

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

MAY 28, 2024

SUBJECT: Local School Board Courses for 2024-2025

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 2024-2025. The courses on the attached lists are identified as currently being taught (continuing) along with newly requested courses for 2024 – 2025.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Local School Board Courses for 2024-2025.

ATTACHMENT:

Middle School Local Board Approved Course Proposals for 2024-2025  
High School Local Board Approved Course Proposals for 2024-2025

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Middle School  
LBA Course Proposals

School	Course Name	Department	Credit	Status	Description if NEW
NEMSS	3D Design	Exploratory	N/A	New	CoSpaces is a creation app widely used in schools around the world and letting kids easily create their own virtual content. Working simply as a website inside the browser but also as a mobile and tablet app, CoSpaces enables students to build, code and explore their own creations in virtual reality and augmented reality, while demonstrating their learnings and developing essential digital skills. Students will also use the TinkerCAD program to design 3D models that can be printed with a 3D printer and uploaded into CoSpaces to include in their virtual reality applications. Tinkercad is proud to bear the ISTE Seal of Alignment. TinkerCAD lesson plans used adhere to ISTE, Common Core, and NGSS standards for the classroom.
HSMS, JMS, NAMS, SMS	AVID	ELA/ Exploratory	N/A	Continuing	
ALL	Creative Reading & Writing	ELA/ Exploratory	N/A	Continuing	
ALL	Digital Media Arts -Yearbook	Exploratory	N/A	Continuing	
ALL	Future City	Science/STEM Exploratory	N/A	Continuing	
Paul Knox MS	Gardening and More	Science	N/A	Continuing	

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AIS	<b>Gen Expl -Dance</b>	Exploratory	N/A	Continuing	
NEMS	<b>Girls In Engineering</b>	Math/Science	N/A	Continuing	
ALL	<b>Intro to Clay/Ceramics</b>	Fine Arts	N/A	Continuing	
ALL	<b>Intro to Coding</b>	Exploratory	N/A	Continuing	
NEMS	<b>Jazz Band</b>	Music/Band	N/A	Continuing	
ALL	<b>Leadership Communication</b>	Exploratory	N/A	Continuing	
ALL	<b>Leadership Environment</b>	Exploratory	N/A	Continuing	
ALL	<b>Leadership Foundations</b>	Exploratory	N/A	Continuing	
ALL	<b>Leadership Mentoring</b>	Exploratory	N/A	Continuing	
ALL	<b>Leadworthy</b>	Exploratory	N/A	New	To introduce leadership skills to students to reinforce good citizenship, ethics, and positive change in their community.
ALL	<b>Math 180</b>	Math/ Exploratory	N/A	Continuing	
ALL	<b>Math Essentials</b>	Math	N/A	Continuing	
Kennedy MS / ALCMS	<b>Naval Science 1</b>	Naval Science	1	Continuing	
ALL	<b>Personal Finance</b>	Math/Bus Ed	N/A	Continuing	
ALL	<b>Public Speaking</b>	Social Studies Exploratory	N/A	Continuing	

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ALL	<b>Read 180</b>	ELA/ Exploratory	N/A	Continuing	
ALL	<b>STEM-Cyber</b>	Science/ Exploratory	N/A	Continuing	
ALL	<b>Study Skills</b>	Exploratory	N/A	Continuing	
ALL	<b>W.I.N (What I Need )</b>	Exploratory	N/A	Continuing	
NEMS	<b>Wolverine Designs &amp; Prints Student Business</b>	Math/Science/ Technology	N/A	Continuing	

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School	Course Name	Department	Credit	Status	Weight	Description if New
All	Adaptive PE 2	PE	1	New	CP	This course is designed to introduce students to help assist Special Olympians at Midland Valley High School to receive specific training and instruction in the events that they will be competing in at the upcoming Special Olympics. The student will also promote and teach physical growth and development of basic skills in team and individual sports and recreational lifetime activities. This is the second course in this program.
All	Adaptive PE 3	PE	1	New	CP	Same as Adaptive PE 2
All	Adaptive PE 4	PE	1	New	CP	Same as Adaptive PE 3
All	Adaptive PE 5	PE	1	New	CP	Same as Adaptive PE 4
All	Adaptive PE 6	PE	1	New	CP	Same as Adaptive PE 5
All	Early American History	SS	1	New	CP	Course will be designed to cover the early days of American History and can be used to pair with the US History course or as a stand-alone elective. Students will learn about the early days of America.
All	Film Studies	Any	1	New	CP	Students will participate in developing their ability to think critically, enhance written and oral communication skills and perform situational analysis skills through studying movies and excerpts from films. They will be performing story and visual analysis followed by Socratic Seminar discussions and studying film history important to our culture.
All	Genealogy	Any	1	New	CP	Genealogy is a comprehensive introduction to the field of genealogy, the study of one's ancestry and family history. This course will provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to research and document their family trees. Through a combination of lectures, hands-on research, and assignments, students will explore various resources, techniques, and methodologies used in genealogical research.

