

College Station Independent School District



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MEMORANDUM

To: Mike Martindale *MM*
From: Dr. Penny Tramel *P.T.*
Date: December 10, 2020
Subject: EIC LOCAL Board Policy Change
Agenda Item: H-1

BACKGROUND

The College Board has made changes to their Pre-AP course designation for the 2021-2022 school year. The new Pre-AP courses are designed to deliver grade-level appropriate instruction through focused course frameworks, engaging instructional resources, and checks for understanding. The courses are designed to support all students across varying levels of abilities and the College Board specifically notes, these are not honors or advanced level courses. Therefore, the new Pre-AP courses do not warrant a 5.0 grading scale.

A committee was assembled to determine if we would offer Pre-AP courses. It was recommended by the committee not to offer Pre-AP courses in the 2021 course catalog and to align our language on honors courses to be consistent with what we already have in place at the intermediate and middle school levels with "advanced" courses. Based on this recommendation, please note the following changes to the course catalog for the 2021-2022 school year:

- All courses noted as "honors" will be classified as "advanced" and maintain the 5.0 grade point designation.
- All courses noted as "Pre-AP" will be classified as "advanced" and will maintain the 5.0 grade point designation.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the CSISD Board of Trustees review the proposed updated policy information and approve the recommended policy change to align with "Pre-AP" and "Honors" courses becoming "Advanced" courses.