

**School Board Meeting:**

**November 24, 2014**

**Subject:**

Course Proposals for 2015-2016

**Presenter:**

**Pam Miller & Mark Mischke**

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**SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:**

No recommended action at this time. Action will be taken at the December 8<sup>th</sup> school board meeting.

**DESCRIPTION:**

New course proposals and course modifications have been solicited and developed for the 2015-2016 school year. The district's course proposal process begins in October 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 secondary schools.

**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.

- ❑ 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 recommendations are required from the following groups or individuals prior to being brought to the School Board for approval:
  - Department Chairperson
  - Site Principal
  - Site Teaching and Learning Council
  - Secondary Teaching and Learning Council
  - District/Community Teaching and Learning Council
- ❑ 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.
- ❑ Course approval does not guarantee implementation. Implementation is dependent on resources and scheduling considerations. Feasibility of implementation is determined by the site principal.

The course proposals included here are in the process of review under the following timeline:

Secondary Teaching & Learning Council on November 6, 2014  
District/Community Teaching & Learning Council on November 7, 2014  
School Board Workshop – Course Proposal Review on November 24, 2014  
School Board Meeting – Course Proposal Approval on December 8, 2014

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*
- ❑ *Graduation requirement impact*
- ❑ *District goals match*
- ❑ *Program rationale match*
- ❑ *Program standards alignment*
- ❑ *Post-secondary impact*
- ❑ *Cost and/or resource availability*
- ❑ *Impact on other buildings*
- ❑ *Overlap with other courses*
- ❑ *Match of content and course length*
- ❑ *Efficiency in utilization of space and personnel*

#### **BHS Course Proposals**

A total of 21 courses were proposed for consideration. Each of the proposals were reviewed by Mark Mischke, BHS Principal, and Pam Miller, Director of Teaching & Learning.

Of the 21 course proposals, 18 of those are being presented for your consideration. One course is proposed for deletion; eight courses are proposed as course modifications of existing courses; and nine new courses are proposed. The course names are listed below, and detailed course proposal information for each proposal is included as an attachment.

<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Proposed Action</b>
Arts Infused Science 9	Science	Course Deletion
Hospitality Foods	FACS	Course Modification
AVID English 12	English	Course Modification
Computer Graphics 2	Business Ed	Course Modification
Intro to Statistics	Math	Course Modification
American Experience	Social Studies	Course Modification
Economics: Hybrid	Social Studies	Course Modification
Computer Apps:		
Excel & Data Analysis	Business Ed	Course Modification

Word, Publisher, & Presentation Tools	Business Ed	Course Modification
PAY – Plants, Animals, and You	Ag	Course Addition
Quest Algebra 2 with Trigonometry	Math	Course Addition
Accessible Arts	Art	Course Addition
Freshman Orchestra	Music	Course Addition
CIS Marketing	Business Ed	Course Addition
Photoshop Editing & Design	Business Ed	Course Addition
Computer Illustrations & Animation	Business Ed	Course Addition
College & Career Readiness	Business Ed	Course Addition
Work Preparation Program	Business Ed	Course Addition

At the December 8<sup>th</sup> board meeting, I will recommend approval for each course proposal presented, and for all approved course proposals to be added to Buffalo High School courses as additional opportunities for students.

Each course approved for implementation in 2015-2016 will be allotted up to twenty hours of curriculum writing development if needed. These hours are under the direction of the Department of Teaching and Learning, and will be completed during the summer months.