

2017-2018 Program of Studies



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Essential Questions

How does the Program of Studies align with the characteristics of high performing learning organizations?

What is the purpose of the Program of Studies?

What is new in the 2017-2018 Program of Studies?

What courses have changed or have been deleted in the 2017-18 Program of Studies?

Vision: ACPS will be an excellent and high-performing school division characterized by:

- **Clear Focus:** everyone knows what we are doing, how to do it and why
- **Expectations for All Students:** belief that every student can learn
- **Strong Instruction Program:** rising achievement of all students
- **Effective School Leadership:** nurture an instructional program and school culture
- **Collaboration and Communication:** strong teamwork among teachers, staff and parents
- **Alignment with State:** staff understands the role of state assessments
- **Frequent Monitoring:** different assessments identifying students who need help & assigning intervention
- **Ongoing System of Staff Training:** training staff in areas of most need
- **Supportive Learning Environment:** school has a safe, clean and intellectually stimulating learning environment
- **High Levels of Family and Community Involvement:** sense that all have a responsibility to educate students



Purpose of the Program of Studies

- Begins the advisement period for students and families
- Provides guidance for Individualized Career and Academic Planning (ICAPs)
- Outlines schedule possibilities at all grade levels
- Links school-based learning with the knowledge and skills required for success in the workplace
- Offers steps for academic and career planning for grades 6-12
- Includes course requirements and expectations
- Defines graduation requirements
- Provides information about academies (STEM, IA, AOF)
- Lists support offered to students
- Provides students and families with a list of course offerings

New Information



Proposal for the STEM academy



Individual Career and Academic Plans (ICAPs) timeline



Course sequencing for Math and Science



School Board policies

Course Additions

- Advanced Placement Human Geography
- Advanced Placement Research
- Advanced Spanish Dual Language
- STEM Seminar
- French I at middle school
- EAP Algebra Functions
- 34 on-line courses



Course Changes and Deletions



- Updated descriptions for middle school Mathematics, World Languages, Physical Education, CTE and in the Arts
- Three courses deleted from the high school offerings
- STEM X at 10th grade

Questions and Discussion

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