

AGENDA ITEM

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SUBJECT:

Innovative Course Applications

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The State Department of Education requires board approval for locally designed and innovative courses. The Executive Director of High Schools and administration of Aiken High School are requesting to obtain approval to submit course applications to the South Carolina Department of Education for review and approval.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

State Board of Education Regulation 43-234 allows schools with grades 9-12 to award credit for a locally designed subject area course if the course is aligned with current state academic standards for the particular subject area and approved by the local board of trustees. The course is then reviewed for approval by the State Superintendent of Education. Honors weighting can be awarded for courses in which the State Department of Education's Honors Framework is completed and on file. Aiken High School will have the following Cambridge innovative courses added for the 2019-2020 school year, which require board approval. These will be offered at the College Preparatory and Honors levels:

AICE Environmental Management
IGCSE Physical Science
IGCSE Chemistry
AS Global Perspectives
IGCSE History
AICE English Lang
AICE English General Paper
IGCSE World Literature

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the innovative courses at Aiken High School for the 2019-2020 school year

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