

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

MARCH 25, 2025

SUBJECT:

Local School Board Courses for 2025-2026

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The school board must approve locally designed courses annually.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The Division of Instruction has evaluated the requests for local approved courses for 2025-2026. Both middle and high school lists include courses that are currently being taught (or were previously approved to be taught) along with new courses being requested for the 2025-2026 school year.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Local School Board Courses for 2025-2026.

ATTACHMENT:

Middle School Local Board Approved Course Proposals for 2025-2026
High School Local Board Approved Course Proposals for 2025-2026

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Middle School
LBA Course Proposals
Continuing

School	Course Name	Department	Credit	Status
HSMS, JMS, NAMS, SMS, KMS	AVID	Exploratory	N/A	Continuing
ALL	Creative Reading & Writing	Exploratory	NA	Continuing
NEMS	Cyber Defense	STEAM Exploratory	N/A	Continuing
ALL	Digital Media Arts	Exploratory	N/A	Continuing
NEMS	Exploring Engineering	STEAM Exploratory	N/A	Continuing
PKMS	Gardening	Exploratory	N/A	Continuing
ALL	Intro to Clay/Ceramics	Fine Arts	N/A	Continuing
ALL	Intro to Coding	STEAM Exploratory	N/A	Continuing
LMMS	Leadership Communications	Exploratory	N/A	Continuing
LMMS	Leadership Environment	Exploratory	n/A	Continuing
LMMS	Leadership Foundations	Exploratory	N/A	Continuing
LMMS	Leadership Mentoring	Exploratory	N/A	Continuing
KMS	Leadworthy	Exploratory	N/A	Continuing
ALL	Math Essentials	Math	N/A	Continuing
NEMS	Multimedia Basics	STEAM Exploratory	N/A	Continuing
ALL	Personal Finance	Exploratory	N/A	Continuing
ALL	Public Speaking	Exploratory	N/A	Continuing
NEMS	STEM Cyber	Exploratory	N/A	Continuing
ALL	Study Skills	Exploratory	N/A	Continuing
ALL	W.I.N (What I Need)	Exploratory	N/A	Continuing

Middle School
LBA Course Proposals
New

School	Course Name	Department	Credit	Status	Description if NEW
ALL	Creative Writing	Exploratory	N/A	New	Welcome to Creative Writing! This course is designed to inspire and develop your writing skills through various genres, including poetry, short stories, and personal narratives. You will explore the elements of creative writing, engage in peer reviews, and refine your work through multiple drafts.
SMS	Intro to AVID	Exploratory	N/A	New	This course is designed to help build the academic, personal, and professional skills necessary for success in school & beyond as well as support the implementation & recruiting use of AVID strategies schoolwide.
All	Reading Essentials	Exploratory	N/A	New	This course is designed to strengthen students' foundational reading skills using Lexia PowerUp, a personalized, technology-based literacy program. Students will engage in targeted lessons to improve word study, grammar, and comprehension while developing critical reading strategies for success across all subjects. Through interactive activities, guided practice, and independent learning, students will build vocabulary, enhance reading fluency, and improve their ability to analyze texts. This course provides individualized support to meet students at their current reading level and help them grow into confident, skilled readers.
SMS	The RAM Factory	Exploratory	N/A	New	Students will engage in entrepreneurship, digital design, and hands-on business operations by creating custom t-shirts, hats, and other merchandise using Cricut machines and heat press technology. This course will integrate AVID instructional strategies to develop students' skills.

High School

LBA Course Proposals

Continuing

School	Course Name	Department	Credit	Status	Weight
All	Adaptive PE 2 - 6	PE	1	Continuing	CP
All	African American Literature	ELA	1	Continuing	CP
All	African American Studies 1	Social Studies	1	Continuing	CP
All	African American Studies 2	Social Studies	1	Continuing	CP
NAHS	Art: Fiber & Textile 2	Fine Arts	1	Continuing	CP
All	Band-Flags (Color Guard) 1 - 4	Fine Arts	1	Continuing	CP
All	Career Internship (0.5 credit)	CTE	0.5	Continuing	CP
All	Career Internship (1.0 credit)	CTE	1	Continuing	CP
All	Career Readiness 1 - 2	Any	0.5	Continuing	CP
All	College Readiness ELA - ACT or SAT Designation	Any	0.5	Continuing	CP
All	College Readiness Math - ACT or SAT Designation	Any	0.5	Continuing	CP
All	Early American History	SS	1	Continuing	CP
MVHS, NAHS	Exploring Aviation and Aerospace	Any	0.5	Continuing	CP
All	Film Studies	Any	1	Continuing	CP
MVHS, NAHS	Flight Planning	Any	0.5	Continuing	CP
All	Freshman Success/Lead Worthy	Any	1	Continuing	CP
All	Geneology	Any	1	Continuing	CP
MVHS	Heroes and Myths	ELA	0.5	Continuing	CP
All	JROTC Drill, Ceremonies & Leadership 1 - 4	JROTC	1	Continuing	CP
MVHS, NAHS	Launching Into Aviation	Any	0.5	Continuing	CP
MVHS	Leadership: Impact Through Action	ELA	1	Continuing	CP
All	Literature in Role Playing Games	ELA	1	Continuing	CP
All	Military History and Tactics	SS	1	Continuing	CP

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LBA Course Proposals
Continuing

School	Course Name	Department	Credit	Status	Weight
All	Musical Theatre	Fine Arts	1	Continuing	CP
All	Mythology	ELA	1	Continuing	CP
All	PE Weight Lifting 5 - 8	PE	1	Continuing	CP
All	Peer Mediation	Any	1	Continuing	CP
ASA	Phoenix Focus P2P Level 1 - 4	Any	1	Continuing	CP
NAHS	Real Life 101	Any	0.5	Continuing	CP
AHS	Student Publications	ELA	1	Continuing	CP
MVHS	Survival	ELA	0.5	Continuing	CP
NAHS	Technology & The Battlefield	NJROTC	1	Continuing	CP
NAHS	The Flying Environment	Any	0.5	Continuing	CP
All	Womens' Studies	SS	1	Continuing	CP
All	Yearbook 2	ELA	1	Continuing	CP
All	Yearbook 3, 4 & 5	ELA	1	Continuing	H

High School
LBA Course Proposals
NEW

School	Course Name	Department	Credit	Status	Weight	Description if New
All	AVID Elective (9, 10, 11, 12)	Any	1 or 0.5	New	CP	Students will work on academic and personal goals and communication, adjusting to the high school setting. Students will increase awareness of their personal contributions to their learning as well as involvement in their school and community. There is an emphasis on analytical writing and focusing on personal goals. Students will work in collaborative settings, learning how to participate in collegial discussions and use sources to support ideas and opinions. Students will refine study skills and test-taking, note-taking, and research techniques. Students will take an active role in field trips and guest-speaker preparations and presentations. Their college research will include financial topics and building their knowledge of colleges and careers of interest.
AHS	Outdoor Living	Any	1	New	CP	This course is designed to introduce outdoor adventure activities in a leisure setting that may be enjoyed for a lifetime. Students will acquire skills for camping, outdoor recreation, environmental conservation, adventure education and a diverse assortment of educational experiences. The students will be provided the opportunity to learn the importance of character building through directly experiencing activities which demand respect, responsibility, trustworthiness and courage for survival. Students will be offered certifications for Hunter and boater safety. Students will also have an opportunity to do archery in a safe environment. We will also work with staff members to help beautify the campus. During football season we will help clean up the stadium each Friday to ensure that it is ready for the community and students to enjoy for the game.