
Permanent Elective Courses for English Language Arts

The Background:

In conjunction with the formal standards review process to draft new math and English language arts (ELA) standards for the state's required courses, the State Board staff also worked with a committee of educators to revise the permanent elective course offerings in ELA. Permanent elective courses are not included as a required component of coursework for students in the state, but instead, represent popular electives offered by a variety of districts. Districts retain the autonomy to determine whether or not to offer these particular courses for elective credits.

Previously approved elective courses in Journalism, Creative Writing, and Speech and Communication have been revised. Two previous elective courses, Competency English and Content Area Reading, have been eliminated. Two additional elective courses, Genre Literature and Visual Literature, have been added.

The Recommendation:

The State Board of Education staff recommends acceptance of this item on first reading.