

# HHS SCHOOL COUNCIL

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## OVERVIEW & PURPOSE

To examine and review HHS graduation requirements; and to discuss efforts to improve the cultural proficiency of HHS students and teachers.

## ONE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

## TWO: SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOAL #2 - "SYSTEMATICALLY REVIEW HHS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS"

In order to graduate with a diploma from HHS, all students must earn at least:

- 110 credits total
- 20 credits in English
- 15 credits in science
- 15 credits in math
- 15 credits in social studies (must include US History)
- 10 credits in the same foreign language
- 5 credits in PE (with the option to fulfill PE requirement through alternative means in Grades 11 & 12)
- 2.5 credits in health
- 2.5 credits in fine or applied arts

Note: A regular full-year course is worth 5 credits; a semester class that meets every day is worth 2.5 credits.

Some questions for consideration:

- 1) What do you like about the current distribution requirements?
- 2) What would you change if you could?
- 3) To what extent do these graduation requirements align with our mission? (*"The mission of HHS is to graduate students with the academic, civic, social, and personal skills necessary to become productive, responsible members of a democratic and ever-changing global society. With the support and involvement of the community, HHS will engage all students in a challenging, well-balanced educational program complemented by co-curricular activities."*)
- 4) Should we solicit broader input from members of the HHS community (students, parents, teachers, etc.) on these questions? If so, what tools would be most effective?

5) Should we survey other high schools? If so, how? And which schools?

### **THREE: SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOAL #3 - “BOLSTER THE CULTURAL PROFICIENCY OF HHS STUDENTS AND STAFF”**

Several events are in the works, including:

- A performance of “Thurgood” (in-school assembly) for all juniors and select others on Monday, February 3rd, as a kickoff to “Black History Month”
- Professional development workshop for all teachers on the morning of Tuesday, March 3rd
- Performances of “Mr. Joy” (in-school assembly) for all students on Thursday, March 12th and Friday, March 13th

What else can we do?

Next HHS School Council meetings: 2/5/20, 3/4/20, 4/1/20, 5/6/20, 6/30/20