

Additional Summary Information for 2012-13 Program of Studies

Below is a table we created to represent the number of courses the school system offers at the high schools. We counted every course in the proposed 2012-13 catalogue. This year alone, we are proposing an additional 18 courses.

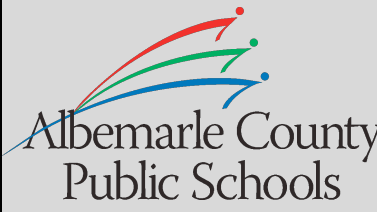
As you will see in the list of new courses proposed below, courses offered at the three schools provide extended opportunities in some fields of study as well as new branches of opportunities.

Each year, schools make their proposals at the end of September. A central committee including school staff and central office staff meets to review all proposals.

Forms are housed in Schoolnet Outreach at this link:

<https://acps.schoolnet.com/outreach/acps/progspec/counselor/>

- All courses that are added are added to a central course file that is web-based. All schools have access to the same courses. Up until 2010, each school maintained its own course file. This led to more variance than what we see now.
- We make a team decision regarding whether a school may add a course based on the rationale given. We consider each course to be a pilot. If the course does not make for two years in a row, we plan to remove it from the program unless doing so will harm students. We expect an elective course to have an enrollment of 15 to 18 students to “make.” Ten courses were proposed for deletion going into 2012 -13. They are also listed below.
- Our plan is for registrations to be done on-line at the school level by staff or students again this year.
- The primary cost associated with adding a course is staffing. That is why it is essential for a course to have a high enough enrollment to maintain it.
- If a course is approved that requires additional equipment through CTE, for example, the school must allocate resources to the course, often through County CTE funds from Federal Grants.
- Schools do not receive additional staffing to add courses, so there are no new costs associated with courses that are approved. The principal signs off on the course addition form with the understanding that he or she will need to move staffing from an area where it may not be needed to staff the new course. Department Chairs sign off on this as well.
- In order to more closely monitor school use of staffing, we worked with DART staff to develop a master schedule development timeline so that we can work with schools specifically on their student / teacher ratios in core courses.

Total Course Titles Offered in the Program Including MESA, CATEC, AVID, & AFROTC 2012 -13			
Total	312	100%	
Courses Offered at MoHS	257	82%	
Courses Offered at AHS	250	80%	
*Courses Offered at WAHS	225	72%	
Courses Offered only at AHS	27	9%	
Courses Offered only at WAHS	17	5%	
Courses Offered only at MoHS	32	10%	
Courses Offered only at AHS & MoHS	29	9%	
Courses Offered only at AHS & WAHS	16	5%	
Courses Offered only at WAHS & MoHS	13	4%	
*All Figures Reported Include MESA, CATEC, AVID, & AFROTC as appropriate for the school.			
*In adding up all the course titles, we did not add up all the levels of the courses. The numbers would be larger, but redundant.			

Courses Proposed for Addition to the Program of Studies for 2012 -13

1. Culinary Arts I, MoHS
2. Entrepreneurship Education, AHS, MoHS, WAHS
3. Fashion Marketing I/II, AHS
4. Internet Marketing Through Social & New Media, AHS
5. Microsoft IT Academy I/II, AHS, MoHS, WAHS
6. PVCC Web Design II DE, WAHS
7. CTE Sports Medicine I/II, MoHS
8. Chamber Music Ensemble, MoHS
9. Screen and Stage Writing, MoHS
10. Applied College Mathematics, AHS, MoHS, WAHS
11. Organic Chemistry, WAHS
12. America's Wars: Vietnam and the Civil War, AHS
13. Issues of the Modern World, AHS
14. Community-Based Work Adjustment, MoHS

Courses Proposed to be deleted from the Program of Studies for 2012 -13

1. Service Leadership (lack of enrollment)
2. Jumpstart English 9 (course was created to phase in collapse of Eng levels at AHS)
3. Photographic Explorations (absorbed by other photography classes)
4. Nutrition / Exercise / Wellness / Fitness (lack of enrollment)
5. Math 164: Precalculus II (redundant)
6. Nuclear Issues (lack of enrollment)
7. CHM 101: General Chemistry (redundant)
8. Russian I, II, III (lack of certified teacher)