

Secondary Credit Discussion

2010-11 Fall In-service
Forest Lake Area Schools

The mission of the Forest Lake Area Schools, the innovative leader of a community ***engaged in learning***, is to develop individuals who excel in, and contribute to, a dynamic global society, which will be accomplished by:

- Attracting and retaining the best and brightest staff;
- Integrating technology seamlessly;
- Fostering interactive partnerships with parents;
- ***Challenging students at all levels***, and;
- Inspiring students to be actively engaged in meaningful lifelong learning experiences.

Need for Change

- Full coverage of required science standards cannot be accomplished with current alignment/credit requirement of secondary science courses
- Needed adjustments affect current required and elective choices grades 7-12
- Discussions and changes need to be finalized prior to registration for 2011-12 school year and require school board approval

Science Curriculum Review

- 2009-10 science curriculum review team brought recommendations to district administration
 - Changes needed to address the MN Academic Standards in Science and work toward proficiency on the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments for science:
 - ✓ Full year of science at grade 7
 - ✓ Increase in credit requirements at grades 10-12

	7th grade	Proposed
	Current	2011-12
Math	1 credit	1 credit
Science	.5 credit	1 credit
Language arts	1 credit	1 credit
Social studies	1 credit	1 credit
PE/Health	1 credit	1 credit
Agriculture	0 credit	0 credit
Art	.5 credit	.25 credit
Business	.25 credit	.25 credit
FACS	.25 credit	.25 credit
Ind. Tech.	.5 credit	.25 credit
Music	1 credit	1 credit
World Lang.	0 credit	0 credit
Electives	0 credit	0 credit
Total	7 credits	7 credits

	8th grade	Proposed
	Current	2011-12
Math	1 credit	1 credit
Science	1 credit	1 credit
Language arts	1 credit	1 credit
Social studies	1 credit	1 credit
PE/Health	1 credit	1 credit
Agriculture	0 credit	0 credit
Art	.25 credit	0 credit
Business	0 credit	0 credit
FACS	.25 credit	0 credit
Ind. Tech.	0 credit	0 credit
Music	0 credit	0 credit
World Lang.	0 credit	0 credit
Electives	1.5 credits	2 credits
Total	7 credits	7 credits

	9th grade	Proposed
	Current	2011-12
Math	1 credit	1 credit
Science	1 credit	1 credit
Language arts	1 credit	1 credit
Social studies	1 credit	1 credit
PE/Health	.5 credit	.5 credit
Agriculture	0 credit	0 credit
Art	0 credit	0 credit
Business	.25 credit	0 credit
FACS	.25 credit or	0 credit
Ind. Tech.	.25 credit	0 credit
Music	0 credit	0 credit
World Lang.	0 credit	0 credit
Electives	2 credits	2.5 credits
	available	available
Total	7 credits	7 credits

	Grades 10-12	Proposed
	Current	2012-13
Math	2 credits	2 credits
Science	2 credits	2.5 credits
Language arts	3 credits	3 credits
Social studies	3 credits	2.5 credits
PE/Health	1 credit	1 credit
Agriculture	0 credit	0 credit
Art	0 credit	0 credit
Business	0 credit	0 credit
FACS	0 credit	0 credit
Ind. Tech.	0 credit	0 credit
Music	0 credit	0 credit
World Lang.	0 credit	0 credit
Electives	*10 credits	*10 credits
	available	available

	9th-12th grade requirements			
	Current Required	Current Available	Proposed Required	Proposed Available
Math	3 credits		3 credits	
Science	3 credits		3.5 credit	
Language arts	4 credits		4 credit	
Social studies	4 credits		3.5 credit	
PE/Health	1.5 credit		1.5 credit	
Agriculture	0 credit		0 credit	
Art	0 credit		0 credit	
Business	.25 credit		0 credit	
FACS	.25 credit or		0 credit	
Ind. Tech.	.25 credit		0 credit	
Music	0 credit		0 credit	
World Lang.	0 credit		0 credit	
The Arts	1 credit		1 credit	
Electives	9 credits	11 credits	9.5 credits	11.5 credits
Total required for graduation				
	26 credits	28 Credits	26 credits	28 credits

Implementation Time Line

- Proposed changes 2011-12
 - ✓ Science moves to full year at grade 7
 - ✓ Art, FACS, IT, Business credit requirements at grade 7 move to .25 each
 - ✓ Elective credit choices at grade 8 move from 1.5 to 2.0; drop .5 credit requirement for Art and FACS; drop World Language for Music offerings
 - ✓ Elective credit choices at grade 9 move from 2.0 to 2.5; drop .5 credit requirement for Business and FACS/IT

Timeline for Staff Discussion and Input and School Board Approval

- Spring 2010 - Discussion with Staff Welfare
- Summer 2010 - Administrative Discussions
- August 11, 2010 - Administrative Council Presentation
- August 12, 2010 - District Department Chair Meeting
- August 13 - Email to All Departments
- August 31 - Department Meetings

Timeline for Staff Discussion/Input and School Board Approval

- September 2 - First reading by the school board of the proposal
- October 7 - Second reading and vote by school board
- Remainder of 2010-11
 - ✓ Update registration guides and redesign courses if necessary
- Fall 2011 - Implement Changes 7th, 8th and 9th
- Fall 2012 - Implement changes 10-12

Next Steps Pending Board Approval

- Redesign of Business, FACS, Art, IT, and Science courses at grade 7
- Redesign (if necessary) of elective offerings at grades 8 and 9
- Redesign (if necessary) of some elective offerings at 10-12
- Make 7-12 credit adjustments as indicated in previous charts
- Update all secondary registration guides to reflect credit changes

Questions

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