

## BOARD MEMO

Date: 12/19/2019

For ACTION

For INFORMATION

Board Agenda: Yes

No

**FROM:** Gerald R. Mann, Jr., Ed.D., Executive Director of Secondary Instruction

**THROUGH:** Terri H. Mazingo, Ed.D., Chief Academic Officer  
Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

**TO:** The Honorable Cindy Anderson, Chair, and  
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

**TOPIC:** Program of Studies for 2020-2021 for Secondary Schools

**ACPS 2020 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:**

Goal 1: Academic Excellence and Educational Equity

**SY 2019-2020 FOCUS AREA:**

Focus Area 1: Educational Equity

**FY 2020 BUDGET PRIORITY:**

Academics

Communications and Customer Service for External Stakeholders

Communications and Customer Service for Internal Stakeholders

**BACKGROUND:** February 3, 2020, marks the start of the enrollment process for secondary students for the 2020-21 school year. Students and their families are provided with a Program of Studies that includes 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; meets diverse student needs and interests.

A committee of administrators and guidance staff from each secondary school, along with the Curriculum & Instruction Department and Communications team, worked to design and develop the proposed Program of Studies for the 2020-21 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.

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 2020.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** The Superintendent recommends that the School Board approve the proposed 2020-21 Program of Studies.

**IMPACT:** The adoption of the Program of Studies for 2020-21 will affect Secondary programming in the options students have for classes

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Draft Program of Studies for 2020-21

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