
Approved High School Courses Policy 3.205

The Background:

T.C.A. § 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. The approved standards are to be the basis for planning instructional programs in each local school system.

This item proposes to add the following courses to the list of approved high school courses.

These courses will be available for the 2019-20 school year:

- Principles of Transition: Introduction to Self-Determination
- Principles of Transition: Focus on Adulthood
- Principles of Transition: Planning for Postsecondary
- Teaching as a Profession Practicum
- Social Media and Analytics
- BioSTEM I
- BioSTEM II
- BioSTEM III
- BioSTEM Practicum

Additionally, this item proposes to add the visual and performing arts courses that have previously been approved by the State Board and are currently available to districts.

Policy Justification:

T.C.A. § 4-5-230 requires that justification for adopting an item as a policy instead of a rule be submitted to the chair of the Government Operations Committee. This item is proposed to be adopted as a policy because it defines or explains the meaning of a statute or rule and/or concerns only the internal management of state government that does not affect private rights or privileges.

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 approval of this item on first and final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.
