

## 2024-25 Special Courses Approvals

District Name	Course Title	Course Description	Approval Status	Denial Reason	# Years Approved	Date of Retirement
Sumner County	Vision Supports Sumner Co.	In addition to receiving instruction in their learning media (braille, Nemeth code, large print, tactile graphics, and digital materials) and how to access the general education curriculum, students will also master objectives of core curriculum specific areas that have been identified through assessment of ECC areas and areas indicated on the student's IEP.	Denied	Existing Course Available: S25X27		
Davidson County	MNPS Facing History and Ourselves	The Facing History high school elective course guides teachers and their students through a Facing History and Ourselves case study approach to two pivotal moments in history: the Holocaust and the Armenian Genocide. Facing History courses approach the learning of history through the examination of human behavior and the impact of choices on historical outcomes.	Approved		3	6/30/2027
	MNPS Civil Rights; Our Global Lineage	Civil Rights-Our Global Lineage is a one-semester course for High School students. The goal of the course is to build empathy in students by inspiring them to think and talk about why and how to pursue the greater good of global civil rights and illuminate how such a pursuit allows us all to enjoy the fruits of a more equal society. The course is based on the nonviolent philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and also introduces ideas and practices of other human rights activists around the globe from the 1800s to the present day.	Renewed		3	6/30/2027
	MNPS Intro to Cinema Studies	This course examines the development of technology and the various use of cinema to instruct, persuade, inform, and reflect upon multiple aspects of society and humanity. Students will study the historical survey of the pre-origins of cinema to current state of cinema production.	Approved		6	6/30/2030
	2024 Weight Training III	The course will provide advanced weight training students the opportunity to experience additional upper and lower body strength and endurance training. Personalized fitness programs will be developed to meet individual needs and experiences.	Renewed		6	6/30/2030
	2024 Weight Training IV	The course will provide advanced weight training students the opportunity to experience additional upper and lower body strength and endurance training. Personalized fitness programs will be developed to meet individual needs and experiences.	Renewed		6	6/30/2030
	2024 Advanced Acting	This course is further study of acting technique for the stage. Course work includes continued exercises, improvisations, and naturalistic/realistic scene study.	Denied	Existing Course Available: G05HE6		
	2024 Songwriting	Songwriting is an extensive creative writing course that will combine a study of poetry and music. Students will study fundamentals of melody, lyrics, "hooks," points of view, and song logic. Students will also cover solo writing as well as the concept of collaboration.	Approved		6	6/30/2030
	2024 Musical Theatre I	This course is designed to expand students' knowledge of the American musical theatre through a study of the components of a musical production. The history of the American musical theatre will be examined by tracing its major developments from early beginnings through today.	Denied	Existing Course Available: Use G05HF5		
	2024 Lifetime Activities	The class will provide an opportunity to learn lifetime sports such as golf, volleyball, walking, fitness, racket sports, etc. to enhance a person's life well beyond the high school years.	Renewed		6	6/30/2030
	2024 Personal Fitness and Nutrition	The Personal Fitness and Nutrition course would provide students the opportunity to design and develop a personal fitness and nutrition program that would enable them to pursue personal fitness and healthy eating goals.	Renewed		6	6/30/2030
	2024 Theatre Management	This course covers stage-managing, company management, house management, and management of a personal venue. The students will be required to take management responsibilities in NSA productions throughout the year.	Approved		6	6/30/2030
	2024 Introduction to Filmmaking	The Introduction to Filmmaking course will provide an introduction to the creative and technical aspects of filmmaking. Students will engage in scriptwriting, storyboards, basic visual composition, camera techniques, and basic editing using multimedia technology. The content standards for Media Arts will guide the course instruction, which will be rich with hands-on experience and opportunities for collaboration, analysis, presentation, and writing.	Denied	Existing Course Available: Use G05H05		
	2024 Musical Theatre II	This course is designed to expand students' knowledge of the American musical theatre through a study of the components of a musical production.	Denied	Existing Course Available: G05HF6		
	2024 Multivariable Calculus	Multivariable Calculus covers mathematical topics that are typically offered in a Calculus III course at the university level. It is designed for students who take AP Calculus prior to their senior year and would like to further their knowledge of Calculus beyond the AP curriculum.	Renewed		6	6/30/2030
	2024 Eurhythmics I	Eurhythmics is a course that explores music and movement, focusing on the marching band's color guard and winter guard. Students practice the choreography for their field and show performances.	Denied	Existing Course Available: G05HD8		
	MNPS Eurhythmics II	Eurhythmics is a course that explores music and movement, focusing on the marching band's color guard and winter guard. Students practice the choreography for their field and show performances.	Denied	Existing Course Available: G05HD9		
	MNPS Eurhythmics III	Eurhythmics is a course that explores music and movement, focusing on the marching band's color guard and winter guard. Students practice the choreography for their field and show performances.	Denied	Existing Course Available: G05HE0		
MNPS Eurhythmics IV	The course is primarily for students who are part of the marching band color guard and winter guard. They put choreography with equipment like flags, rifles, and sabers to music and perform for competition.	Denied	Existing Course Available: G05HE1			
	Compassionate Leadership	This course integrates essential leadership skills with an emphasis on social responsibility, emotional intelligence, and systemic thinking. This program is designed to prepare students not only for professional success but also to engage them as active, compassionate contributors to society.	Approved		6	6/30/2030
	Alternative Energy Production & Development	An Alternative Energy Course raises students' awareness of alternative energy sources, sustainability, and agricultural practices. It covers STEM components, climate change, energy consumption, resource depletion, and environmental degradation, fostering a global perspective.	Approved		3	6/30/2027
Johnson City	Italian History	Italian History has played a vital role in the development of western culture. Whether that be the development of modern representative republics, currency based economies, classical architecture, publicly funded monumental infrastructure projects, or art itself. Through this class students will immerse in all of the above and so much more.	Approved		3	6/30/2027
Lenoir City	History of the Holocaust	Discover the harrowing details of the history of the rise of anti-Semitism that contributed to the start of the Holocaust and the power of the Nazi party. Learn of the persecution of European Jews and other groups, and the tremendous aftermath for everyone involved in World War II, and what has been done since to combat genocide.	Renewed		3	6/30/2027
Overton County	Microbiology	This course will allow students to look at different types of organisms that cause disease. It is an introductory course into microorganisms and the disease process.	Approved		6	6/30/2030
Warren County	Historical Connections in Modern Music (.5 credit)	In this class, students will analyze music genres of American origin from the roaring 20's to 1990's. We will discuss and identify symbolic interaction relating to historical events through musical performances. The class will reinforce continuity of tracing social history of the United States. By examining social factors involved in musical lyrics and style, students will gain historical perspective.	Renewed		3	6/30/2027
	Physical Education III	This course will combine power and strength training with instruction on proper diet and nutrition which can sustain gains in both power and strength. Student will work through training with the core body, ground based lifts, body weights, calisthenics, speed/conditioning exercises and plyometric exercises and athletic lifts versus isolation lifts.	Renewed		6	6/30/2030
	Historical Connections in Modern Music (1 credit)	In this class, students will analyze music genres of American origin from the roaring 20's to 1990's. We will discuss and identify symbolic interaction relating to historical events through musical performances. The class will reinforce continuity of tracing social history of the United States. By examining social factors involved in musical lyrics and style, students will gain historical perspective.	Approved		3	6/30/2027

Williamson County	Honors Astronomy	The astronomy course is a survey of our universe from our solar system to the most remote galaxies. Included is the history of observational astronomy, techniques of modern observation, planetary astronomy, stellar evolution and the mysteries of cosmology. The course also examines the history and present state of space exploration, and how it impacts contemporary engineering and economy. Current events will be emphasized in the curriculum. The course will include night observation sessions in each semester.	Approved		6	6/30/2030
