

Memo



To: Dr. Karla Guseman
From: Dianne McDonald
Date: May 19, 2026
Re: Course Addition-AP Cybersecurity

I respectfully recommend the addition of AP Cybersecurity, a year-long weighted course, for the 2027-2028 school year.

The addition of AP Cybersecurity to the Information Technology pathway provides students with a rigorous, college-level opportunity to explore one of the most critical and fastest-growing sectors in the global economy. This course moves beyond basic digital safety, challenging students to understand the complex principles of data protection, network security, and the ethical implications of cyber warfare.

By offering an Advanced Placement option, the district provides a high-level academic track that allows students to earn college credit while gaining the sophisticated problem-solving skills necessary for high-demand careers in national security, finance, and technology. This addition ensures the IT pathway remains at the forefront of industry standards, preparing students to protect and navigate an increasingly interconnected world.

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.