



Canutillo Independent School District Curriculum & Instruction

Excellence Through Integrity and Innovation

C&I Mission: We value quality education for all students. We build capacity and provide instructional support for teachers. Our work is centered on research, grounded in best practice, and focused on student achievement

TO: CISD Board of Trustees and Superintendent Borrego
FROM: Jessica Arellano, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction
DATE: March 9, 2026
SUBJECT: Request for 3-Year Creation of Innovative Courses

Curriculum & Instruction is requesting approval for additional Innovative High School Courses. These courses will allow CISD to offer learning opportunities that enable all students to master knowledge, skills, and competencies not typically included in the essential knowledge and skills of the required curriculum. Innovative courses provide our campuses with another way to enrich instruction for all students. In addition, completing Innovative Courses increases students' chances of admission to a top-tier university and supports their postsecondary success. Successful completion of some Innovative Courses also provides students with additional college credit at no cost. C&I is requesting that the Board grant the Academics Department the autonomy to continue creating and using these courses for the next three years before seeking Board approval again. With the Board's approval, innovative course codes can be created and added to the campuses' master schedules.

Attached is a link to the TWEDS course code system where these courses are identified.
<https://tealprod.tea.state.tx.us/TWEDSAPI/33/0/0/References/CourseCodes>



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