



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

DATE OF MEETING: February 25, 2020

TITLE: Approval of New Courses for the 2020-2021 School Year

BACKGROUND:

Each year we bring requests for new courses to the Board. Below you will find a new course for the 2020-2021 school year and a brief description of the course.

Coronado K-8 School and Cross Middle School would like to offer an Academic Pentathlon class to serve students in grades 6-8 who have an interest in Academic Decathlon in high school. The course will serve as a preparatory course for the Academic Pentathlon, the nation-wide middle school division of the U.S. Academic Decathlon program. The Academic Pentathlon prepares students for success in college and careers by building 21st century skills in communication, collaboration, creativity, critical thinking, and character.

Academic Pentathlon is an exciting five-event competition for grades six, seven, and eight. The program engages students of all achievement levels in a variety of challenging academic events. Under the guidance of an adult coach, teams of students prepare for competition in the subject areas of fine arts (art and music), literature (including essay analysis), math, science, and social science.


The course will be available to students who complete the application and meet the national requirements. The Academic Pentathlon team will consist of 6-9 members, but the course audience will vary depending on the number of applicants. Each team must consist of at least two students in the following GPA groups: Honor (3.75 to 4.00), Scholastic (3.00 to 3.7499), and Varsity (Under 3.00).

The program will be piloted at Cross & Coronado with plans to expand to the other middle schools.


RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the course listed above.

INITIATED BY:


Michael Bejarano
Associate Superintendent for Secondary Education

Date: February 18, 2020


Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent