



SUSD High School Planning Guide (HSPG)

Review of Process and Recommended Changes

SUSD Governing Board

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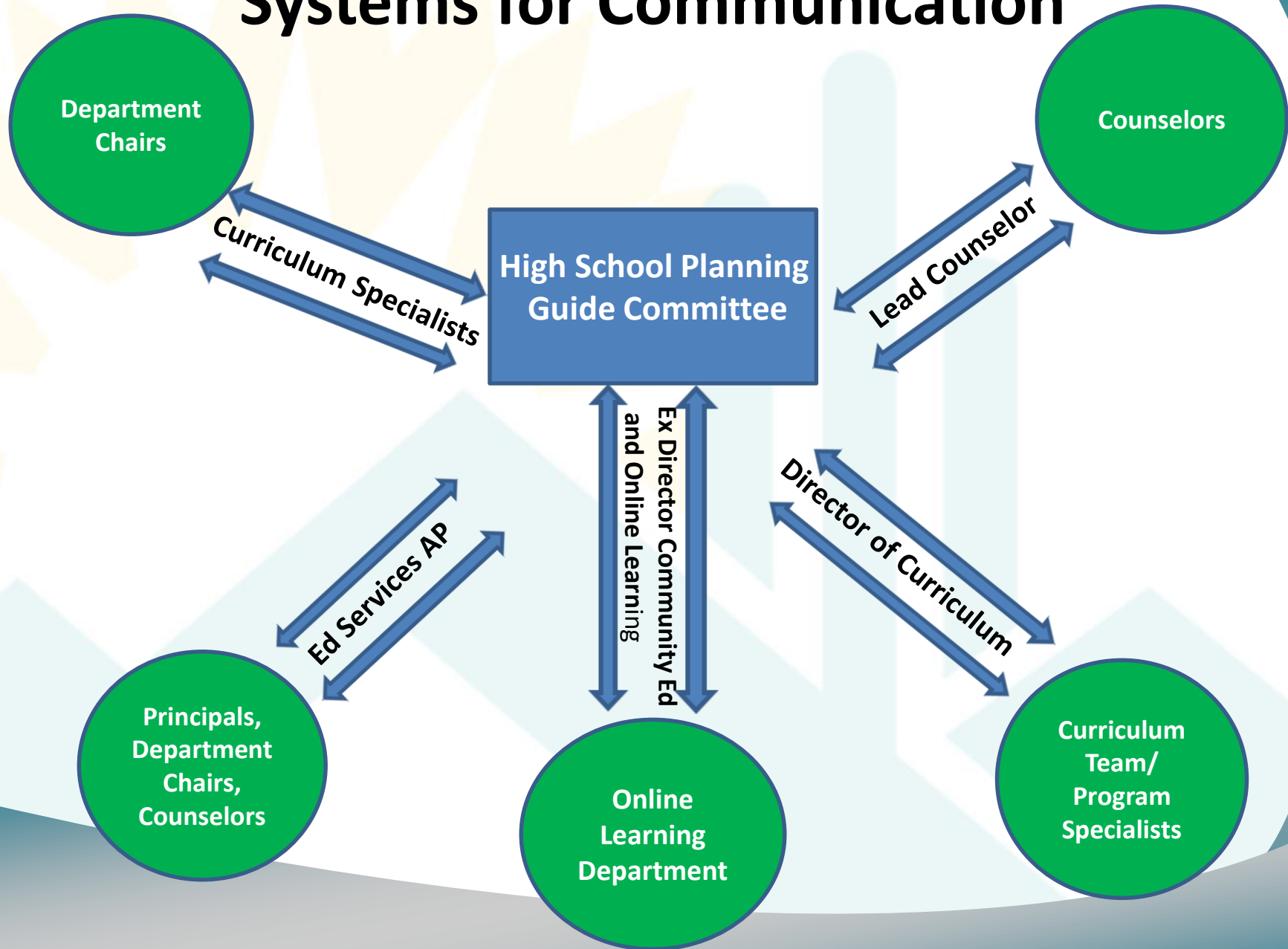
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Featured Guests:

Curriculum Specialists, Lead Teachers & Other District Program Directors

Systems for Communication



Removing Honors - AP Competition

For past three years the HSPG Committee has committed to removing competition between specific Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

- English III Honors – Discontinued in 2014-15
- U.S. History Honors – Discontinued in 2015-16
- World History Honors – Discontinued in 2016-17 (Recommended)

Additional Honors/AP Courses Banked for Other Reasons

- Physics II AP – Banked 2014-15 – Changes by College Board
- Latin IV Honors – Banked 2014-15 – Program moved to eLearning
- German III & IV Honors – Banked 2016-17 – Declining enrollment (Recommended)
- English IV Humanities Honors - Bank 2016-17 – English IV Standards Not Addressed (Recommended)

Additional Honors and AP Courses

Over the Last Two Years:

- Russian IV Honors
- Japanese IV Honors
- AP Russian V (Recommended 2016-17)
- AP Japanese V (Recommended 2016-17)
- Physics II Honors (Recommended 2016-17)
- AP Art History eLearning (Recommended 2016-17)

Additionally:

- Increased Dual Enrollment Courses and Enrollment
- Introduction of Middle School Honors

Justification

Eliminating Honors – AP Competition:

- Students may be inclined to take the less rigorous option
- Honors course receives same weighted grade as the competing AP course
- AP course requires “AP Audit” and expectation of taking test which assures rigor/accountability
- College Board representatives have stated that World History AP is appropriate for Sophomores
- World History AP test participation and results versus American History AP are consistent both for SUSD and nation
- Promotes greater rigor for General Education World History

Recommend Governing Board Approval of Revisions to the SUSD High School Planning Guide (HSPG) 2016-17

