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Summary of Academic Guide Updates for 2026-2027

GANTT Chart

- Added a check for course titles for NCAA compliance
- Added a review of spring MAP data for 8th grade student placements
- Added a teacher recommendation revisit period

New Additions

- [New courses](#) - pg. 5
- [Scior](#) - pg. 10
- [Smart Futures](#) - pg. 10
- [NACAC postsecondary planning guide](#) - pg. 14

Updated Sections

- [Graduation requirements](#) - pg. 6: Added Personal Financial Literacy
- [Weighted GPA](#) - pg. 8: Updated the chart to reflect current leveling system
- [Academic placements](#) - pg. 9: Updated the chart to reflect current leveling system, renamed “Standard” to “College Prep”
- [Service and career readiness](#) - pg. 15: Updated language for clarity. Updated graduating classes
- [Art Courses](#) - pg. 28: Restructured to create pathways
- [English](#) - pg. 36: Reformatted AP Research, deleveled English 12
- [Math](#) - pg. 43: Updated to reflect deleveling of 12th grade
- [PE and Health](#) - pg. 53: Restructured to simplify course offerings, add accessibility for students
- [Science](#) - pg. 56: Reformatted AP Bio and AP Chem, Updated to reflect deleveling of 12th grade
- [Social Studies](#) - pg. 62: Deleveled Government

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Department	Action	Comments	Rationale
Academic Courses	Title change: <i>Peer Tutoring</i>	Previously named <i>Education Practicum</i>	The updated title will more accurately match course activities. Students understand the updated title better.
	Title change: <i>Unified Buddies</i>	Previously named Special <i>Education Practicum</i>	The updated title will more accurately match course activities. Students understand the updated title better.
Art	Approve new course: <i>Exploring Visual Art</i>	This is a new 0.5 credit elective pg. 31	Course is designed to offer a “sampling” of art studies to help students choose an appropriate pathway.
Business	Approve new course: <i>Personal Financial Literacy</i>	New graduation requirement	State mandated graduation requirement.
	Approve new course: <i>AP Business with Personal Finance</i>	Additional AP offering	Course added to increase AP offerings and expand Business offerings in the Entrepreneurship sequence.
English	Title change: <i>(H) English 12</i>	Replaces <i>CP, Honors</i> , and <i>Accelerated English 12</i> pg. 38	Reflects de-leveling for the class of 2027.
	Approve new course: <i>Advanced Theater</i>	This is a new 0.5 credit elective pg. 40	Expands the Theater course offerings for students wanting to pursue theater for college/career.
Family Consumer Science	Approve new course: <i>Early Childhood Education</i>	This is a new 1 credit elective pg. 42	This course is to add to the child development sequence. It will be an intermediary between Child Development 1 and the Early Childhood Education Internship.
	Title change: <i>Early Childhood Education Practicum</i>	Previously named <i>Advanced Child Development</i>	This is the internship course. Students work with RTM elementary teachers.
Music	Title change: <i>Musicianship</i>	Previously named <i>Intro to Ensembles</i>	New title allows for a broader approach to individualized music instruction.
	Title change: <i>Contemporary Music Theory</i>	Previously named <i>Music Theory</i>	The new title more accurately accounts for the course curriculum.

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PE & Health	Approve new course: <i>Strength Training and Conditioning</i>	This is a new 0.5 credit elective pg. 54	This course will consolidate <i>Personal Fitness</i> and the <i>Strength Training for Athletes</i> courses, making it more accessible for student schedules.
	Approve new course: <i>Team Sports and Recreation</i>	This is a new 0.5 credit elective pg. 55	This course will consolidate <i>Team Games</i> and the <i>Net Games and Lifetime Activities</i> courses, making it more accessible for student schedules.
Science	Title change: <i>Forensic Physical Science</i>	Previously named <i>Forensic Chemistry and Physics</i> pg. 61	The new title more accurately accounts for the course curriculum.
	Approve new course <i>AP Physics 2</i>	New AP course offering pg. 58	An additional AP course offering in the Physics sequence. Intermediary between Physics 1 and Physics C.
Social Studies	Title change: <i>(H) Government</i>	Replaces <i>CP, Honors</i> , and <i>Accelerated Government</i> pg. 64	Reflects de-leveling for the class of 2027.
	Title change: <i>Introduction to Philosophy</i>	Previously named <i>Modern Intellectual History</i> pg. 66	The new title more accurately accounts for the course curriculum.
	Approve new course <i>Philadelphia African American History</i>	New 0.5 credit elective pg. 66	Course is designed to provide additional historical study opportunities for students.
World Language	Approve new course <i>AP Spanish Literature</i>	New 0.5 credit elective pg. 80	Course is designed to provide additional Spanish study opportunities for students at the AP level.
	Alternating courses <i>Le Monde Francophone: Europe and Africa Sub-Saharan</i>	Alternates with <i>Canada and North Africa</i> pg. 76	These courses alternate yearly
	Alternating courses <i>El Mundo Hispanohablante: Mexico & Peru and Costa Rica & The Dominican Republic</i>	Alternates with <i>Spain & Cuba and Argentina & Chile</i> pg. 80	These courses alternate yearly

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