
2019-2020 Special Course Approval

The Background:

The State Board of Education Rule 0520-01-03-.05(2) and Policy 3.201 (Special Courses) allow school districts the ability to apply to offer special courses not listed in the State Board's Approved High School Courses Policy 3.205. The Department of Education annually reviews special course applications and assigns subject-specific course codes to special courses approved for one, three, or six years.

This item presents for the Board's approval the list of all special course applications received by the Department for the 2019-20 school year, along with their approval status and, if applicable, the number of years for which the special course is recommended to be approved. Special courses shall only be offered as elective credit and are only for grades nine through twelve (9-12). This item does not include rule or policy revisions.

The Fiscal Analysis Impact:

T.C.A. § 49-1-212 requires that the Department prepare a fiscal analysis of any policy, rule, or regulation proposed to the State Board of Education. This item has no financial impact on an LEA.

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends acceptance of this item on first reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.