISD student. The cost of printing which is outsourced due to the number of catalogs printed and the type of printing required continues to rise. The Catalog is also provided on-line on the Denton ISD website.

Results

Publication of the High School Course Catalog and Planning Guide provides parents and students with valuable information to help guide the course selection process throughout high school. It also provides a wealth of additional information to help students plan their future after high school. Board approval of the changes to the high school course offerings for 2013-2014 will allow the catalog to be distributed for spring registration.

Other Options

The Board could decide not to approve the changes to the high school course offerings for 2013-2014 or not to publish the Course Catalog.