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MEMORANDUM

TO: High School Principals

FROM: Dr. Walter L. Christy, Director
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RE: **SSNP 4th Science and 4th Social Studies Substitutions/Waivers**

The Secondary Schools of National Prominence (SSNP) initiative was developed to enhance rigor, relevance, and relationships in the secondary school experience. An additional 4th science credit and an additional 4th social studies credit were added as part of the Brevard Public Schools SSNP graduation requirements beginning with the graduating class of 2011.

SSNP Course Substitutions

The 4th science and 4th social studies credit may be fulfilled by courses designated by the Course Code Directory as being in either the science or social studies subject area. To provide students who are subject to SSNP graduation requirements more flexibility in meeting their individual program of study, the following has been approved as substitutions for the 4th science and 4th social studies credit. Please note that some substitutions are based on a course by course equivalency while others require successful completion of three (3) CTE courses in a sequential program in order to substitute for the 4th science or 4th social studies course. Please refer to the table below.

Science 4 th credit substitutions	Science Credit	Social Studies 4 th credit substitutions	Social Studies Credit
Allied Health Assisting* (Program Completion, 8417131)	1	AICE Classical Studies I, 0900500	1
Dental Aide* (Program Completion, 8417141)	1	AP Art History, 0100300	1
Engineering Technology (Program Completion, 8601770)	1	Art History I – Early Civilizations through the Middle Ages, 0100330	1
First Responder* (Program Completion, 8417171)	1	Criminal Justice Operations (Program Completion, 8918030)	1
Food Science Technology, 8500395	1	Humanities I (to 1500), 0900310	1
Nutrition and Wellness, 8500355	.5	Humanities II (since 1500), 0900320	1
Nursing Assistant * (Patient Care Assisting - dual enroll.) (Program Completion, HCP 0620)	1	Humanities Survey, 0900300	1
Water Resources Technology (Program Completion, 8916010)	1	Issues in Humanities, 0900330	1
* Approved through FL DOE Course Code Directory			

The 4th science and 4th social studies credit requirement may also be fulfilled by the following:

- Science and social studies courses designated by the course code directory as fulfilling the state science or social studies requirement
- Dual enrollment science or social studies, excluding those used to fulfill graduation requirements, included on the *Dual Enrollment Course – High School Subject Area Equivalency List*.
- Courses listed in a postsecondary catalog that fulfill the requirements for history/social science courses for an Associate of Arts degree may be used to fulfill the 4th social studies credit requirement.

SSNP Course Waivers

In addition to the approved substitutions, on a case by case basis, a waiver may be submitted for a student unable to fulfill the fourth credit requirements for science and social studies due to the need for Intensive Reading, 1000410, classes. The 11th grade Intensive Reading course has been infused with science content, beginning in SY 2009-2010. In SY 2010-2011, the 12th grade intensive Reading course will be infused with social studies content. A waiver can be submitted in the senior year if the student will be unable to fulfill the new SSNP 4th credit graduation requirements for science and social studies.

This information will also be provided to high school curriculum contacts during the Curriculum Contact Meeting in July. If you would like additional information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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