



GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

DATE OF MEETING: May 12, 2020

TITLE: Approval of New Courses for the 2020-2021 School Year

BACKGROUND:

Each year we bring requests for new courses to the Board. Below you will find a new course for the 2020-2021 school year and a brief description of the course.

Cross Middle School would like to offer the Rams 101 course to 6th grade students to give them the opportunity to learn and/or refine their executive functioning skills. Students will also be exposed to the [7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens](#), as described by Sean Covey. Throughout the course, students will explore 21st century learning platforms and become proficient in Google Classroom.

Research suggests that the transition to the middle school format and pacing can be a source of anxiety for students. This course, which will be offered as an elective to sixth graders, will give students tools and strategies for success. Over time, students will become proactive in their education, increasing the ownership and accountability in their own learning.

Teachers will collaborate with the 6th grade department. Activities will be designed to support their core curriculum and interdisciplinary units.

Materials for this course will include [The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens](#) by Sean Covey, [The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens: Workbook](#) (Cross has several copies of both available, but more may need to be purchased based on enrollment), and Chromebooks or consistent access to Google Classroom via other devices Student Planners.


Students will complete a pre/post survey to gauge their motivation, academic effort, and successes in school. Formative student feedback will also be used to guide instruction throughout the course and in preparation for the following grading period.

Sixth grade faculty will provide feedback and suggestions based on informal observations and student data.

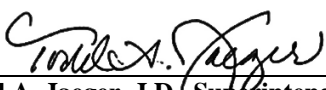
RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the course listed above.

INITIATED BY:


Michael Bejarano
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Date: April 22, 2020


Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent
