MEMO TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

To: RSD17 Board of Education members

Date: 2/5/24

Submitted for Board meeting dated: 1/16/24 **Resubmitted for the Board meeting dated:** 2/13/24

Re: 2024-2025 High School Opportunities Book

Purpose of the memo:

To submit the 2024-2025 High School Opportunities Book as a second read for board action

Executive Summary:

The HKHS Opportunities Book contains information about athletics/co-curricular activities, graduation requirements, HKHS core values/RSD 17 Vision of a Graduate, and descriptions of approved courses.

Updates to the book include the following.

- Reformatting of the Opportunities Book to match RSD17 fonts, colors, and logos
- Adding the newly approved "Civics and Contemporary Issues" course
- Updating the Personal Finance Planning course due to new state requirements
- Updating three sets of Graduation Requirements:
    - Class of 2025
    - Class of 2026
    - Class of 2027 and beyond

  Beginning with the Class of 2025, students must either apply for Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or complete a FAFSA waiver. Beginning with the Class of 2027, students must take a semester-long Personal Finance course. HKHS already has this course in place, currently taken by many juniors and seniors.

Board Action:

A motion for the Board to approve the presented HK High School Opportunities Book.

Next Steps:

A policy detailing the new graduation requirement set by the State of CT on July 1, 2023, will be brought to the Policy Subcommittee, then to the BOE for a first read and eventual vote.

CC:

Sarah Kaiser, Board Administrator
Jeff Wihbey, Superintendent of Schools
Jenn Beermuender, Humanities Curriculum Coordinator
Donna Hayward, HKHS Principal
Heather Rigatti, STEM Curriculum Coordinator

Enclosures:

Haddam Killingworth High School 2024-2025 Opportunities Book: Click here