

Mingus Union High School District #4

Course Proposal Overview

To: Dr. Melody Herne, Superintendent - Mingus Union High School District #4

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Subject: Recommendation for Board Consideration – Course Proposals

I am writing to recommend the placement of the enclosed course outlines, along with their corresponding course proposal overviews, on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting in December. The proposed courses include American Sign Language 1 through 4, Art Appreciation, Drawing 2/B, and Theatre 4.

The inclusion of Drawing 2/B and Art Appreciation will provide additional semester-length offerings, creating flexible opportunities for students to explore and develop their visual arts skills. The sequential American Sign Language 1–4 courses and Theatre 4 are proposed to be added at the start of the 2026–2027 school year, expanding elective and language opportunities to support student engagement, cultural literacy, and career pathways in the arts.

Approval of these courses by the Board of Education will allow the district to implement these programs in a timely and organized manner, ensuring students have access to high-quality, standards-aligned instruction in both the arts and world languages.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to your support in bringing these course proposals forward for board review.