

School Board Meeting:

November 27, 2023

Subject:

BHS Course Proposals

Presenters:

**Pam Miller, Director
Teaching and Learning**

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

Recommend Board approval of the proposed course additions for the Buffalo High School courses as listed below and the revised Social Studies Course Sequence.

DESCRIPTION:

At the November 13 board workshop, the course proposal process was reviewed, as well as the course proposals submitted by Buffalo High School.

The proposed courses have met the criteria of the course proposal process: reviewal by the department chair, the building principal, the BHS Department Chairs, the District Teaching & Learning Council, and the Community Teaching & Learning Council.

Approval is recommended for the following course additions:

Secondary Course Proposals

Department	Course Addition
Agriculture	Food Animal Products
Math	Algebra Foundations
Math	Financial Algebra (name change • replaces Life Skills)
Music	Guitar 2
Science	CIS Physics
Other	CIS Creative Problem-Solving
	CIS Certified Nursing Assistant

In addition to the individual course proposals listed above, a Social Studies scope and sequence adjustment of courses is required due to the 2023 legislative action. Legislation now requires that beginning with the 9th grade class of 2024-2025, all students must complete a Government/Civics course in either their 11th or 12th grade year. Below is the current course sequence and the recommended course sequence to satisfy this requirement.

Recommended Social Studies Course Sequence

Grade 9	Geography	½ credit (1 trimester)
(choose one)	AP Geography	1 credit (2 trimesters)
Grade 10	US History	1 credit (2 trimesters)
Grade 11	World Studies	1 credit (2 trimesters)
Grade 11-12	Economics	½ credit (1 trimester)
Grade 11-12	Government	½ credit (1 trimester)
		Total requirement = 3.5 credits

Once approved, the course additions and course modifications are included in the BHS registration process as appropriate. Principals and staff will determine if the new courses have sufficient student registration and adequate resources to offer the courses for next year within the available budgets and staffing allocations awarded.

Each new course approved for implementation in 2024-2025 will be eligible for curriculum development hours. These hours are under the direction of the Department of Teaching and Learning.