

Transylvania County Schools

Board of Education Presentation
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Four Credit Concentration Areas

General guidelines for developing Concentration Areas:

- 1) Each concentration area must be at least 4 credits comprising a quality sequence of courses that makes sense and prepares students for work or continued education after high school.
- 2) Each concentration area must include at least two credits in either Arts, CTE, or Foreign Language in addition to the other requirements, below.
- 3) Completing any Career Pathway and/or Career Cluster in the CTE area will fulfill the four credit concentration requirement. At least one course must be a Capstone course. Four courses in CTE that do not fulfill a Pathway or Cluster will not fulfill the concentration area requirement.
- 4) Four credits in an established Arts program area sequence will fulfill the concentration area requirement. Examples include four credits of band, chorus, theater, art, etc. The combination of courses from different arts programs must be listed on the approved Integrated Concentration Areas list.
- 5) Four credits in an established Foreign Language area sequence will fulfill the concentration area requirement. Examples include four credits of Spanish, French, German, Latin, etc. The combination of courses from different foreign language programs must be listed on the approved Integrated Concentration Areas list.
- 6) Each concentration area must include at least one Level II course in Arts or Foreign Language areas or a Capstone Course in CTE.

Review Committee Procedures:

- 1) The committee will meet at least once per school year or more as needed to review and approve additional concentration areas.
- 2) The Review Committee shall consist of the Director of Secondary Education, the Director of Career and Technical Education, and the principals of Brevard High School, Rosman High School, and Davidson River School.
- 3) Any student, parent, teacher, counselor, or administrator may request the review and approval of any concentration area at any time.
- 4) Approval of concentration areas will be based on the following criteria:
 - a. Does it fulfill the minimum state requirement?
 - b. Does it include at least four credits?
 - c. Is it a quality sequence of courses that makes sense and prepares students for work or continued education after high school?

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Integrated Concentration Areas

The following concentration areas are approved programs of study.

Career and Technical Education (in addition to Career Pathway and Cluster programs)

1. Agriscience Applications, Biotechnology and Agriscience Research I and II, and Chemistry (may substitute AP Chemistry for Chemistry)
2. Agriscience Applications, Biotechnology and Agriscience Research I and II, and AP Biology
3. Horticulture I and II, Agriscience Applications, and AP Biology
4. Computer Applications I and II, Printing Graphics I, and Journalism
5. Computer Applications I and II, Printing Graphics I, and Yearbook
6. Printing Graphics I and II, Journalism, and Yearbook
7. Marketing, Travel and Tourism, Small Business Entrepreneurship, and Mandarin Chinese I
8. Marketing, Travel and Tourism, Small Business Entrepreneurship, and Russian I
9. Marketing, Travel and Tourism, Small Business Entrepreneurship, and Spanish I
10. Criminal Justice I and II, and Spanish I or Psychology
11. Biomedical Technology, Medical Sciences I and II, and Anatomy and Physiology
12. Health Team Relations, Medical Sciences I and II, and Anatomy and Physiology
13. Health Team Relations, Allied Health Sciences I, Medical Sciences II, and Anatomy and Physiology
14. Biomedical Technology, Allied Health Sciences I, Medical Sciences II, and Anatomy and Physiology
15. Biomedical Technology, Medical Sciences I and II, and Latin I
16. Health Team Relations, Medical Sciences I and II, and Latin I
17. Health Team Relations, Allied Health Sciences I, Medical Sciences II, and Latin I
18. Biomedical Technology, Allied Health Sciences I, Medical Sciences II, and Latin I
19. Biomedical Technology, Medical Sciences I and II, and Chemistry or AP Biology
20. Biomedical Technology, Allied Health Sciences I, Medical Sciences II, and Chemistry or AP Biology
21. Marketing, Sports and Entertainment Marketing I, Marketing Management, and Psychology
22. Marketing, Sports and Entertainment Marketing I, Marketing Management, and AP Statistics
23. Foods I, Foods II Advanced, Foods II Food Science, and Chemistry

Arts

1. Art I and II with Theater I and II
2. Chorus I and II with Theater I and II
3. Art I and II with Printing Graphics I and II (5 credits required)
4. Band I and II with Chorus I and II
5. Art I and II with Drafting I and II
6. Art I and II with Marketing and Fashion Merchandising
7. Art I and II with Marketing and Drafting I
8. Theater I and II with Construction I and II (5 credits required)

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Foreign Language

1. Any combination of two different foreign languages. Examples include Spanish I and II with French I and II; Spanish I, II, III with French I; French I, II, III with Latin I, etc.
2. Spanish I and II with Construction I and II (5 credits required)
3. Spanish I and II with Masonry I and II (5 credits required)
4. Spanish I, II, II with Horticulture I
4. Spanish I, II and III with Marketing
5. Spanish I, II, and III with Health Team Relations

Additional Actions:

1. Development and review of graduation policy changes for October BOE meeting.
2. Staff development for middle and high school counselors and teachers.
3. Information for current middle school students and parents.
4. Adoption of new math Standard Course of Study and purchase of new textbooks.
5. Staff development for math teachers.