

To: Board of Education

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Re: Examination of High School Course Options

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Background:

In October 2016, the Board of Education established the following board goals:

**Goal 1:** Develop and align district expectations for curriculum and instruction to raise the achievement of all students.

College and Career Readiness

*Sub Goals*

2. Examine high school course options and graduation requirements and develop a plan to implement recommended changes. (See also Resource Allocation)
  - a. Gather comparative data of course offerings from surrounding districts.
  - c. Develop proposal based on feedback.
4. Explore and expand educational options at the College & Career Center and Virtual School and develop a plan to implement recommended changes.

Current Report:

This report will focus on the outcomes of deliberations of the aforementioned administrators, including the vision for our students and alignment with the vision of the Kansas Commissioner of Education and Kansas State Department of Education for Kansas schools: *"Kansas leads the world in the success of each student."*

Examples of incorporation of the Individual Plans of Study into specific career pathways required by the Kansas State Board of Education will be presented as options. The guiding principle of having students craft an individual plan and choose course options that fit into their plan will also be presented.