

REPORT NAME: Proposal of AP Seminar: English 10

REPORT OF: Executive Director of Instruction

FOR: Approval of English 10: AP Seminar Course Offerings

APPLICABLE LAW AND/OR POLICY: 2210 – Curriculum Development

STRATEGIC GOAL ALIGNMENT: Board Strategic Plan Goal II – Instruction

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE ALIGNMENT: Strategic Objective 6 - Establish an environment of high expectations and opportunities for college and career preparedness through awareness and exploration

FISCAL FUND IMPACT: SEA Salary and Benefits

IMPACT AMOUNT: Current Staff Cost Only, AP Certification through grants

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

AP Seminar: English 10 is a rigorous, year-long course that meets the Grade 10 English requirement and serves as the foundational course for the College Board's AP Capstone Diploma Program. The course strengthens critical reading, analytical writing, research, collaboration, and presentation skills through an interdisciplinary, inquiry-driven approach. It also positions our schools for College Board Honor Roll recognition in the college optimization category, which requires at least one AP course beginning in grade 9 or 10.

Students engage with complex real-world and academic issues by analyzing texts, data, and media from multiple perspectives. Through guided inquiry, they learn to evaluate source credibility, synthesize information, and build evidence-based arguments. The course emphasizes academic writing, seminar discussion, teamwork, and formal presentations.

AP Seminar: English 10 aligns with state ELA standards and extends learning beyond traditional literature study by focusing on inquiry, reasoning, and scholarly communication.

COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS: Adopting English 10 AP Seminar requires modest training. There is no additional cost for materials to support these courses, all course material is available through AP materials and 10th grade ELA materials that we already currently have and renew every year.

RECOMMENDATION:

IMPACT IF NOT APPROVED: Limits access to rigorous coursework and weakens our competitive position. It negatively impacts our School Index and restricts grade 10 access to AP courses, which could potentially reduce the number of scholars eligible for the AP Capstone diploma.

NEXT STEPS IF APPROVED:

Counselors, students, and staff would be notified of the new offerings. Students would work with their counselors to select these classes.