

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

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SUBJECT:

Awarding High School Credit with Honors Weighting for Health Science II, Welding III, Baking and Pastry, and Early Childcare Education II.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The State Department of Education uses the *Honors Framework Implementation Guide*, a guidance document to ensure that locally approved courses across the state meet certain criteria with regard to establishing courses with Honors weightings. For a course to receive Honors weighting, evidence must be provided that the course represents extension, acceleration, and enrichment of the South Carolina College Preparatory course of study; appropriate differentiation in instructional practices for advanced learners; and purposeful assessment practices that align with the honors level curriculum, and instructional best practices include pre-assessment, formative assessment, and summative assessment. Documentation must be retained at the district level to provide evidence that the Honors courses were developed using the framework.

After consultation with the SDE and surrounding districts, it was determined that offering CTE courses with Honors weighting would assist with recruitment and retention of students in CTE pathways as well as enhance college and career readiness and post-secondary opportunities.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The Division of Instruction has reviewed the documents against the Honors Framework Implementation Guide and has concluded that the CTE courses mentioned meet the requirements set forth to receive Honors weighting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Honors weighting for the following CTE courses:

- Health Science II
- Welding III
- Baking and Pastry
- Early Childcare Education II

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