

Secondary Schools Advanced Learning Summary for ALTF

August 2019

High School

- Developed & Finalized a Recommended Course Guidance Document for SPS HC Pathway High Schools for 2019-2020
- Developed, Finalized & Distributed a High School HC Pathways Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Document to the 3 HC Pathway High Schools
- Trained MS & HS Counselors in course selection for HC Pathways at 3 identified high schools
- Conducted Orientation & Training for Customer Service & Admissions Department around High School FAQ & HC Pathways in preparation for open enrollment period
- Standardized Advanced Placement (AP) Testing protocols and procedures including a district-level guidance handbook across 11 comprehensive high schools
- Developed and Distributed AP General Information Handout for families
- Developed and presented a Secondary Schools Advanced Learning & HC Pathways presentation for family engagement events to address questions for rising middle and high school families
- Completed administration of AP Testing **(NEW)**
 - Approximately 5,100 AP Exams (about 550 more than Spring 2018)
 - Approximately 3,100 students (about 300 more than Spring 2018)
 - 140 Advanced Placement Teachers District Wide
 - 28 AP Courses Offered District-Wide
 - 10 comprehensive high schools offered AP courses in 2018-2019
 - Spring 2019 AP Exam district wide passage rate (Score of 3, 4 or 5) is 78%
 - Disaggregated data reports coming soon

Middle School

- Began Collaboration Meetings with Middle School Principals and Central Office Leaders to: **(NEW)**
 - Review current advanced course options available to students across all middle schools
 - Discuss school needs around offering advanced learning services to students that are identified and implications for those that are not
 - Review and discuss the draft of the SPS Description and Definition of Honors “H” Designation for any SPS course with initial projected roll out for 2020-2021
 - Update all middle school principals on current practices around advanced learning at the high schools
 - Include Racial Equity Analysis Tool in all discussions

SUMMER WORK (2019):

- Coordinated first in-house AP Calculus Teacher Training offered to all SPS teachers of AP Calculus courses in partnership with College Board and Curriculum, Assessment & Instruction Math Department (Aug. 2019)
- Designed a professional development course for teachers around differentiated instruction to advance all learners in Secondary (6-12) ELA & Social Studies courses in **partnership with CA&I ELA and Social Studies department** to be offered during the 2019-2020 school year
- Provided updates to SPS students, families and staff about upcoming changes to AP testing to all 11 comprehensive high schools that offer AP courses

- Coordinated summer AP professional development opportunities offered by the College Board for teachers of AP courses (Total of 25 teachers from 11 comprehensive high schools)
- Coordinated with Communications team to establish an Advanced Placement (AP) Testing district web page – for publication by September 4, 2019.
- Began initial meetings with IB school leaders to establish a general information handout about access to SPS International Baccalaureate program.