	World War II Research	This course offers a comprehensive study of World War II as an elective honors-level one semester study designed to deepen students' understanding while developing research and presentation skills. Also, students learn how to write a research question to focus their study, how to select high quality primary and secondary sources, how to use print and online sources, and how to create attractive slides and engaging presentations. Students present their research findings to their peers in class.	Renewed		3	6/30/2027
	Intro to Organic Chemistry Honors	The Introduction to Organic Chemistry Honors course is meticulously structured to offer high school students a comprehensive exploration into the vast and intricate world of organic chemistry. This course integrates theoretical knowledge with practical laboratory experience, ensuring a profound understanding of organic compounds and their myriad of applications in various scientific and industrial fields.	Approved		3	6/30/2027
	Greek & Roman Mythology	Greek and Roman Mythology will examine the classical deities of Ancient Greece and Rome, emphasizing the cultural impact of the pantheons on societies of the ancient world. Students will also study the use of this culture in literary allusions throughout the ages in literature.	Denied	Existing Course Available: G01H74		
	Leadership	Our intention in offering this course in Leadership is to ensure students are given the opportunity to gain intrapersonal, interpersonal, and essential leadership skills through project-based assignments.	Renewed		6	6/30/2030
	Film As Literature	As the course title indicates, literature is a major player in any type of film studies. Students must familiarize themselves with the parlance of the field. Knowing what "production design" and "cinematography" encapsulates is just as important as the myriad acronyms that crop up, such as the MPAA ratings system or the SAG Awards.	Denied	Existing Course Available: G01H05		
	Theater Arts Production	In a theatre arts production course, students will be introduced to skills in scenic design and building, sound design, lighting design, props design and props building for a production as well as costume and hair and makeup design. Students will learn how to incorporate all four overarching areas of the standards: perform, respond, connect and create as they research, design, create and perform/present multiple areas of technical theatre.	Approved		6	6/30/2030
	Commercial Music Honors	Commercial Music Ensemble is to provide students with a musical learning opportunity that teaches them popular music. By learning popular music theory and performance, students will gain an advanced knowledge of "real-world" music industry practices. Students are more likely to have a career in popular music than in classical music.	Approved		6	6/30/2030
	Multicultural Minds	Multicultural Minds is a one semester survey course designed to facilitate student exploration of contemporary literature written by global authors.	Denied	Existing Course Available: G01H01		
	Weights and Kinesiology I	This course is an introduction to safe, efficient, and effective weight training. Students will learn fundamental motor patterns and primal movement patterns. Included in this class will be bodyweight calisthenics, resistance training using bands, dumbbells, kettlebells and barbells. In addition, this course will teach weight room safety and etiquette, recovery methods (nutrition, sleep, etc.), training programming, and movement analysis.	Renewed		6	6/30/2030
	Weights and Kinesiology II	This course is an extension of Weights 1. In Weights 2, students will take a more in-depth look into individualized program design. The class is individualized to fit each student's needs and fitness goals utilizing periodization. Complex barbell, dumbbell, kettlebell and bodyweight exercises are introduced. Movement analysis and peer teaching are more prominent, and students learn various progressions and regressions for various movements.	Renewed		6	6/30/2030
	Game Studies Seminar	This is an English course with a heavy emphasis on analysis and historical reasoning. While the content is about video games, the skills are all about critical thinking and writing.	Approved		1	6/30/2025
Rutherford	Advanced History of the Civil War	This course is a comprehensive examination of the causes, course, and the significance of the American Civil War and Reconstruction.	Renewed		3	6/30/2027
	Advanced Studies of World War II	This class explores World War II from its causes in Asia and Europe through its major military campaigns to its global consequences. It includes discussion of economic, geopolitical, and moral consequences of the war.	Renewed		3	6/30/2027
