

Abilene Independent School District Board Document - Agenda Item VIII F

Meeting Date: December 9

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting

Item Type: Consent

Future Action Required:

If Yes, Month: N/A

Subject: Innovative Courses for 2025-26

Background Information:

Each year high school principals, instructional staff, and district leaders propose additions, modifications, and deletions of courses for the following school year. The state of Texas allows for districts to offer innovative courses, if approved by their school board, in order to meet the needs of the district's student population. Three innovative courses have been proposed to be added to Abilene ISD course catalog for the 2025-2026 school year.

1. Path-College/Career 1 – This course is a college and career prep course that could be offered at AHS, CHS, and ATEMS to 11th and 12th grade students. The course will explore careers, develop resumes, job applications, and interview skills. The course will also develop study skills for college as well as prepare students for PSAT/SAT/TSIA2 and assist students with college applications.
2. Sports Officiating – This course could be offered at AHS and CHS to 11th and 12th grade students. It would prepare students to be a sports official. At the end of the course the students will take a certification test and when they pass, they will be certified to be a paid official.
3. Multilingual Acculturation Studies for Newcomers – This course could be offered at AHS and CHS in our newcomer centers for 9th – 12th grade students. This course would allow students to receive high school credit while learning about cultural and social differences in the United States and it would give them the social experiences and opportunities to adapt to their new home.

Attached Supporting Documents:

[Path-College/Career](#)

[Multilingual Acculturation Studies for Newcomers](#)

[Sports Officiating](#)

Fiscal Implications:

Administrative Recommendation:

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