



PETERS
TOWNSHIP
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Education Committee

April 9, 2024

Agenda

- ▶ Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance
 - Dr. Shari Payne, Education Committee Chair
- ▶ Curriculum Updates
 - New Course Proposals & Course Name Changes
 - Science Textbook Renewals
 - Proposed New Science Textbook Adoptions
 - Upcoming Curriculum Cycles
- ▶ Health & Wellness
 - Triennial Assessment
- ▶ Public Comment
- ▶ Closing Remarks & Adjournment

PTHS New Course Proposals

- ▶ New proposed courses will be offered at PTHS as a part of our continued expansion of STEM, focus on World Languages and dual enrollment opportunities.
 - Python II Honors (SEM)
 - CHS Media TV Production (SEM)
 - Media III, IV, V, VI Sports Television Production (SEM)
 - Earth Space Science Academic (YR)
 - French, German, Spanish III Honors (YR)

PTHS New Course Proposals

▶ Python II Honors

- Python II Honors is a semester course that will expose students to advanced programming using Python.
- It is a continuation of Intro to Python that was added in the 2023–2024 school year and runs in partnership with Carnegie Mellon University’s Computer Science Academy.
- Students in grades 10 – 12 may take Python II Honors.

PTHS New Course Proposals

▶ CHS Media TV Production

- CHS Media TV Production is a semester course that produces the morning announcements and other live productions for the District and Peters Township Community Television – Channel 7.
- Students will have the opportunity to earn college credit in partnership with Point Park University.
- Students in grades 11 – 12 must complete Media II Broadcasting and one semester of Media TV Production III, IV, V, VI prior to taking this new CHS level course.

PTHS New Course Proposals

- ▶ **Media III, IV, V, VI Sports Television Production**
 - Media III, IV, V, VI Sports Television Production is a semester course that exposes students to sports broadcasting and video production. It will combine pre-production and live production techniques to produce sports broadcasts and weekly updates with the Peters Township Athletic Department.
 - Students in grades 11 – 12 must complete Media II Broadcasting prior to taking this course.

PTHS New Course Proposals

▶ French, German, Spanish III Honors

- This proposal adds an honors level to the Level III Language Courses.
- Students electing to take this course are selecting a more rigorous option in preparation to take the Advanced Placement or College in the High School capstone course options.
- To take an honors Level III Course, it is recommended that students must have a “B” grade or higher in their Level II Course.

PTHS New Course Proposals

▶ **Earth Space Science Academic**

- Earth Space Science Academic is a yearlong science course that will allow students to engage in a comprehensive exploration of the natural world focusing on the new PA STEELS Standards.
- Earth Space Science Academic will replace Geo Science Academic Course.
- The course is recommended for 12th grade students and will meet the science credit graduation requirement.

PTHS Course Name Changes

▶ **World Languages Course Name Changes:**

- AP French, AP German, AP Spanish to AP/CHS French, AP/CHS German, AP/CHS Spanish

