



GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

DATE OF MEETING: November 18, 2014

TITLE: Approval of New Course Names for Middle School Social Studies and Science

BACKGROUND:

For years, we have referred to our social studies and science classes at the middle school level simply by referencing the grade level and general content area; examples would include “6th grade science” or “8th grade social studies”.

Recently, we have decided that it would be more helpful to include the major topics covered in the course as part of the title.

After consultation with teachers in the middle schools, principals submitted recommendations to my office. I combined them into one document and sent them back to the schools, asking for a final recommendation from them. Below you will find those recommended names, which we believe will more accurately convey what we actually teach in those courses:

Science

6th grade: Biology/Environmental Science/Energy

7th grade: Geology, Astronomy, Ecology

8th grade: Genetics, Physics, Chemistry, Ecology

Social Studies

6th grade: World History: Early Civilizations

7th grade: American History: Civil War through the Depression

8th grade: Contemporary U.S. History and Civics

RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the Governing Board approve these new course titles.

INITIATED BY:

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Date: November 12, 2014

Patrick Nelson, Superintendent