

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

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Board Goal:

The High School Course Planning Guide for the 2021-2022 school year supports the following Board goals:

- Remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus (Growth & Management)
- Cultivate a consistent, strong, district-wide balanced curriculum based on ongoing needs assessment that supports all students (Teaching & Learning Goal)
- Foster and support an advanced digital learning environment (Teaching & Learning Goal)
- Instill in students a love of life-long learning. (Climate)

Purpose of Report

Updates are made the planning guide each year to reflect changes in course offerings and other related policies and practices (e.g., GPA guidelines, college planning information, dual credit offerings). The purpose of this report is to share with the Board of Trustees the changes that have been made to the 2021-2022 Denton ISD Course Planning Guide, including:

- General reformatting, corrections, revisions, and editing (including accessibility updates)
- Course changes recommended by course committee: Ethnic Studies: Mexican American Studies, Ethnic Studies: African American Studies, Honors Spanish for Spanish Speakers VI and VII, IPC, AVID I-IV, Art II (broad media and techniques), “sunset” of Spanish I Honors, Musical Theatre II, Technical Theatre Costume Construction, AP Computer Science Principles, required CTE updates
- Reference to implications related to COVID-19 pandemic, including options for students transferring in with pass/fail designations
- Omission of credit recovery grades from ranking GPA calculation

Objectives

To provide parents, students, administrators, counselors, teachers, and district personnel with a readily-available, accurate source of information related to district courses, course planning, and related policies and practices.

Operational Impact

N/A

Results

Board approval of the high school course offerings for 2021-2022 will allow the catalog to be distributed for spring registration.

Other Options

The Board could decide to not approve the changes to the course planning guide
