

To: Board of Education

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Re: Proposal for Additional High School Course Offerings for 2018-2019

Date: January 18, 2018

Background:

Each year, the USD497 Board of Education is presented with high school course additions and deletions. These changes are presented based on Board Policy – Curriculum Development and IDA – Educational Programs.

IC – Teachers and administrators shall develop cooperatively an integrated, comprehensive K-12 curriculum, which will then be submitted to and approved by the board.

IDA – The board may consider revisions of the district's general educational program each year. When approved by the board, this program will constitute the district's general educational curriculum.

Course proposals are aligned with board goal 1: *develop and align district expectations for curriculum, instruction and assessment to raise the achievement of all students*, the new Kansas Education System of Accreditation (KESA) framework, and the Kansas Vision for Education's definition of a successful graduate: "[having] the academic preparation, cognitive preparation, technical skills, employability skills and civic engagement to be successful in postsecondary education, in the attainment of an industry recognized certification or in the workforce..."

Current Report:

This report will discuss proposed 2018-2019 high school course offerings, including reinstatement of 9th grade civics as a graduation requirement, their course descriptions and considerations, and how they relate to the Kansas State Department of Education's Vision for Education: "*Kansas leads the world in the success of each student.*"