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For INFORMATION

Board Agenda: Yes X
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THROUGH: Lois F. Berlin, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent of Schools

TO: The Honorable Ramee Gentry, Chair, and Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: Program of Studies for 2018-19 for Secondary Schools

BACKGROUND: February 5, 2018 marks the start of the enrollment process for secondary students for the 2018-19 school year. Students and their families are provided with a Program of Studies which provides information on graduation and school practices that support student learning. The Program of Studies also includes a comprehensive list of courses available to meet graduation requirements; provides opportunities to explore a wide-range of disciplines; and meets diverse student needs and interests.

A committee of administrators and guidance staff from each secondary school, along with Curriculum & Instruction and Communications staff, worked to design and develop the proposed Program of Studies for the 2018-19 school year. The committee members worked with various departments in each school to solicit recommendations for course revisions, additions and deletions that incorporated trends in student interest and demand.

The entire proposed Program of Studies is attached for your review. The tables below provide an overview of changes from the previous Program of Studies (2017-18).

Once the Program of Studies is approved, it will be published on the ACPS website and printed in hard copy form for distribution to students, parents/guardians, and school staff at the end of January 2018.

PROGRAM OF STUDIES 2018-19 Revision SUMMARY

COURSE ADDITIONS				
Name	Rationale	Budget Implications		
		Materials	Staff	Facilities
Child Development	This class will be offered to 9 th graders to be introduced to working with children in various professional settings and have a better understanding of the developmental stages of children.	Federal Perkins funding to purchase books	None	
Computer & Keyboarding Applications	For students in the International Academy. This course will meet the "CTE" requirement for graduation. Also would be for students who are new to T.C. who have not had the exposure to computers that most other students have.	Federal Perkins funding to possibly purchase another computer lab or laptop cart	None	
Cyber-Security Fundamentals	The state now has an official Cyber-Security class.	None	None	
Theater Practicum: Acting & Directing	To award credit for performance class that is related to instruction and curriculum during the regular school day.	None	None (current)	
Theater Practicum: Tech	To award credit for performance class that is related to instruction and curriculum during the regular school day.	None	None (current)	

COURSE DELETIONS				
Name	Rationale	Budget Implications		
		Materials	Staff	Facilities
Computer & Cyber-Security Solutions	The state now offers an official cyber-security class so we are switching over to that course.			
Computing for College and Careers (Online)	No longer offered by the vendor			
Veterinary Science: The Care of Animals (Online)	No longer offered by the vendor			
Web Design (Online)	No longer offered by the vendor			
Credit Recovery Spanish (Online)	No longer offered by the vendor			

ONLINE COURSE ADDITIONS				
Name	Rationale	Budget Implications		
		Materials	Staff	Facilities
Concepts in Probability and Statistics	Offer an online option for students			
Digital Arts	Offer an online option for students			
Engineering Design	Offer an online option for students			
Introduction to Entrepreneurship	Offer an online option for students			
Projects in Audio Engineering	Offer an online option for students			
Biology Honors	Offer an online option for students			
Chemistry Honors	Offer an online option for students			
U.S. V.A. Government Honors	Offer an online option for students			

U.S. V.A. History Honors	Offer an online option for students			
Social Problems I: Crisis, Conflicts, and Challenges	Offer an online option for students			
Health Grade 9	Offer an online option for students			
World History and Geography (to 1500) Honors	Offer an online option for students			
World History and Geography (1500-present) Honors	Offer and online option for students			
Credit Recovery Algebra II and Trigonometry	Offer an online option for students			
Credit Recovery Probability and Statistics	Offer an online option for students			

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends that the School Board approve the proposed 2018-19 Program of Studies.

IMPACT: The adoption of the Program of Studies for 2018-19 will affect Secondary programming in the options students have for classes.

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ATTACHMENT: Draft Program of Studies for 2018-19