

Wyomissing Area School District Curriculum Committee Meeting



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“Inspiring Excellence, One Spartan at a Time”

Vision

- To empower our students to create their own futures
- To develop opportunities for students to navigate through high school in ways that align to their needs, interests and help them to better prepare for their future
- To provide students with opportunities to participate in authentic experiences, gain career exploration and experience and customize an education that prepares them for career

Program of Studies – Course Name Changes

Math

- Academic Pre-Calculus to *Advanced Algebra with Trigonometry*

English

- *English Strategies*
 - Removed the grade level as it is appropriate for several grade levels and can be used for Keystone remediation
- Creative Writing to *Fiction Writing*
- Journalism to *Non-Fiction Writing*

Program of Studies – Course Name Changes

Social Studies

- Academic/Honors US Government & Politics to *Academic/Honors US Government & Civics*

Technology Education

- Computer Aided Drafting to *Computer Aided Manufacturing*

Program of Studies – New Courses

Math

- AP Pre-Calculus

Health/PE

- Principles of Coaching and Officiating
- Drivers Education Theory

Other

- JROTC III

Program of Studies – Deleted Courses

- Mandarin Chinese
 - Course no longer offered at Wilson HS due to teacher vacancy

Dual Enrollment Update

- Dual Enrollment – Program that allows students the opportunity to earn college credit while still enrolled in high school
 - Reduced tuition rates
 - Potential for increased flexibility in college (double major, minor, graduate in less than four years)

Dual Enrollment Update

- Act 55 - PA Dept of Education states that every school district must enter into an agreement with at least one post-secondary institution to provide Dual Enrollment options to students
 - Phase I – Agreements with Albright College and RACC for WASD students to enroll in college courses at the college campus
 - Phase II – Goal in 2023-2024 school year to offer DE courses on the Wyomissing Area JSHS campus
- Funding of Courses
 - We have secured funding to assist students with financial need

Dual Enrollment Update

Partnership with RACC

- Progress has been made in identifying and receiving preliminary approval of WASD teachers serving as Dual Enrollment Instructors on our campus beginning in 23-24
- Plan to offer courses representing a variety of content areas
 - Science, Math, English, Social Studies and Computer Science
- Currently supporting teachers in the application phase
- Associate Provost will review and approve teachers and course syllabi
- Create an addendum to the Program of Studies

Teacher Development

Goal:

Provide opportunities for HS students to learn about careers in education, take a course in education for college credit, and consider an internship with a current WASD educator.

Teacher Development

Proposed New Course – Introduction to Education

- Instruction offered on-site at the JSHS
- Course facilitated by WASD staff
- Course will be offered as dual enrollment for students to earn three (3) credits through Alvernia University
- Expected cost is \$80 per credit, with financial support provided for all students in need

Teacher Development

Proposed New Club – Future Educators (name may change)

- Identify students interested in learning about education
- Consider educational field trips (local colleges, etc.) and community service opportunities to gain experiences working with children
- Collaborative activities with similar new club at Governor Mifflin and Wilson

Teacher Development

Future Initiatives

- Support WASD graduates with part-time jobs, observation hours and student teaching placements while studying in college
- Provide interviews for graduates of three districts (Wyomissing Area, Governor Mifflin and Wilson) at any of the three districts with open positions in their area of certification

Next Steps

- November 21st - Request Board action at the voting meeting
- Winter - Develop an addendum that includes the Dual Enrollment courses (before course registration)
- January – Provide student and family education related to the Program of Studies and course registration process
- February – Students request courses for 2023-2024

Questions?