

School Board Meeting:

November 13, 2023

Subject:

BHS Course Proposals

Presenters:

**Pam Miller, Director
Teaching and Learning**

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

No recommended action at this time. Action will be taken at the November 27th school board meeting.

DESCRIPTION:

New course proposals and course modifications have been solicited and developed for next school year. The district's course proposal process begins in September and ends with school board approval in November. Once approval for course changes are given, the course information is included in the registration and scheduling process for the middle school and the high school.

Overview of the Course Proposal Process

The course proposal process includes a series of steps to ensure that all perspectives of possible implications of the addition or modification of each proposed course have been considered. The following information is communicated to teachers as they consider submitting a proposal.

- A course outline will be required for all proposals.
- Course outlines shall be written under the guidance of the Department of Teaching & Learning.
- The Director of Teaching & Learning may reject or recommend redesign of a course proposal at any time in the process.
- Incomplete proposals will not be processed.
- Course proposal support is required from the following groups prior to School Board approval:
 - Department Chairperson
 - Site Principal
 - Department Chairs
 - District Teaching and Learning Council
 - Community Teaching and Learning Council

- Course approval does not guarantee implementation. Implementation is dependent on resources and scheduling considerations. Courses that do not receive sufficient student requests will not be offered next year, but may remain in the registration book as an option for the following school year. Feasibility of implementation is determined by the site principal.

The course proposals review process timeline for this year is as follows:

- BHS Department Chairs on October 23, 2023
- District Teaching & Learning Council on November 9, 2023
- Community Teaching & Learning Council on November 10, 2023
- School Board Meeting – Course Proposal Review on November 13, 2023
- School Board Meeting – Course Proposal Approval on November 27, 2023

All course proposals recommended to move forward will be presented to the School Board for approval. Each individual or group was asked to use the following criteria in formulating a recommendation for each course.

Criteria to Consider

- *Evidence of student need or parent/community demand*
- *Graduation requirement impact*
- *District goals match*
- *Program rationale match*
- *Program standards alignment*
- *Post-secondary impact*
- *Cost and/or resource availability*
- *Overlap with other courses*
- *Match of content and course length*
- *Efficiency in utilization of space and personnel*

Secondary Course Proposals

Each of the proposals received were reviewed by the site principal and the Director of Teaching and Learning. A total of 7 new courses are being presented for consideration. The course names are listed below, and detailed course proposal information for each proposal is included as an additional attachment.

Department	Course Addition
Agriculture	Food Animal Products
Math	Algebra Foundations
Math	Financial Algebra (name change • replaces Life Skills)
Music	Guitar 2
Science	CIS Physics
Other	CIS Creative Problem-Solving
	CIS Certified Nursing Assistant

In addition to the individual course proposals listed above, a Social Studies scope and sequence adjustment of courses is required due to the 2023 legislative action. Legislation now requires that beginning with the 9th grade class of 2024-2025, all students must complete a Government/Civics course in either their 11th or 12th grade year. Below is the current course sequence and the recommended course sequence to satisfy this requirement.

Current Social Studies Course Sequence

Grade 9	American Government	1 credit (2 trimesters)	
Grade 10	US History	1 credit (2 trimesters)	
Grade 11	World Studies	1 credit (2 trimesters)	
Grade 11-12	Economics	½ credit (1 trimester)	Total = 3.5 credits

Recommended Social Studies Course Sequence

Grade 9	Geography	½ credit (1 trimester)	
	AP Geography	1 credit (2 trimesters)	
Grade 10	US History	1 credit (2 trimesters)	
Grade 11	World Studies	1 credit (2 trimesters)	
Grade 11-12	Economics	½ credit (1 trimester)	
Grade 11-12	Government	½ credit (1 trimester)	Total = 3.5 credits

At the November 27 board meeting, approval will be recommended for each course proposal presented, and for all approved new course proposals to be included as additional opportunities for students.

Each new course approved for implementation in 2024-2025 will be allotted curriculum development hours. These hours are under the direction of the Department of Teaching and Learning.

ATTACHMENTS:

- **BHS New Course Proposals**