

Geneva High School

Memorandum

To: Board of Education
From: Tom Rogers and Doug Drexler
Date: November 6th, 2018
Re: GHS New and Modified Courses for 2019-2020
Cc: Dr. Mutchler, Dr. Barrett, Mrs. Sims

Although it seems as if the current school year is just getting underway, we have already been hard at work planning for the 2019-2020 school year. We are recommending one new course as well as relatively minor modifications to six existing courses. These changes to our course offerings will better enable us to meet the continually evolving needs of our students. The recommendations for 2019-2020 are not likely to require changes in staffing, space, or materials.

To date, these new and modified courses have been reviewed and approved by the GHS Department Chairs, Building Leadership Team, Building Administration, and the District Department of Learning and Teaching. We await your approval before allowing students to register for these courses.

Please let us know if you have any questions about the proposed changes that appear in this report. We are requesting that this appear on the November 12th Board of Education agenda for an informational presentation, with a subsequent vote for approval at the November 26th Board of Education meeting.

Department:	Course:	Summary of Proposed Change:
Art	Ceramics III	Ceramics III will be a new course. The existing ceramics courses have become very popular, and there is student demand for more advanced skills in this area that would lead up to AP Studio Art. Prerequisite will be Ceramics II.
Art	Studio Art	Rename as Drawing & Painting I. Incorporating drawing and painting into the course title will be more helpful to students as it is more reflective of course content. Additionally, aligning three courses in the "Drawing & Painting" sequence (see below) allows for more effective sequencing of more advanced art skills.
Art	2D Design	Rename as Drawing & Painting II. Prerequisite will be Drawing & Painting I.
Art	Advanced Studio Art	Rename as Drawing & Painting III and shift from a year-long course to a one-semester course. This will allow for greater flexibility for students to take a variety of art courses that lead up to the capstone AP Studio Art course (including the new Ceramics III course). Prerequisite will be Drawing & Painting II.
Music	Concert Choir	Rename as Viking Chorus.
Music	Viking Ensemble	Rename as Jazz Choir to more accurately reflect the content of this course.
Science	Physical Science	Rename this course as Chemistry/Physics to more accurately reflect course content, as the course is one semester of chemistry and one semester of physics.