
Graduation Requirements Substitutions

The Background:

TCA § 49-1-302(a)(8) authorizes the State Board of Education to “set policies governing all curricula and courses of study in the public schools.” Additionally, Rules, Regulations, and Minimum Standards of the State Board of Education 0520-01-03-.05(1) calls for the State Board of Education to adopt standards for each subject area, grades K-12.

This report item lists all approved course substitutions for the fourth year math, Lab Science, and English III/IV, Economics, Fine Arts, Physical Education, U.S. Government, and Wellness graduation requirements. Several Career and Technical Education courses have been added this year after the Department’s CTE and Standards and Materials teams reviewed all CTE courses to determine which ones had sufficiently rigorous content to count toward one of the required courses (for example, had strong science content and therefore could count toward the third lab science). This will allow students greater flexibility in taking rigorous courses aligned to their career interests.

The Recommendation:

This item is for informational purposes only; no action is required.