

CISA Meeting Minutes 1-9-15

Discussion: We offer credit recovery classes—will there ever be a possibility of enrichment classes over the summer to help students ‘get ahead’ and open elective slots during the school year?

- Are summer classes truly ‘equivalent’?
- What is the maximum number of credits students could earn?
- Would these be offered during regular semesters (online) or only over the summer?
- Which classes would be allowed?
- Discussion tabled for future date—only initial discussion was intention today. More research is necessary

Elective Credit Course Proposals:

- Beginning Japanese
 - NOVA offers similar course
 - Proposed teacher licensed in Social Studies, not Japanese
 - How does this affect the ability for the class to be offered??
 - Decision: Tabled in order to research licensure necessary
- Art Courses
 - Desire to combine 2D, 3D and Ceramics levels into one period—For example, 2D studio 1, 2D Studio 2 and 2D Studio 3 will be offered as one period in the day—the teacher will differentiate assignments within the class. Ceramics is already using this system.
 - Decision: Approved
 - Senior Studio—Students would prepare a portfolio throughout the school year. Intended to allow better focus on students who are already taking independent study. Would this remove AP Art? There are a lot of pre-requisites listed prior to taking this class—is that intentional/acceptable?
 - Decision: Hold for more clarification
 - Print Making—Allows enrichment and something new
 - Decision: Approved
- History of Theater
 - Allows enrichment and a different perspective on reading/writing
 - Decision: Approved
- Changes to instrumental department
 - Specific needs will be assessed once course numbers and space needs are established (late spring/over summer). No new courses will be offered, but options include:
 - Splitting the 7-12th grade string orchestra into two orchestras (7th grade and 8-12) to provide more targeted instruction to the different ability levels.
 - Offering two sections/periods of pull-out lessons per day in order to accommodate growing numbers
 - Splitting 8-12th grade concert band into two groups (least preferred but may be necessary due to number of students enrolled)
 - Decision: Approved dependent on needs after enrollment is established