

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

OCTOBER 13, 2020

SUBJECT:

Suspension of Policy IKAA for the 2020-2021 School Year

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Board policy IKAA establishes the administration of semester examinations for all high school credit courses, with the exception of those students whose IEP excludes the administration of such exams or those seniors in second semester who have a grade of A in the course. Semester examinations, according to board policy, must count as one-fifth of the semester grade.

Due to the COVID pandemic, the district is operating two distinct instructional delivery models for high school students – hybrid, which currently includes two days of face-to-face instruction followed by three days of remote learning; and full-time virtual through AIKEN iNNOVATE, where the majority of high school credit courses are designed and NCAA accredited by VirtualSC (VSC). In response to social distancing requirements of the COVID pandemic, VSC has eliminated all semester exams for the 2020-2021 school year. To ensure equity for all ACPSD students enrolled in both the hybrid and virtual models, it is the administration’s recommendation to suspend semester exams for all high school courses for the current school year.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

To maintain consistency of grading in virtual and hybrid options, administration recommends to suspend the examination requirement in accordance with policy IKAA for the 2020-2021 school year.

RECOMMENDATION:

Suspend Policy IKAA for the 2020-2021 school year

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