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**TO:** The Honorable Ramee Gentry, Chair, and Members of the Alexandria  
City School Board

**TOPIC:** Program of Studies for 2019-20 for Secondary Schools

**BACKGROUND:** February 4, 2019 marks the start of the enrollment process for secondary students for the 2019-20 school year. Students and their families are provided with a Program of Studies which provides 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.

A committee of administrators and guidance staff from each secondary school, along with Curriculum & Instruction and Communications staff, worked to design and develop the proposed Program of Studies for the 2019-20 school year. The committee members worked with various departments in each school to solicit recommendations for course revisions, additions and deletions that incorporated trends in student interest and demand.

The entire proposed Program of Studies is attached for your review. The tables below provide an overview of changes from the previous Program of Studies (2018-19).

Once the Program of Studies is approved, it will be published on the ACPS website and printed in hard copy form for distribution to students, parents/guardians, and school staff at the end of January 2019.

**PROGRAM OF STUDIES 2019-20 Revision SUMMARY**

<b>COURSE ADDITIONS</b>				
<b>Name</b>	<b>Rationale</b>	<b>Budget Implications</b>		
		<b>Materials</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Facilities</b>
Dual Enrollment Introduction to Health and Medical Sciences	This course is being added to differentiate the dual enrolled introduction to Health Sciences academy course at Minnie Howard with the non-dual enrolled course at King Street.	None	None (current)	
Dual enrollment Teachers for Tomorrow	NOVA will offer now dual enroll Teacher for Tomorrow for an Introduction to Teaching course. So ACPS will now offer this course for college credit.	None	None	
Environmental Science (IA)	New course from the VDOE. This will give grade 9 students a foundation in Biology and Earth Science before taking an SOL test.	None (current Holt Environment Science book will be used)	None (Grade 9 IA Science/Biology teachers will teach the course)	
Business Cooperative Internship	In the past students were allowed to register for a credit class to include Co-op. Using this format, student will register for their "parent" class and co-op separately. The classes will all read as 1 credit classes.	None	None	
Introduction to Fashion Careers	Students have been pursuing secondary education in the area of Fashion, marketing and Media and can continue a 3 year track before entering college or design school.	May require new textbooks.		
Sport and Entertainment Management	Advanced level course in the area of Sports, Entertainment and Recreation Marketing.	Textbooks		
Percussion Ensemble	This course will provide students with those unique skills and will increase the overall performance quality of all band ensembles at TC Williams High School.	Classroom material but an instrument rental fee will be issued.		
Bridges (subcategories: Bridges Civics, Bridges English, Bridges History, Bridges Science)	The Bridges program is a Tier 3 intervention designed to accelerate literacy development and provide small group, personalized instruction for our English language learners with limited and interrupted formal education (SLIFE) as they progress along the literacy continuum.	Textbooks	None	
Spanish 1C	Add Spanish 1C to the Spanish course sequence of 1A and 1B at Jefferson Houston and Patrick Henry.	Additional resources and textbooks	None	
Advanced Topics in Chinese Language and Culture VI	Students who intend to continue their language study at the university level need to be offered an uninterrupted sequence of study.	Textbooks and readers. The curriculum already exists.		
Advanced Topics in Latin Language and Culture VI	Students who intend to continue their language study at the university level need to be offered an uninterrupted sequence of study.	Textbooks		

COURSE DELETIONS				
Name	Rationale	Budget Implications		
		Materials	Staff	Facilities
Computer Math	No longer offered..			
Dual enrollment Theatre Preacticum-Eighth/Ninth Periods	NOVA is no longer offering this course for dual enrollment credit.			

ONLINE COURSE DELETIONS				
Name	Rationale	Budget Implications		
		Materials	Staff	Facilities
Lord of the Rings	Vendor no longer offers course	n/a	n/a	n/a
Medical Terminology II	Vendor no longer offers course	n/a	n/a	n/a

ONLINE COURSE ADDITIONS				
Name	Rationale	Budget Implications		
		Materials	Staff	Facilities
Marine Science	Offer an additional science course	n/a	n/a	n/a

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the proposed 2019-20 Program of Studies.

**IMPACT:** The adoption of the Program of Studies for 2019-20 will affect Secondary programming in the options students have for classes.

**ATTACHMENT:** Draft Program of Studies for 2019-20

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