

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

May 14, 2024

SUBJECT:

Awarding High School Credit with Honors Weighting for the acGateway Summer Program – FY24

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The summer acGateway program offers artistically gifted and talented students with an opportunity to experience rigorous and advanced studies during the summer. This program is six weeks in length and provides experiences and curriculum at a pace beyond the College Preparatory level. Students must audition and be accepted to participate in this program.

During the 2016-2017 school year, the State Department of Education issued 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The Division of Instruction has reviewed the documents against the Honors Framework Implementation Guide and has concluded that acGateway meets the requirements set forth to receive Honors weighting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve high school credit with Honors weighting for the acGateway Summer Program.

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