

**Report of the State Board of Education  
Committee on Instruction  
Thursday, April 13, 2023**

The State Board of Education Committee on Instruction met at 9:05 a.m. on Thursday, April 13, 2023, in Room #1-100 of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present: Audrey Young, chair; Evelyn Brooks; Pam Little; Melissa Ortega

Absent: Aicha Davis

**Public Testimony**

The Committee on Instruction received no presentations of public testimony.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter A, Required Curriculum, §74.5, Academic Achievement Record (Transcript) (Second Reading and Final Adoption)**  
(Board agenda page II-1)  
[Consent agenda item #(1)]

Jessica Snyder, director, special projects, curriculum standards and support division, explained that the proposed amendment would add a new requirement that a student who earns a diploma by satisfying the requirements of the Texas First Early High School Completion Program must have successful completion of the program indicated on the academic achievement record, or transcript.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mrs. Little, seconded by Mrs. Brooks, and carried without objection to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter A, Required Curriculum, §74.5, Academic Achievement Record (Transcript); and*

*Make an affirmative finding that immediate adoption of the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter A, Required Curriculum, §74.5, Academic Achievement Record (Transcript), is necessary and shall have an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register.*

2. **Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Development and Career and Technical Education, Subchapter A, Middle School (Second Reading and Final Adoption)**

(Board agenda page II-7)

[Official agenda item #5]

Ms. Snyder explained that this item was presented for second reading and final adoption in January but that the board postponed final adoption to have more time to review the course and related public comments.

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Mrs. Little, seconded by Dr. Ortega, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Development and Career and Technical Education, Subchapter A, Middle School; and*

*Make an affirmative finding that immediate adoption of the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Development and Career and Technical Education, Subchapter A, Middle School is necessary and shall have an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register.*

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Mrs. Little, seconded by Mrs. Brooks, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education change the course title to Career and College Exploration.*

**VOTE:** *A vote was taken on the motion to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Development and Career and Technical Education, Subchapter A, Middle School, as amended; and*

*Make an affirmative finding that immediate adoption of the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Development and Career and Technical Education, Subchapter A, Middle School is necessary and shall have an effective date of 20 days after filing as adopted with the Texas Register.*

3. **Proposed Repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Development and Career and Technical Education, Subchapter I, Health Science, §127.411; Subchapter M, Law and Public Service, §127.633; and Subchapter O, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, §§127.744, 127.756, 127.757, 127.761, 127.764, 127.765, 127.769, and 127.770**

**(First Reading and Filing Authorization)**

(Board agenda page II-17)

[Official agenda item #6]

Ms. Snyder explained that with the implementation of revised Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for certain CTE courses in the 2023-24 school year, the current TEKS for those courses need to be repealed.

**MOTION AND VOTE:** *It was moved by Dr. Ortega, seconded by Mrs. Little, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education suspend the board operating procedures in accordance with §5.2(a) to allow consideration at first reading and filing authorization; and*

*Approve for first reading and filing authorization the proposed repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Development and Career and Technical Education, Subchapter I, Health Science, §127.411, Pharmacology (One Credit), Adopted 2015; Subchapter M, Law and Public Service, §127.633, Forensic Science (One Credit), Adopted 2015; and Subchapter O, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, §127.744, Principles of Biosciences (One Credit), Adopted 2015; §127.756, Biotechnology I (One Credit), Adopted 2015; §127.757, Biotechnology II (One Credit), Adopted 2015; §127.761, Fundamentals of Computer Science (One Credit); §127.764, Computer Science III (One Credit); §127.765, Digital Forensics (One Credit), Beginning with School Year 2019-2020; §127.769, Foundations of Cybersecurity (One Credit); and §127.770, Cybersecurity Capstone (One Credit).*

## **DISCUSSION ITEM**

4. **Discussion of Innovative Courses**

(Board agenda page II-21)

Ms. Ramos provided an overview of the innovative course process, including key data related to historical implementation of innovative courses. She shared information regarding the purpose of innovative courses, the application, review process, and enrollment numbers. The committee requested that an item be added to the June agenda for the committee to discuss the innovative course rules in 19 TAC §74.27.

The meeting of the Committee on Instruction adjourned at 10:07 a.m.