



# UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## AGENDA ACTION ITEM

**TOPIC:** Approval of New Course: Ethnic Studies: African American Studies

**SUBMITTED BY:** Melissa Y. Cruz, Executive Director of High School Instruction

**OF:** Curriculum and Instruction Department

**APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:** May 18, 2022

### **Recommendation:**

High School Instruction is recommending the approval of this new 18 week course to be offered at each high school for a 1 credit opportunity. This course is recommended for students in grades 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Rationale:**

In accordance with 19 TAC Chapter 113, Subchapter C, the school district has the responsibility to offer at least one section of this elective course that was approved by the State Board of Education on April 17, 2020. This course develops an understanding of the historical roots of African American Culture enhancing our ethnic studies.

### **Budgetary Information:**

None

### **Board Policy Reference and Compliance:**

EHAC (LEGAL), EHAD (LEGAL)