

BOARD MEMO

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For ACTION

For INFORMATION

Board Agenda: Yes

No

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THROUGH: Terri H. Mozingo, Ed.D., Chief of Teaching, Learning, and Leadership
Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

TO: The Honorable Meagan L. Alderton, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: Program of Studies for 2022–2023 for Secondary Schools

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Goal 2: Instructional Excellence

SY 2021–2022 FOCUS AREA:

Focus Area 3: Strategic Plan Implementation

FY 2022 BUDGET PRIORITY:

Academic Excellence and Educational Equity

SUMMARY:

February 1, 2022, marks the start of the enrollment process for secondary students for the 2022–23 school year. Students and their families are provided with a Program of Studies, including information on graduation and school practices that support student learning. The Program of Studies also includes a comprehensive list of courses available to meet graduation requirements, provides opportunities to explore a wide range of disciplines, and meets diverse student needs and interests.

The following courses are recommended for additions to the program of studies:

- Construction Technology
- Science Center Peer Tutor
- Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Peer Tutoring
- Dual-Language Spanish- Language Arts III
- Dual-Language Spanish-Social Studies (Civics & Economics)

The following courses are recommended for deletion from the program of studies:

- Music of Our Lives
- Dual-enrollment Pharmacy Technician I and II
- Marketing I

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Lastly, virtual learning through Virtual Virginia is also being recommended for the 2022–2023 program of studies.

BACKGROUND:

Every year a committee of administrators and guidance staff from each secondary school; the Office of Teaching, Learning, and Leadership; and the Communications staff work to design and develop the proposed Program of Studies for the 2022–23 school year. The committee members worked with various school departments to solicit recommendations for course revisions, additions, and deletions that incorporated student interest and demand trends.

Once the Program of Studies is approved, it will be published on the ACPS website for distribution to students, parents/guardians, and school staff at the end of January 2022.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the proposed 2022–23 Program of Studies.

IMPACT:

The adoption of the Program of Studies for 2022–23 will affect secondary programming in the options students have for classes.

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft Program of Studies for 2022–23
Board Presentation

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