

School Board Meeting:

November 25, 2024

Subject:

BHS Course Proposals

Presenters:

**Pam Miller, Director
Teaching and Learning**

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

Review. Action will be taken at the December 9 school board meeting.

DESCRIPTION:

New course proposals and course modifications have been solicited and developed for next school year. The district's course proposal process begins in September and ends with school board approval in December. Once approval for course changes are given, the course information is included in the registration and scheduling process for the middle school and the high school.

Overview of the Course Proposal Process

The course proposal process includes a series of steps to ensure that all perspectives of possible implications of the addition or modification of each proposed course have been considered. The following information is communicated to teachers as they consider submitting a proposal.

- A course outline will be required for all proposals.
- Course outlines shall be written under the guidance of the Department of Teaching & Learning.
- The Director of Teaching & Learning may reject or recommend redesign of a course proposal at any time in the process.
- Incomplete proposals will not be processed.
- Course proposal support is required from the following groups prior to School Board approval:
 - BHS Principal
 - Department Chairs
 - Community Teaching and Learning Council
- Course approval does not guarantee implementation. Implementation is dependent on resources and scheduling considerations. Courses that do not receive sufficient

student requests will not be offered next year, but may remain in the registration book as an option for the following school year. Feasibility of implementation is determined by the site principal.

The course proposals review process timeline for this year is as follows:

BHS Department Chairs on October 28, 2024
Community Teaching & Learning Council on December 6, 2024
School Board Meeting – Course Proposal Review on November 25, 2024
School Board Meeting – Course Proposal Approval on December 9, 2024

All course proposals recommended to move forward will be presented to the School Board for approval. Each individual or group was asked to use the following criteria in formulating a recommendation for each course.

Criteria to Consider

- *Evidence of student need or parent/community demand*
- *Program rationale match*
- *Program standards alignment*
- *Cost and/or resource availability*
- *Overlap with other courses*
- *Match of content and course length*
- *Efficiency in utilization of space and personnel*

BHS Course Proposals

Each of the proposals received were reviewed by the BHS principal and the Director of Teaching & Learning. A total of 7 new courses are being presented for consideration. The course names are listed below, and additional course proposal information for each proposal is included as an attachment.

Department	Course Modification
Ag/Tech Ed	Ag Construction/Construction Trades Exploration
Department	Course Addition
Tech Ed	Intro to Construction
English	Debate
FCS	Fashion Design
Math	Math for the Trades
Ag/SpEd	Unified Companion Animal Science
English/SpEd	Unified Stage Acting

At the December 9 board meeting, approval will be recommended for each course proposal presented, and for all approved new course proposals to be included as additional opportunities for student registration.

Each new course approved for implementation in 2024-2025 will be allotted curriculum development hours. These hours are under the direction of the Department of Teaching & Learning.

ATTACHMENTS:

- BHS New Course Proposal Outlines