

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

12-12-2023

Board Goal:

The MIDDLE SCHOOL Course Planning Guide for the 2024-2025 school year supports the following Board goals:

- Remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus (Growth & Management)
- Cultivate a consistent, strong, district-wide balanced curriculum based on ongoing needs assessment that supports all students (Teaching & Learning Goal)
- Foster and support an advanced digital learning environment (Teaching & Learning Goal)
- Instill in students a love of life-long learning. (Climate)

Purpose of Report

Updates are made the planning guides each year to reflect changes in course offerings and other related policies and practices. The purpose of this report is to share with the Board of Trustees the changes that will be reflected in the 2022-2023 Denton ISD Course Planning Guide, including:

1. General Revisions
 - o Minor edits and revisions
2. General Clarifications –
 - o 8 period day in “Sample Schedule”
 - o Study Hall vs. Study Skills
3. Changes in Practice –
 - o Repeating Courses (HB 3803)
 - o Automatic Enrollment in Advanced Math (SB 2124)
4. Course Changes Recommended by Course Committee –
 - o Spanish 7 and Spanish 8 combined into Spanish I (change)
 - o Omission of Spanish for Spanish Speakers courses (MS only) (sunset)
 - o Dual Language Science 6-8, Dual Language Math 6-8 (add)
 - o Career and College Exploration (add), replaces - Investigating Careers (Technology, Construction, Hospitality/Human Services (sunset)
 - o Principles of Agriculture (add to MS, Harpool only)

Objectives

To provide parents, students, administrators, counselors, teachers, and district personnel with a readily-available, accurate source of information related to district courses, course planning, and related policies and practices.

Operational Impact

N/A

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Results

Board approval of the Middle School Course Planning Guide for 2022-2023 will allow the catalog to be distributed for spring registration.

Other Options

The Board could decide to make no changes.