

Memo



To: Dr. Karla Guseman
From: Dianne McDonald
Date: May 19, 2026
Re: Policy 6:300 Graduation Requirement Revision: Science

I respectfully recommend the revision of the graduation requirement (Policy 6:300) for science, for the 2027-2028 school year. The revision is the following:

- Current: Science 2 years (At least one credit must be in Biology)
- Revised: Science 2 years (At least one credit must be in Biology or Principles of Biomedical Science; the other must be a physical science)

The proposed revision to the science graduation requirement in District 204 expands the options for fulfilling the mandatory biology credit. Currently, students must complete two years of science, with at least one credit specifically in biology. The new proposal maintains the two-year total but allows the biology-focused credit to be satisfied by either Biology or Principles of Biomedical Science (PBS). The other required year must be a physical science course. By recognizing PBS as a direct substitute for the standard biology credit, the district aims to provide more personalized learning pathways and increase the number of students who complete the full four-year Project Lead the Way (PLTW) biomedical sequence.

This course revision has been discussed and approved at the Curriculum Coordinating Council.

Thank you and please let me know if you have further questions.