

**2022-23 Special Course Approvals**

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**The Background:**

State Board of Education Rule 0520-01-03-.05(2) and Special Courses Policy 3.201 allow local education agencies (LEAs) the ability to apply to offer special courses not listed in the State Board's Approved High School Courses Policy 3.205. The Department of Education annually reviews special course and special program of study applications and assigns subject-specific course codes to special courses approved for one (1), three (3), or six (6) years.

The Board approved 2022-23 special course recommendations at the May 20, 2022 quarterly meeting. After the May 20 meeting, the Department received additional documentation from an LEA and public charter school that clarified their special course offerings and approval from their local board. This item presents approval recommendations for three special courses for the 2022-23 school year.

**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.