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# Request for Reduction in Required Curriculum Course Offerings

### Part I: District/Charter Information

Date of submission: District/Charter school: County District Number (CDN): Contact person: Contact person's email address: Contact person's phone number: Superintendent: School year (ex. 2022-2023) for requested reduction: This application is for the following subject area(s): Science Social Studies

## Part II: Requirements

#### A. Science

State Board of Education (SBOE) rules in <u>19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §74.3,</u> <u>Description of a Required Secondary Curriculum</u>, require school districts and openenrollment charter schools to offer and maintain evidence that students have the opportunity to take—

- Integrated Physics and Chemistry,
- Biology,
- Chemistry,
- Physics, and
- at least two additional science courses selected from the following:
  - Aquatic Science
  - o Astronomy
  - Earth and Space Science
  - Environmental Systems
  - Advanced Animal Science
  - Advanced Biotechnology
  - Advanced Plant and Soil Science
  - Anatomy and Physiology
  - Engineering Design and Problem Solving
  - Food Science

- Forensic Science
- Medical Microbiology
- Pathophysiology
- Scientific Research and Design
- Principles of Engineering

The requirement to offer two additional courses may be reduced to one by the commissioner of education upon application of a school district or open-enrollment charter school with a total high school enrollment of less than 500 students.

Science courses must include at least 40% hands-on laboratory investigations and field work using appropriate scientific inquiry pursuant to SBOE rules in 19 TAC Chapter 112.

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#### **B. Social Studies**

State Board of Education (SBOE) rules in <u>19 TAC §74.3</u>, <u>Description of a Required</u> <u>Secondary Curriculum</u>, require school districts and open-enrollment charter schools to offer and maintain evidence that students have the opportunity to take—

- United States History Studies Since 1877,
- World History Studies,
- United States Government,
- World Geography Studies,
- Personal Financial Literacy,
- Economics with Emphasis on the Free Enterprise System and Its Benefits, and
- Personal Financial Literacy and Economics.

The requirement to offer both Economics with Emphasis on the Free Enterprise System and Its Benefits and Personal Financial Literacy and Economics may be reduced to one by the commissioner of education upon application of a school district with a total high school enrollment of less than 500 students.

Social Studies Economics Course to be Offered:

### Part III: Enrollment Information

Total high school enrollment for current school year: Total high school enrollment for previous school year:

Superintendent signature:

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