SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: July 19, 2017

Purpose: ☐ Report Only ☐ Recognition ☒ Discussion/ Possible Action

From: Delinda Castro, Chief Academic Officer

Item Title: Approve the South San Antonio ISD Graduation Plan Proposal

Description:

During the 83rd Texas Legislature, House Bill 5 was signed into law, which changes high school graduation requirements for students who will be freshmen during the 2014-15 school year. The bill provides more flexibility for high school students to pursue either higher education or a career pathway. It establishes one graduation plan – Foundation High School Program (FHSP) – with opportunity to earn endorsements and performance acknowledgements. **The aim of South San is to graduate every student with the Distinguished Level of Achievement plan.** Graduation Plan Proposal to add Principles of Information Technology as a South San ISD requirement in lieu of 1 elective credit to take effect 2017-2018 school year.

In Principles of Information Technology (PIT) students develop computer literacy skills to adapt to emerging technologies used in the global marketplace. Students implement personal and interpersonal skills to prepare for a rapidly evolving workplace environment. Students enhance reading, writing, computing, communication, and reasoning skills and apply them to the information technology environment.

Recommendation:

Approve the South San Antonio ISD Graduation Plan Proposal to add Principles of Information Technology as a South San ISD requirement in lieu of 1 elective credit.

District Goal:

Goal 2 We will develop a strong support system offering opportunities across the curriculum to create an innovative school experience, teaching students to value their education and motivate them to achieve excellence.

Funding Budget Code and Amount: N/A   CFO
Approval

APPROVED BY:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Chief Officer:		
Superintendent:	A. Saavedra	7/12/17

2017-2018 Graduation Plan Proposal

- **To add Principles of Information Technology as a South San ISD requirement in lieu of 1 elective credit.**
- In Principles of Information Technology (PIT) students develop computer literacy skills to adapt to emerging technologies used in the global marketplace. Students implement personal and interpersonal skills to prepare for a rapidly evolving workplace environment. Students enhance reading, writing, computing, communication, and reasoning skills and apply them to the information technology environment.
    - It will help students meet Endorsement requirements.
    - District will gain $1000.00 per day in CTE funding for the 700-800 students who enroll for the course every year.
    - We currently have six teachers who teach one or more sections of PIT.
    - Textbooks have been ordered for the 2017-2018 school year.

* A policy will be needed that would exempt students from taking PIT in certain situations as determined by counselor recommendation and approved by principal. An example would be a student who enrolls at the high school as a senior and needs state required credits in their schedule to graduate which would not permit them to take PIT.

South San Antonio ISD
HB 5 Graduation Plan

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Foundation-22 Credits

Current Graduation Requirements	Proposed Graduation Requirements
(22 Credits)	(22 Credits)
4 credits English – English I (EOC), II (EOC), III , one credit in any authorized advanced English course	4 credits English – English I (EOC), II (EOC), III , one credit in any authorized advanced English course
3 credits Mathematics – Algebra I (EOC), Geometry, and one credit in any authorized advanced math course	3 credits Mathematics – Algebra I (EOC), Geometry, and one credit in any authorized advanced math course
3 credits Science – Biology (EOC), IPC or advanced science course	*3 credits Science – Biology (EOC), IPC or advanced science course, and an advanced science course*
3 credits Social Studies – U.S. History, U.S. Government (.5 credit), Economics (.5 credit), World Geography or World History, or combined World Geography/ History	3 credits Social Studies – U.S. History, U.S. Government (.5 credit), Economics (.5 credit), World Geography or World History, or combined World Geography/ History
2 credits World Language or Computer Programming	*2 credits in the same language or Computer Programming*
1 credit Physical Education	1 credit Physical Education
1 credit Fine Arts	1 credit Fine Arts
.5 credit Communication Applications or Professional Communication	**1 credit Principles of Information Technology**
.5 credit Health	.5 credit Communication Applications or Professional Communication
4 credits in electives (may include CTE or certification courses)	.5 credit Health
	3 credits in electives (may include CTE or certification courses)
(Revised 7/10/14)	

Distinguished Level of Achievement/Endorsement:

A total of four credits in Math, including Algebra II,
A total of four credits in Science,
Completion of curriculum requirements for at least one endorsement.

Foundation-Distinguished Level of Achievement (26 Credits)

Current Graduation Requirements	Proposed Graduation Requirements
(26 Credits)	(26 Credits)
4 credits English – English I (EOC), II (EOC), III , one credit in any authorized advanced English course	4 credits English – English I (EOC), II (EOC), III , one credit in any authorized advanced English course
4 credits Mathematics – Algebra I (EOC), Geometry, Algebra II, one credit in any authorized advanced math course	4 credits Mathematics – Algebra I (EOC), Geometry, Algebra II, one credit in any authorized advanced math course
4 credits Science – Biology (EOC), IPC or advanced science course	*4 credits Science – Biology (EOC), IPC or advanced science course, 2 advanced science courses*
3 credits Social Studies – U.S. History, U.S. Government (.5 credit), Economics (.5 credit), World Geography or World History, or combined World Geography/ History	3 credits Social Studies – U.S. History, U.S. Government (.5 credit), Economics (.5 credit), World Geography or World History, or combined World Geography/ History
2 credits World Language or Computer Programming	*2 credits in the same language or Computer Programming*
1 credit Physical Education	1 credit Physical Education
1 credit Fine Arts	1 credit Fine Arts
.5 credit Communication Applications or Professional Communication	**1 credit Principles of Information Technology**
.5 credit Health	.5 credit Communication Applications or Professional Communication
6 credits in electives (may include CTE or certification courses)	.5 credit Health
Credit requirements specific to a least one endorsement	**5 credits in electives (may include CTE or certification courses)**
(Revised 7/10/14)	Credit requirements specific to a least one endorsement