



# DUNCANVILLE ISD

*Writing success stories, one student at a time.*

Regular Board Meeting

March 17, 2025

AGENDA SECTION: Action Agenda

SUBJECT: AP Seminar

BOARD POLICY: EHAD (Legal)

STRATEGIC GOAL(S): Goal # 1 Focus on Student Success

FISCAL NOTE: Advanced Academics

PREPARED/PRESENTED BY: Dr. Samuel Nix, Chief of Schools

### **Background Information**

#### **Overview:**

AP Seminar is an innovative, college-level course designed to develop students' ability to analyze, evaluate, and communicate complex ideas effectively. This foundational course fosters critical thinking, research skills, and collaboration essential competencies for success in college and careers. Districts must have board approval to implement innovative courses. The course will satisfy elective credit toward graduation requirements.

#### **Key Benefits:**

- **Prepares Students for College & Career Success:** Enhances students' ability to research, synthesize information, and construct evidence-based arguments.
- **Cross-Curricular Learning:** Encourages interdisciplinary thinking by engaging students in real-world and academic issues through multiple perspectives.
- **Develops Essential 21st-Century Skills:** Strengthens students' analytical reasoning, collaboration, and communication abilities, aligning with workforce demands.
- **Increased Passing Rates on AP Exams:** College Board reports that students who take AP Seminar are more likely to achieve a passing score on subsequent AP courses compared with students who have not completed AP Seminar.

### **Recommendation**

Move to approve AP Seminar for the 2025-2026 school year to expand rigorous academic opportunities for students, strengthen college and career readiness, and enhance interdisciplinary learning.

### **Communication Deployment**

- Board Meeting Minutes
- High School Course Selection Guide

### **Suggested Motion**

The Board approves AP Seminar for the 2025-2026 school year.

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Respectfully submitted,

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