

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

September 29, 2015

SUBJECT:

Local School Board Elective Courses for 2015-2016 (Cabinet approval on 8/18/15)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Middle Schools and High Schools submit Local School Board Elective Course Forms throughout the school year. The courses are approved at the Cabinet Level and the new courses are submitted to the Board for final approval.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The Division of Instruction and Accountability has evaluated the new requests for Local School Board Elective Courses for 2015-2016 to date and finds them to be consistent with district educational goals.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Local School Board Elective Courses (New) for 2015-2016 to date

ATTACHMENT:

List of Local School Board Elective Courses for the 2015-2016 school year submitted and approved by Cabinet on August 18, 2015

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School	Course Title	Purpose of Course	Content Area	Pre-requisite Course	Academic Level	Unit Credit	New or Continuing	Date of Cabinet Approval
RSM High	Freshman Focus on Career Choices	To promote student success through attainment of critical skills that enable educational planning for high school and beyond	CATE	N/A	9 th Grade	1-Year	N	8/18/15 Resubmitted for 2015-16 school year for record keeping purposes
All Middle Schools	Future City	Students use math, science and engineering concepts to design and build cities of the future. Students also develop problem-solving and teamwork skills while exploring career options in engineering.	General Education Exploratory	N/A	6 th – 8 th Grade	Semester	N	8/18/15
Kennedy Middle	Exploring the Decades	To provide supplemental and enrichment research activities through the exploration of the 1960's.	Exploratory	N/A	7 th Grade	Non-Credit/Semester	N	8/18/15
Kennedy Middle	Exploring Oceanography through STEM	To provide supplemental and enrichment STEM activities through the exploration of Oceanography.	Exploratory	N/A	6 th Grade	Non-Credit/Semester	N	8/18/15
New Ellenton Middle	Introduction to Engineering and Design for Girls	Exposing female student to the design process, engineering, research and analysis, communication methods and teamwork using project-based learning.	Exploratory	N/A	6 th Grade	Non-Credit/Year	N	8/18/15
New Ellenton Middle	Introduction to Computer Programming	Introduce students to core computer science and programming concepts to help prepare them for STEAM careers.	Exploratory	N/A	6 th – 8 th Grade	Non-Credit/Semester	N	8/18/15

New Ellenton Middle	STEAM GEO-Literacy	Combination of STEAM with Geo-Literacy – the ability to make decisions on an understanding of the systems and connections in the world by preparing students for 21 st century technology-based economy.	Exploratory	N/A	6 th Grade	Non-Credit/Semester	N	8/18/15
North Augusta Middle	Pictures in ELA	Students will learn the concepts of digital photography and the use of technology to edit images which will be incorporated into projects that address a variety of ELA standards.	Exploratory	N/A	8 th Grade	Semester	N	8/18/15
North Augusta Middle	Project Citizen	Promote competent and responsible participation in all levels of government. Engages students in learning how to monitor and influence public policy issues. Support life and career character.	General Education Exploratory	N/A	6 th Grade	Quarter	N	8/18/15
North Augusta High	The Language of Media	To introduce and develop media literacy	English	N/A	9 th – 12 th Grade	Semester	N	8/18/15
North Augusta Middle	Design Squad	Introduce students to the engineering design process and engage students in hands-on engineering through the use of Design Squad Nation activities, animations and video profiles	General Education Exploratory	N/A	6 th Grade	Quarter	N	8/18/15
Schofield Middle	Social Studies Through Theatre	To increase mastery of social studies standards through role play, dramas, reader's theater and the Junior Model United Nations curriculum	General Education Exploratory	N/A	6 th & 7 th Grade	Non-Credit	N	8/18/15

South Aiken High	Debate	Semester course in conjunction with Speech course	English	None	10 th - 12 th Grade	Semester (CP)	N	8/18/15
Aiken High	Peer Tutoring	To improve and reinforce one's own knowledge and skills while helping other students to build self-confidence, communication skills and improve their performance in academic subjects	Supporting Instructional Areas	None	11 th & 12 th Grade	Semester (CP)	N	8/18/15
North Augusta Middle	Robotics	Inspire students to pursue careers in engineering, science, technology and math through the exploration of robotics designs.	General Education Exploratory	None	7 th Grade	Semester	N	8/18/15