



# College Station Independent School District

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Eddie Coulson, Superintendent


From: Greg McIntyre, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Personnel

Date: December 12, 2007

Subject: New Courses at AMC High School

Agenda Item: I-2

Board Priority/  
District Goal: Priority B: Goals 1 and 2



## BACKGROUND

The consideration of new courses at the high school is the reflection of continued work to meet student needs through (1) dual credit and (2) career technology. The dual credit courses are scheduled to be offered in a two-hour block of time on Tuesday's and Thursday's from approximately 7:30-9:30 by an instructor from Blinn College at the high school. The new courses will not require additional personnel units.

The following courses were unanimously approved by the AMCHS School Improvement Team and the District Educational Improvement Council:

### New Courses

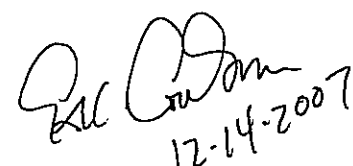
**4323 American Government Dual Credit**  
**Blinn American Government (Federal) 2305**  
**3 hours College Credit**  
12<sup>th</sup> .5 credit 4.0

**Prerequisite:** Acceptable THEA scores or the ability to exempt THEA; students must pay Blinn tuition and purchase texts; students and parent must sign contract for class.

**Course Description:** A study of the organization, functions, and administration of the several branches and agencies of the national government, including a study of the federal constitution. The primary factors considered relate to the three branches of government – judicial, executive, legislative; historical documents. Emphasis will be placed on the interaction of these subsystems. Upon successful completion of this semester long course, the student will earn three hours of college Government credit, as well as his/her high school senior Government credit.

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**Economics Dual Credit**  
**Blinn Principles of Economics (Macro) 2301**  
**3 hours College Credit**  
12<sup>th</sup> .5 credit 4.0

**Prerequisite:** Acceptable THEA scores or the ability to exempt THEA; students must pay Blinn tuition and purchase texts; students and parent must sign contract for class.

**Course Description:** A study of the macroeconomic principles with emphasis on national income analysis and theory, monetary and fiscal policy, stabilization policy, economic growth and development and public finance. Upon successful completion of this semester long course, the student will earn three hours of college Economics credit, as well as his/her high school senior Economics credit.

**Emergency Dispatcher**  
11<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> .5 credit 4.0

**Prerequisite:** Fundamentals of Criminal Law (Suggested due to basic legal terminology covered and description of most common crimes).

**Course Description:** This course is designed for those students who would like to explore the stimulating career of the emergency communications field. The course will provide training to become an emergency dispatcher through instructor-led lectures, discussion, video segments, audio tape review, hands-on practice role playing, and field trips to actual emergency communications centers. Some of the topics to be covered are the job description for the communications operator, the legal obligations and requirements, technology innovations in the communications field, and career opportunities. The students will have the opportunity to take a certifications exam to be certified in the field of emergency communications, which will enhance their career opportunity.

Cost to student: \$15 for the exam.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended the College Station Board of Trustees approve the new courses for A&M Consolidated High School as presented.