

Board of Education

Ellington, CT

December 9, 2020

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

The Curriculum Committee of the Ellington Board of Education will meet virtually* on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

The Board of Education Special Meeting will be held via teleconferencing - Google Meet. The contact information is as follows: 1 929-324-2436 PIN: 734 948 947#

AGENDA

1. Review and discuss the following Ellington High School course proposals for inclusion in the 2021-2022 Program of Studies (with brief [review of process](#) leading up to course proposals):
 - a. [Arabic II](#)
 - b. [Creative Writing: Fiction and Storytelling](#)
 - c. [Creative Writing: Poetry and Spoken Word](#)
 - d. [Diverse \(Indigenous, African-American, Black, Puerto Rican, and Latino\) Perspectives in American History](#) (offered in two single-semester parts, “Diverse Perspectives A” and “Diverse Perspectives B”)
 - e. [History Through Music and Pop Culture](#)
 - f. [Introduction to Cinema Studies](#)
 - g. [Military Preparedness](#)
 - h. [Portuguese I](#)
 - i. [Psychology in Literature](#)
 - j. [The Science of Art](#)
 - k. [Visual Creative Writing](#)
 - l. [Woodworking II](#)

2. Discuss possible reinstatement of [Personal Finance](#) as a graduation requirement for the class of 2025 and beyond (for reference see BoE Policy 6146 regarding High School

Graduation Requirements).

3. Discuss rationale for removal of 2 courses from the Program of Studies:
 - a. Shakespeare
 - b. Creative Writing
4. Discuss benefits of moving to single-semester courses vs. year-long courses
5. Discuss distribution of Program of Studies and student & family communication/marketing for new course offerings

**This meeting is being held virtually due to a temporary technical challenge with providing an in-person meeting with remote options.*