

BOARD MEMO

Date: December 3, 2020
For ACTION ____
For INFORMATION X
Board Agenda: Yes X
No ____

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THROUGH: Terri H. Mozingo, Ed.D., Chief of Teaching, Learning, and Leadership
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TO: The Honorable Cindy Anderson, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: Program of Studies for 2021-2022 for Secondary Schools

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Goal 2: Instructional Excellence

SY 2020-2021 FOCUS AREA:

Focus Area 3: Strategic Plan Implementation

FY 2021 BUDGET PRIORITY:

Academic Excellence and Educational Equity

SUMMARY:

February 4, 2021, marks the start of the enrollment process for secondary students for the 2021-22 school year. Students and their families are provided with a Program of Studies, including 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.

BACKGROUND:

Each year a committee of administrators and guidance staff from each secondary school and the Department of Teaching, Learning, and Leadership as well as the Communications staff work to design and develop the proposed Program of Studies for the 2021-22 school year. The committee members work with various school departments to solicit recommendations for course revisions, additions, and deletions that incorporate 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 2021.

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RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the proposed 2021-22 Program of Studies.

IMPACT: The adoption of the Program of Studies for 2021-22 will affect Secondary programming in the options students have for classes.

ATTACHMENTS:

Presentation: Draft Program of Studies for 2021-22
Program of Studies for 2021-2022

REFERENCES:

Presentation--Draft Program of Studies for 2021-22
Draft Program of Studies for 2021-22

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