McKinney Independent School District
#1 Duvall Street, McKinney, Texas 75069

To: Board of Trustees

From: Shawn Pratt, Superintendent

Subject: Innovative Course List

Date: November 19, 2026

Innovative courses allow districts to offer state-approved innovative courses to enable students to master knowledge, skills, and competencies not included in the essential knowledge and skills of the required curriculum (Texas Administrative Code [TAC] Section 74.27). The State Board of Education (SBOE) may approve any course that does not fall within any of the subject areas listed in the foundation and enrichment curricula. The commissioner of education may approve a course within the foundation or enrichment curriculum if the proposed course is academically rigorous and addresses documented student needs.Board Policy EHBJ states that "With the approval of the board, a district may offer, without modifications, any state-approved innovative course."

Impact Statement: With the approval of the local board of trustees, school districts and charter schools may offer any state-approved innovative course. Approving the entire list does not obligate McKinney to offer each class listed but rather provides us the flexibility to select from the complete catalog as desired.

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It is recommended: That the Board approve the innovative course list.

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Respectfully submitted,

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