The State Board of Education (SBOE) adopts new §117.327 and §117.328, concerning Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for fine arts. The new sections are adopted without changes to the proposed text as published in the December 28, 2018 issue of the *Texas Register* (43 TexReg 8545) and will not be republished. The new sections add two International Baccalaureate (IB) courses to the fine arts TEKS to align with current course offerings by the International Baccalaureate Organization.

REASONED JUSTIFICATION. In order for students to earn state credit toward specific graduation requirements, a course must be approved by the SBOE and included in administrative rule. At the September 2017 SBOE meeting, the Committee on Instruction discussed IB courses that are not currently included in SBOE rule and considerations regarding the appropriate amount of state credit that should be awarded for IB courses. At that time, the board requested that TEA staff prepare rule text to address these issues and requested that staff balance the chapters that would be updated over two different meetings. At the January-February 2018 meeting, the SBOE approved proposed revisions to English language arts and reading, mathematics, science, and languages other than English IB courses for second reading and final adoption. The SBOE's approval included the addition of eight IB courses to SBOE rules and updates that increased the amount of credit available for 17 IB courses currently in rule. The revisions became effective August 27, 2018.

At the April 2018 meeting, the SBOE approved for second reading and final adoption proposed revisions to align the TEKS in science, social studies, economics, and technology applications with additional IB course offerings and update the amount of credit available for both IB and AP courses in these subject areas. The SBOE's approval included the addition of nine IB courses to SBOE rules and updates to the amount of credit available for seven AP and IB courses currently in rule. The revisions became effective August 27, 2018.

In spring 2015, IB Film Standard Level and IB Film Higher Level were approved as innovative courses by the commissioner of education for use beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. School districts and open-enrollment charter schools may offer any state-approved innovative course for elective credit with the approval of the local board of trustees. The SBOE held a discussion regarding the addition of IB film courses to the fine arts TEKS at the September 2018 meeting. At that time, the SBOE instructed staff to prepare proposed rules to add these two courses to the fine arts TEKS.

The SBOE approved the new sections for first reading and filing authorization at its November 16, 2018 meeting and for second reading and final adoption at its February 1, 2019 meeting. The effective date of the new sections is August 26, 2019.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AND RESPONSES. The public comment period on the proposal began December 28, 2018, and ended at the January-February 2018 SBOE meeting. Following is a summary of the public comment received on the proposal and the response.

Comment: An administrator asked for clarification about whether the proposed new courses would require certification in fine arts, career and technical education, or technology applications. The commenter added that it may be difficult to find qualified instructors for the new courses.

Response: This comment is outside the scope of the proposed rulemaking.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY. The new sections are adopted under Texas Education Code (TEC), §7.102(c)(4), which requires the State Board of Education (SBOE) to establish curriculum and graduation requirements; TEC, §28.002, which identifies the subjects of the required curriculum and requires the
SBOE to by rule identify the essential knowledge and skills of each subject in the required curriculum that all students should be able to demonstrate and that will be used in evaluating instructional materials and addressed on the state assessment instruments; and TEC, §28.025, which requires the SBOE to by rule determine the curriculum requirements for the foundation high school graduation program that are consistent with the required curriculum under the TEC, §28.002.


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§117.327. International Baccalaureate (IB) Film Standard Level (SL) (Two Credits).

(a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded two credits for successful completion of this course. This course is recommended for students in Grade 11 or 12.

(b) Content requirements. Content requirements for IB Film SL are prescribed by the International Baccalaureate Organization. Subject guides may be obtained from International Baccalaureate of North America.

§117.328. International Baccalaureate (IB) Film Higher Level (HL) (Two Credits).

(a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded two credits for successful completion of this course. This course is recommended for students in Grade 11 or 12.

(b) Content requirements. Content requirements for IB Film HL are prescribed by the International Baccalaureate Organization. Subject guides may be obtained from International Baccalaureate of North America.