

Discuss and consider approval of transfer students' junior high school, advanced level course credits to be weighted the same as UCISD students, junior high school advanced level course credits, regardless of being labeled "Honors".

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1. Board Goals :

DOMAIN 1: High Quality Curriculum and Effective Instruction

2. Background:

UCISD Policy EIC (LOCAL) states:

“When a student transfers semester grades for courses that would be eligible to receive Honors weight under the District’s weighted grades and transfer system, the District shall assign Honors Weight to the grades only if the same or similar course is offered to the same class of students in the District.”

Based on this language, our current interpretation is that transfer courses should be evaluated by matching them to our local course catalog and applying the same weight our students would receive for the same or similar above-grade-level course—provided the course aligns to what is offered to UCISD students in the same grade band.

At this time, advanced level, high school courses offered at the junior high are being weighted for UCISD students because they are “advanced” for the grade level, however, they are not marked “Honors” in our course catalog.

When a student transfers into the district, and they have a high school course on their transcript from junior high which is not marked “Honors”, district administration is recommending the course be weighted the same as UCISD student’s grades are weighted when taking high school level advanced courses in junior high which are also not marked “Honors” courses.

3. Process:

If the Board agrees that transfer students' junior high school, advanced level course credits should be weighted the same as UCISD students, junior high school advanced level course credits are weighted, regardless of being labeled “Honors”, then administration will document that and train staff appropriately.

4. Fiscal Impact:

None

5. Recommendation:

Administration recommends Board approval of transfer students' junior high school, advanced level course credits should be weighted the same as UCISD students, junior high school advanced level course credits are weighted, regardless of being labeled “Honors”.

6. Required:

Board action

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