



Medford Public School
ISD #763

Providing quality education while preparing our children and community for the future

School Board Agenda Item

Meeting Date: January 11, 2016
Place on Agenda: Other Action
Topic: Policy 613: Graduation Requirements
Presenter: Rich Dahman

Background: Mr. Ovrebo, Mrs. Routh, and the High School staff have developed the following changes to the current graduation requirements. The changes, which would go into effect starting in the 2016-17 school year, are:

English Language Arts:

- 1) Changing the English elective to a Senior English class (either a semester of both Reading Strategies and Writing Strategies, or a year of College Now Literature).
- 2) Eliminating the required semester of Speech class and replacing it with a semester of English elective (Speech Standards are addressed in other courses).

College and Career Readiness:

- 1) Eliminating the Careers 10 semester course and replacing it with a Personal Finance course (Career Standards are addressed for all students in Ramp Up to Readiness through their Advisory).

The proposed changes meet all MDE requirements, were previewed with the full board in December, and discussed with the Policy Committee.

Recommendation: Approve the new Policy 613: Graduation Requirements as presented.