

COURSE/PROGRAM PROPOSAL

Any new course proposal should incorporate the elements of rigor, equity and developmental appropriateness. The following questions should guide the process of course development:

• Academic Rigor

- Does the course articulate a clear set of learning goals that include high standards, skills, ideas, and useful procedures?
- Does the course challenge students by building upon previous learning goals?
- Does the course provide academic challenge?

• Equity

- Does the course promote high levels of achievement among all students?
- Does the course approach learning in more than one way and account for differences in style and student background?

• Developmental Appropriateness

- Does the course build on past learnings and challenge students to acquire new learnings?
- Does the course consider the appropriateness of the students' developing thinking skills?
- Does the course engage the student at an appropriate developmental level?

The following proposal must be submitted to the appropriate Curriculum Specialist by November 1 preceding the first year of course implementation.

Content Area(s): _____

Course Title: _____

Length of Course:

_____ Quarter

_____ Trimester

_____ Semester

_____ Year

High Schools Only

Credit to be awarded: _____

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Graduation Requirement: Yes _____ No _____

Course syllabus is attached: Yes _____ No _____

Requirements for first year evaluation have been reviewed:

Yes _____ No _____

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1. Please identify the District Curriculum Specialist/Coordinator who has been involved in the development of this course at the building level.
2. Which Curriculum Content Standards are addressed by this proposal? (Attach appropriate District Framework document.)
3. What data do you have to support student need of this course?
4. Where and how does this course align with the scope and sequence of existing coursework in this content area(s)?
 - 4a. Can this course be repeated for credit?
 - 4b. If applied to graduation credit, what are the options for a student who fails the course?
5. What are the first year impacts of the proposed course on:
 - enrollment
 - materials/resources
 - facilities
 - staff
 - existing courses
 - 5a. What are the long-term impacts of the proposed course on:
 - enrollment
 - materials/resources
 - facilities
 - staff
 - existing courses
6. Which research-based instructional practices will be implemented into the course activities?
7. What are the impacts of the proposed course upon feeder school course offerings?
8. Are there specific qualifications for teachers of this course?
 - 8a. Are there qualified teachers currently on staff? If so, how many? If not, what plan is there for some one to obtain qualifications?
9. How will students with special needs (Special Education, Language Acquisition, Gifted and Talented) be accommodated?

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10. Which other departments (e.g. Special Education, Risk Management, Staff Development) have you consulted regarding this proposed course?

11. What Superintendent Policy or Master Agreement implications are involved with the proposal?

12. How does the proposed course address the Board's End Statement?

13. Please provide the following projections:

	First Year	Years 2-5
Number of students enrolled in course	_____	_____
Number of teachers needed	_____	_____

14. Please provide the titles of primary instructional materials.

Current:

To Be Adopted:

15. Please provide the following estimated costs:

Textbooks (New purchase)	\$ _____
Instructional Materials	\$ _____
Special Equipment/Other	\$ _____
Staff Development	\$ _____

16. Explain how the following will be funded from your school budget:

Staffing

Materials/Resources

Equipment

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School Reviewers Signatures:

Building Principal

Date

Department Representative

Date

Department Representative

Date

District Curriculum Specialist

Date

District Reviewers Signatures:

District Curriculum Specialist

Date

Director of Instruction

Date

Executive Director of Schools

Date

Decision:

Approved: _____

Disapproved: _____

Resubmitted for modification: _____

Comments:

Superintendent or Designee

Date

NEW COURSE EVALUATION

(To be submitted to Learning Services by November 1 following first year of course implementation)

Please attach a copy of the original/approved course proposal.

Date of Evaluation Submission _____

Title of Course _____

School Year of Original Implementation _____

School _____

Content Area _____

Teacher(s) _____

When was the course offered? (Circle all that apply.)

Full Year

Quarter 1 2 3 4

Trimester 1 2 3

Semester 1 2

1. Student Enrollment Data

(Provide data for each term separately if course was offered more than once per school year.)

Enrollment:

	First Day	Last Day
Males	_____	_____
Females	_____	_____
Total	_____	_____

Grade level breakdown enrollees:

	First Day	Last Day
Grade 6	_____	_____
Grade 7	_____	_____
Grade 8	_____	_____
Grade 9	_____	_____
Grade 10	_____	_____
Grade 11	_____	_____
Grade 12	_____	_____

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3. Budgetary Implications

Total cost of materials _____

Funding Source _____

Staff Training _____

Funding Source _____

Staffing Cost _____

Additional Resources _____

Funding Source _____

4. Standards Alignment and Student Achievement

Referring to the standards cited in the original course proposal, describe how achievement was assessed and attach examples of course assessments, projects, rubrics, etc. that demonstrate standards alignment.

Provide student achievement data (other than grades) which demonstrate student achievement related to the standards described in the course proposal.

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Submission Signatures:

Teacher

Teacher

Teacher

Department Chair

Principal or Assistant Principal

Recommendation Date: _____

Course recommended for continuation.

Date of next evaluation: _____

Course recommended for one-year continuation with restrictions.

Course will be re-evaluated in one year.

Course recommended for discontinuation.

Comments:

Learning Services Review Team:

Curriculum Specialist/Coordinator

Curriculum Specialist/Coordinator

Director of Instruction and Assessment

Other Learning Services Representative

Superintendent or Designee