

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

OCTOBER 27, 2020

SUBJECT:

Suspension of a Portion of Policy IKAA for the 2020-2021 School Year

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Board policy IKAA states that, “Pupil evaluation is an integral part of the teaching-learning process,” and that “The classroom teacher is responsible for pupil evaluation, subject to the supervision of the school principal.” Additionally, the policy enables 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 Policy IKAA, 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, with a transition to traditional face to face instruction; 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

To achieve equity in grading for ACPSD students enrolled in both the traditional face to face and virtual models, administration recommends suspending the semester examination requirements in policy IKAA for the 2020-2021 school year, while reinforcing the concept that the classroom teacher is responsible for pupil evaluation.

RECOMMENDATION:

Suspend the portions of Policy IKAA requiring semester examinations for the 2020-2021 school year

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TESTS AND EXAMINATIONS

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Purpose: To establish the basic structure for evaluating students in the district's schools.

Pupil evaluation is an integral part of the teaching-learning process. Teacher communication with the parent regarding individual pupil achievement is a central part of the evaluative process. The classroom teacher is responsible for pupil evaluation, subject to the supervision of the school principal.

~~The district will administer semester examinations for all high school credit courses. All students in grades nine and above will be required to take the exams except for students with disabilities whose individualized educational plan specifically excludes the examinations and seniors who may exempt second semester examinations if they have a grade of A in the course.~~

~~The semester exam in a course will count as one-fifth of the semester grade.~~ The final grade for a two-semester course will be the average of the grades for both semesters.

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