

Program of Studies 2015-16



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Essential Questions

- How can we provide our families with a comprehensive list of course options offered by ACPS?
- How can we ensure that all students have an opportunity to explore a wide –range of course offerings?

Program of Studies Committee

- Chief Academic Officer
- Communications staff
- Coordinator of Online Learning
- Curriculum and Instruction staff
- Director of Secondary Instruction
- Directors of School Counseling
- ELL staff
- Executive Associate Principal
- Lead Academic Principal
- Special Education staff



Purpose of the Program of Studies

- Provides students and families with a list of course offerings
- Includes course requirements and expectations
- Defines graduations requirements
- Lists supports offered to students

Course Additions

- Five additional courses have been added to the high school
- One additional support class at the middle school level
- 16 new on-line courses
- New language and content added

Course Deletions

- Five courses deleted from high school
- 28 on-line courses were deleted

Communication

- Staff to students
- Website
- Hard copies

Honors Review Committee and POS

- Parents, ACPS staff and students met four times in October and November
- Provided content, language, and course recommendations for the POS
- Brainstormed individual and collective ideas about the current ACPS honors program and areas in need of enhancement or modification

Questions and Discussion