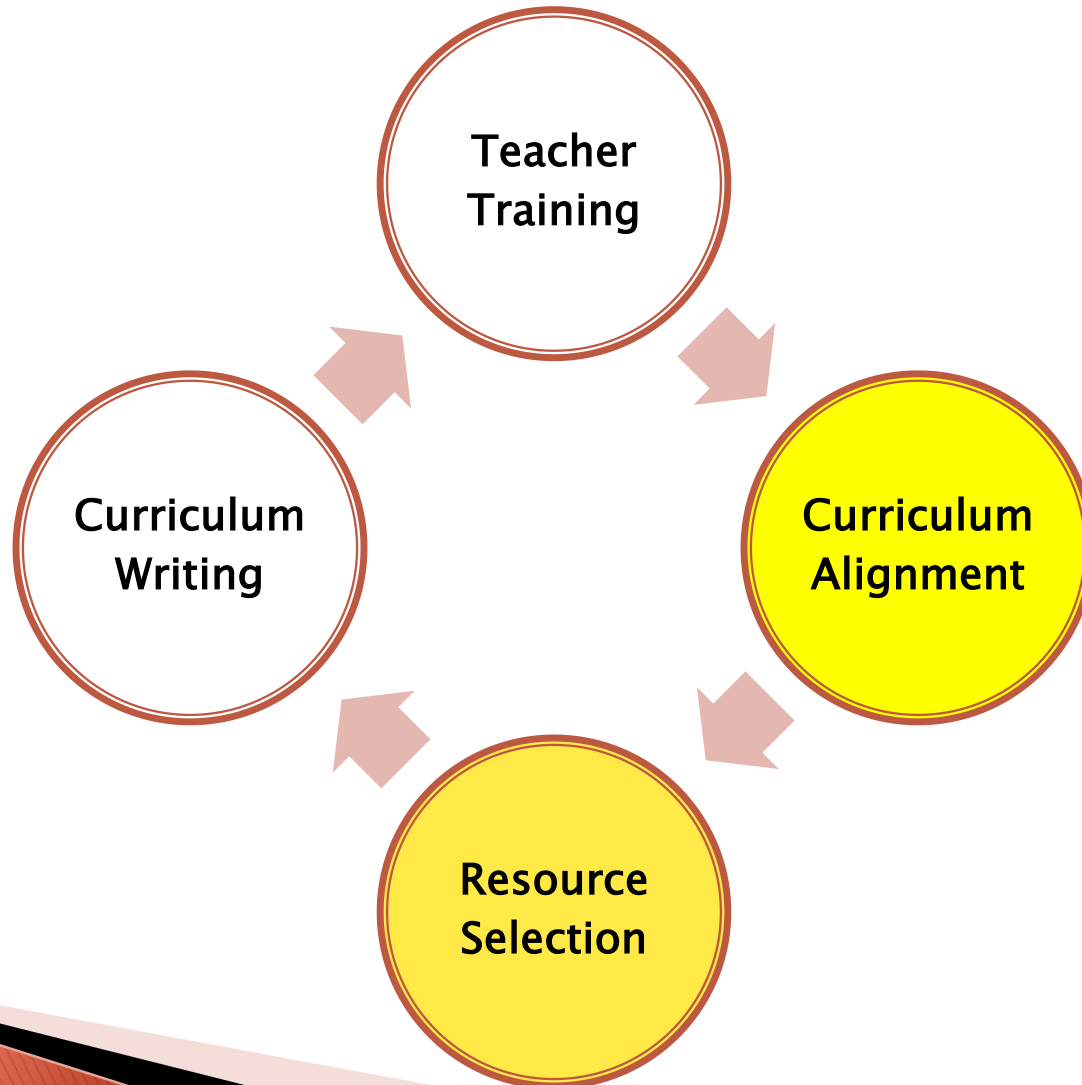
▶ **Rationale:**

- Allows students to earn college credit through two options: 1) Take the AP Exam and attain a qualifying score for college credit; or 2) Earn college credit via a partnership with Seton Hill University that could be transferred

PTHS Course Name Changes

- ▶ **Changes to Course Names:**
 - PE I & PE II combined to PE I/PE II
 - Media II/III Photography and Media IV/V Digital Photography combined to Media II, III, IV Photography
- ▶ **Rationale:**
 - Makes courses more accessible to students
 - Allows a course to run when enrollment is low
 - Gives flexibility to course scheduling for students and staffing

Curriculum Process



Proposed New Science Textbook Adoption

PTMS – Science, Grade 6

▶ *Inspire Science*

- 350 textbook bundles and 6-Year Online Licenses and integrated lab kits with three teacher packages

Anticipated Cost – \$57,255.09

Proposed New Science Textbook Adoption

PTHS – Chemistry Academic

- ▶ *Inspire Chemistry*
 - 65 textbooks and 235 online licenses with two teacher packages

Anticipated Cost – \$30,677.55

Proposed New Science Textbook Adoption

PTHS – Earth Space Science Academic

- ▶ *Earth & Space Science*
 - 110 Textbooks and 6-Year Online Licenses with two teacher packages