	History of Sports in the United States	This course examines the place sports hold in American life since the mid-nineteenth century. It focuses on sports as a reflection of our social, political, and economic make-up. Attention will be given to social class, race and ethnicity, gender, community, technology, and commercialization and the media in relation to sports.	Renewed		3	6/30/2027
	Survey of Popular Culture	This course will demonstrate to students the overall importance of popular culture in their lives. The course will focus on television, film, advertising, popular music, and computer cyberculture, with occasional forays into other types of popular culture. The course will explore the ways that language is used to construct the world around us through popular culture. This class will be a scholarly approach to popular culture that will use a critical approach to understand the uses of popular culture. The class will examine how ideas, values, and beliefs are constructed through and reflected by popular culture.	Renewed		3	6/30/2027
	Critical Thinking	Critical Thinking is a course where students will survey great critical thinkers of different eras. They will study and practice critical thinking strategies and learn to spot fallacies in thinking.	Approved		3	6/30/2027
	Honors Writing Lab	Students will learn the theory and practice of running a high school writing lab. Alongside receiving training and reading foundational texts on writing tutoring, students will also conduct 25-minute peer tutoring sessions with Central Magnet students. Sessions may cover any stage of the writing process for any type of writing task, including papers and projects for class, preparation for standardized tests, and college or Governor's School admissions essays.	Approved		6	6/30/2030
	Sports Officiating	This course is designed to provide students the knowledge and skills necessary for students who wish to become a registered official. The course will cover the rules, game play, and guidelines for a variety of sports, including soccer, baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball, football, and tennis. In addition, students will learn the officiating calls and hand signals for each sport, as well as the role a sport official plays in maintaining fair play.	Approved		6	6/30/2030
Leadership n	This course will be centered around students' journey to discover how they will influence and lead others well after high school. With the knowledge of their personal strengths and weaknesses, they will apply their skills to lead others and the student body.	Approved		6	6/30/2030	
Tennessee School for the Blind	TN Business Enterprise Skills I	The TBE courses are for Blind and Visually Impaired students. The course provides Blind and Visually Impaired students with the basic skills of managing a vending machine business.	Renewed		6	6/30/2030
	TN Business Enterprise Skills II	TBE Business Skill 2 is a course designed to be student-based enterprise. The course helps students prepare for the Tennessee Business Enterprises by running a vending facility on the campus by using the rules and regulations handbook. The course will include financial analysis, money management, marketing, and a business plan.	Renewed		6	6/30/2030
Hamilton Co.	Advanced Battery Technology II	Advanced Battery Technology II is an advanced course in STEM cluster for students interested in developing their skills in preparation for careers in battery materials technology and renewable energy. The course covers essential knowledge, skills and concepts that will be beneficial for manufacturing, engineering, and laboratory technology fields of study. Upon completion of the course, proficient students are able to describe various careers found within the manufacturing, engineering, and laboratory technology sector, as well as needed post-secondary qualifications to secure these careers. They will also recognize manufacturing safety guidelines, all aspects of battery production. Students will have the opportunity to acquire the following Industry Certifications: NC3 National Coalition, Precision Measurement Instruments, MOS Excel, NC3 Lincoln Electric - Battery Safety.	Approved		3	6/30/2027
	Advanced Battery Technology WBL Career Practicum	Work-Based Learning: Career Practicum is a capstone course intended to provide students with opportunities to apply the skills and knowledge learned in previous CTE and general education courses within a professional work environment.	Approved		3	6/30/2027

Sullivan Co.	Microbiology	The class provides the student with a fundamental understanding of the various applications of microbes in biotechnology, the food industry, agriculture, and medicine. The primary objectives of the curriculum are to broadly educate students on the biology of microorganisms. The course prepares students for positions in industry, government, and college study in life sciences through extensive coursework combined with laboratory and research experience.	Approved		6	6/30/2030
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