

SMUSD BOE AAC Update

August 27, 2019

Dr. Issaic Gates, SMHS Principal

Dr. Soomin Chao, SMHS Assistant Principal

Mrs. Alana Faure, HMS Assistant Principal

Mr. Jason Kurtenbach, SMUSD Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction.

2018-19 AAC Recommendations and Actions

- CTE Pathways & New Courses - Dr. Soomin Chao
- Dual Enrollment - Dr. Issaic Gates
- Honors Pathways - Mrs. Alana Faure
- Homework AR - Mr. Jason Kurtenbach

CTE Pathways & New Courses - Dr. Soomin Chao

Phase 1

- Present Pathway Proposal
- Identify Community Partners
- Recruit & hire Teachers in identified industry sectors
- Craft course option(s) on Student Request Form and Course Catalog
- Provide release time for course and unit design

Phase 2

- Roll out CTE Pathways
- Parent and Student Information Meetings
- Expand/update CTE course options
- Expand Arts Program
- Provide teacher release time for course and unit design

Phase 3

- Evaluate & modify/add pathways according to feedback
- Articulate expanded VAPA program
- Expanded/Update VAPA course options
- Provide teacher release time for course and unit design
- Articulate VAPA/CTE pathway(s) with HMS

New & Updated A-G Approved Courses - Dr. Soomin Chao

New Courses in SMHS Business/Finance Pathway:

Introduction to Business and Finance (G)

Intermediate Business and Finance (Entrepreneur in the Classroom) (G)

Advanced Business Management Enterprise and Project Management (Capstone) **Honors** (G)

New Courses in SMHS Media Arts Pathway:

Introduction to Media Arts Digital Filmmaking (F)

Intermediate Media Arts (F)

Intermediate Animation (F)

Advanced Digital Filmmaking (Capstone) **Honors** (F)

New or Revised SMHS Courses:

AP United States History **Honors** (A)

Introduction to Computer Science in JavaScript (D)

Advanced Dance Company **Honors** (F)

Concert Choir (F)

Dual Enrollment - Dr. Issaic Gates

Traditionally, Dual Enrollment Programs offer high school students the opportunity to earn college credit while taking the same classes needed to meet their high school's requirements for graduation.

- Academic Maturity – Increased Interest learning, relevancy for students, academic maturity
- Academic Maturity – Students begin to explore degree majors by taking courses in their area of academic interest
- Save money – Traditionally, student do not pay tuition or fees for dual enrollment courses
- Save time – Because dual enrollment student starts college earlier, they are more likely to start graduate degrees during the traditional 4-year bachelor's degree program.
- Increased Admission Rate – Dual enrollment of Potential for articulated transfer pathways to colleges and universities

Honors Pathways - Mrs. Alana Faure

- Ongoing Process
 - HS & MS have implemented BOE AP/Honors liberalization policy of 2011
 - AAC Mtgs., Site Department Mtgs., HMS/SMHS Dept. Chair Mtgs.
 - Established math placement criteria for incoming 6th graders
 - Removal of Algebra A from HMS
- Communication to Parents in the Spring of 2019
- Pathways Chart

Homework AR - Mr. Jason Kurtenbach

- Community Survey (16-17)
- AAC Subcommittee (17-18)
- Site Focus Groups (18-19)
- BP Approval (18-19)
- Leadership Discussion (19-20)

Thank you.