
Approved High School Courses Policy 3.205

The Background:

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 curriculum standards for each subject area, grades K-12. The approved standards are to be the basis for planning instructional programs in each local school system. The Approved High School Courses Policy identifies those courses which have been approved by the Board for instruction across the state. This item adds a Tier II Mathematics Intervention course and a Tier II English Language Arts Intervention course as approved high school courses that will follow component three of the Response to Instruction and Intervention Framework.

Since first reading there have been several changes to update and clarify the policy.

- **Pages 1-4:** Adds AP, IB and Cambridge programs to the approved courses for Computer Technology, Visual and Performing Arts, Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and World Languages.
- **Page 2:** Adds Integrated Math I, II, III, and Applied Mathematical Concepts to the approved Mathematics courses.
- **Pages 1-3 :** Removes courses that are no longer offered.
- **Page 10:** Removes Nutrition Across the Lifespan as a substitute for the wellness course.

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 adoption of this item on final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.