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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 4.1

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, June 24, 2025

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Approval of Revisions to Policy IKF, *Graduation Requirements* (third reading)

SUBMITTED BY: Sheryl Castro, Executive Director of Curriculum and Assessment

PRESENTED BY: Sheryl Castro, Executive Director of Curriculum and Assessment

Presented for your approval are the revisions to Policy IKF, *Graduation Requirements*. Changes include the following

- On the first page of the policy, in the first full paragraph below section D, *during the first semester, taking at least the required number of classes for a senior with no fewer than six (6) of those courses taken on the Catalina Foothills High School campus* was removed.
- On the first and second pages of the policy, the phrase *enrolled full-time* was clarified for freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. The policy language and the information provided in the high school course guide are now in alignment.
- On the second page of the policy, this sentence was added for clarification: *With the approval of the high school principal, Pima JTED courses that are only offered during the student's school day may be considered part of the required course load as Pima JTED is regarded as an extension of the high school campus.*
- On the second page of the policy, in the paragraph directly beneath the list of prescribed courses, a grammatical error was corrected (*it's* was replaced with *its*).
- At the bottom of the second page of the policy, in the paragraph with three asterisks, three changes were made:

- Language referring to social studies instruction on the Holocaust and other genocides was updated as required by statute (i.e., *school days* was replaced by *class periods* and *at least once in grades nine (9) through twelve (12)* was replaced with *on at least two (2) separate occasions during any of grades seven through twelve (7-12)*. [Note: CFSD students receive this instruction in Grade 7 Social Studies and Grade 9 World History.]
- *A.R.S 15-710* was replaced with *A.R.S. 15-701.02*
- *Geography* was added to the list of required topics.
- On the third and fourth pages of the policy, the sections outlining the social studies requirements that were phased in from 2022-2025 were deleted.
- Changes on the fourth page of the policy include the following:
 - The subtitle *Social Studies Credit Requirements for Graduation for Class of 2026* was changed to *Social Studies Credit Requirements for Graduation*.
 - In the second paragraph under the four asterisks, the sentence referring to the civics test requirements for the graduating class of 2025 was removed. The phrase *Beginning with the graduating class of 2026* was also removed. [Note: CFSD high school students take the civics test in U.S. History in Grade 10.]
 - In the last paragraph, the phrase *At the discretion of the school or district* was added.
- In the third full paragraph on page 5, *department of education* was replaced with *Arizona Department of Education*.
- At the bottom of page 5, the phrases “from their state of origin” and “Arizona” were added for clarity.
- In the middle of page 6, updates were added after the sentence *Transfer students will meet the graduation requirements for Social Studies in one (1) of the following ways:*
 - The phrase *during the 2023-2024 school year* was deleted.
 - Under Sections B and C :
 - The word *course* was changed to *course[s]*
 - *Personal Finance (.5 credit) and Consumer Finance (.5 credit)* was deleted and *AP Psychology (1 credit) or Perspectives on Modern History (.5 credit) and American Law & Justice (.5 credit)* was added.
- On the seventh page of the policy, in the section titled Special Education under section B, *parents* was changed to *parent/legal guardian*.
- Statutes referenced in the policy were updated on the final page.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: I move that the governing board approve the revisions to Policy IKF, *Graduation Requirements*, as presented.