

Proposal :

1. Remove the current Liberty High School Graduation Requirement of a 1.0 credit "Senior Core Elective".
2. Add an additional 1.0 "Elective" credit bringing the total "Elective" credits to 9.5.

The original intent of the "Senior Core Elective" was to ensure that students continued to take core academic classes in their grade 12 year after the specific core graduation requirements had been met. Senior Core Elective requirements could be met by taking courses within the core academic Departments of English, Social Studies, Math, World Language, and Science.

Over the last several years, Liberty High School graduation requirements have been increased in several core academic areas and in overall credits required to graduate. In addition, the implementation of the Personal Pathway option for World Language and Fine Arts have allowed students to work towards their future goals with relevant academic courses. The need to implement a specific Senior Core Elective requirement in order to have students take academic core classes through all four years of high school has been supplanted by these factors.

In addition, since students may satisfy multiple academic credit requirements with one class (AP Psychology satisfies a Social Studies and a Senior Core credit, for example), the Senior Core Elective requirement has become redundant. Counselors and our Registrar have advocated for this change because it would eliminate this redundancy.

Students do take a full academic load throughout their career, including their grade 12 year, in order to earn 31.0 credits to graduate. With the specific graduation requirements by subject outlined below, we are ensuring that they are taking advantage of the academic opportunities presented to them without the need for this additional step.