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All	Literature in Role Playing Games	ELA	1	New	CP	Literature Studies in Role Playing Games is an English Language Arts elective course for students who have already developed or wish to explore a new interest in interactive storytelling. Students will be able to interact with existing fantasy and science-fiction role playing games in order to comprehend rules, roles, and other types of technical writing i.e. charts, tables, graphs, etc.; read biographies, mythologies, and other historical narratives in order to analyze the process of character and world building; and synthesize creative writing, digital media, and other available technologies in order to create a collaborative, original Role Playing Game.
All	Military History and Tactics	SS	1	New	CP	The course is intended to provide students with an overall context of military history and strategy/philosophy while examining specific case studies in US and world history. Students will take a proactive role in examining military issues, battles, leaders, and current events.
All	Mythology	ELA	1	New	CP	The course is designed to develop in the students the habits of analysis, understanding, and appreciation for myth in a disciplined and creative manner. Students will investigate the patterns and archetypes of world mythology by reading a variety of ancient myths as well as plays, short stories, poems, and novels that utilize themes and characters inspired by myth and will write in both expository and creative modes. Students will study the mythology of ancient Greece and Rome as well as Scandinavia, Egypt, Africa, Japan, Europe, and the Americas. Emphasis is on the influence of such works on our own literature, culture, and language. There are two main objectives. One is to read a variety of myths and legends focusing on the content of literary elements. The second is to see the influence of Greek and Roman mythology, as well as a sample of other world myths and legends, on the literary world.

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All	Womens' Studies	SS	1	New	CP	The main focus of this course will be women and their societal advancement through American History. Discussion of the status of women in a more global perspective will occur. Women's Studies examines the experiences and contributions of diverse groups of women in American society. This course will provide knowledge about the social role of women and their involvement in areas such as health, history, and political activism.
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School	Course Name	Department	Credit	Status	Weight
All	African American Literature	ELA	1	Continuing	CP
All	African American Studies	Social Studies	1	Continuing	CP
NAHS	Art: Fiber & Textile 2	Fine Arts	1	Continuing	CP
All	Band-Flags (Color Guard) 1	Fine Arts	1	Continuing	CP
All	Band-Flags (Color Guard) 2	Fine Arts	1	Continuing	CP
All	Band-Flags (Color Guard) 3	Fine Arts	1	Continuing	CP
All	Band-Flags (Color Guard) 4	Fine Arts	1	Continuing	CP
All	Career Internship	CTE	1	Continuing	CP
All	Career Internship	CTE	0.5	Continuing	CP
All	Career Readiness 1	Any	0.5	Continuing	CP
All	Career Readiness 2	Any	0.5	Continuing	CP
All	College Readiness ELA	Any	0.5	Continuing	CP
All	College Readiness Math	Any	0.5	Continuing	CP
NAHS	Exploring Aviation and Aerospace	Any	0.5	Continuing	CP
NAHS	Flight Planning	Any	0.5	Continuing	CP
SBHS	Freshman Success	ELA	0.5	Continuing	CP
SBHS, MVHS, MVHS, RSMMH, SAHS, AHS	Freshman Success/Lead Worthy	Any	1	Continuing	CP
MVHS	Heroes and Myths	ELA	0.5	Continuing	CP
NAHS	Launching Into Aviation	Any	0.5	Continuing	CP
All	Leadership 10	Any	0.5	Continuing	CP
All	Leadership 10	Any	1	Continuing	CP
All	Leadership 11	Any	0.5	Continuing	CP
All	Leadership 11	Any	1	Continuing	CP
All	Leadership 12	Any	0.5	Continuing	CP
All	Leadership 12	Any	1	Continuing	CP
All	Leadership 9	Any	0.5	Continuing	CP



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All	Leadership 9	Any	1	Continuing	CP
MVHS	Leadership: Impact Through Action	ELA	1	Continuing	CP
All	Musical Theatre	Fine Arts	1	Continuing	CP
All	NJROTC Drill & Ceremonies 1	NJROTC	1	Continuing	CP
All	NJROTC Drill & Ceremonies 2	NJROTC	1	Continuing	CP
All	NJROTC Drill & Ceremonies 3	NJROTC	1	Continuing	CP
All	NJROTC Drill & Ceremonies 4	NJROTC	1	Continuing	CP
All	NJROTC Drill & Ceremonies 5	NJROTC	1	Continuing	CP
All	NJROTC Drill & Ceremonies 6	NJROTC	1	Continuing	CP
All	NJROTC Drill & Ceremonies 7	NJROTC	1	Continuing	CP
All	NJROTC Drill & Ceremonies 8	NJROTC	1	Continuing	CP
All	PE Weight Lifting 5	PE	1	Continuing	CP
All	PE Weight Lifting 6	PE	1	Continuing	CP
All	PE Weight Lifting 7	PE	1	Continuing	CP
All	PE Weight Lifting 8	PE	1	Continuing	CP
All	Peer Mediation	Any	1	Continuing	CP
ASA	Phoenix Focus P2P Level 1	Any	1	Continuing	CP
ASA	Phoenix Focus P2P Level 2	Any	1	Continuing	CP
ASA	Phoenix Focus P2P Level 3	Any	1	Continuing	CP
ASA	Phoenix Focus P2P Level 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	Yearbook 2	ELA	1	Continuing	CP
All	Yearbook 3	ELA	1	Continuing	H
All	Yearbook 4	ELA	1	Continuing	H
All	Yearbook 5	ELA	1	Continuing	H