Anticipated Cost – \$15,592.50

Proposed New Science Textbook Adoption

PTHS – AP Biology

▶ *Campbell Biology*

- 65 Textbooks and 6–Year Online Licenses with two teacher packages

Anticipated Cost – \$13,611.33

Proposed New Science Textbook Adoption

PTHS – CHS Anatomy & Physiology

- ▶ *Holes' Anatomy & Physiology*
 - 110 Textbooks and 6-Year Online Licenses with one teacher package

Anticipated Cost – \$21,822.90

Proposed New Science Textbook Adoption

PTHS – Anatomy & Physiology Mentorship

- ▶ *Photographic Atlas of Anatomy*
 - 5 Textbooks for classroom use

Anticipated Cost – \$510.00

Science Textbook Renewals

PTHS – Biology Honors & Academic

- ▶ Academic – *Biology: Concepts & Applications*
 - 6-Year Renewal – \$41,535.00 for 225 online licenses and two teacher packages
- ▶ Honors – *Biology: Concepts & Connections*
 - 6-Year Renewal – \$18,755.00 for 155 online licenses and two teacher packages

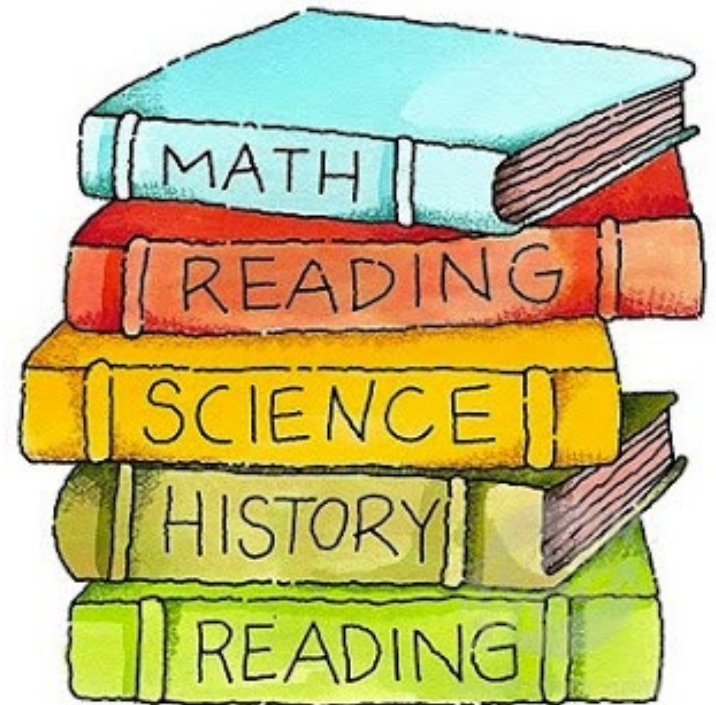
Anticipated Cost – \$60,290.00

Upcoming Curriculum Cycles

- ▶ K – 5 Literacy
 - Review of Current English Language Arts Programming
 - Renew current programming or explore new options

- ▶ Grades 6 – 12 Mathematics
 - New Personal Finance Graduation Requirement
 - 6th Grade Mathematics

- ▶ Required AP Updates



Health & Wellness



Wellness Triennial Assessment Updates

▶ Categories

- Nutrition Education
 - Promotion of Healthy Snacks and Integration of wellness lessons into Math and ELA (MCM)
- Nutrition Promotion
 - Work on providing proper nutrition through menus on website
 - PTHS – Horticulture Club and new greenhouses
- Physical Activity
 - Elementary Run Clubs, Dance Your Heart Out (American Heart Association)
 - Installed Bike Racks to encourage walking/biking to school (PTMS)/Lunch Games (PTHS)
- School-based Wellness Activities
 - Work with Food Service to give students the opportunity to try new fruits and vegetables (PV/BH)
 - Staff Healthy Lunches (All Schools)
 - Health and Wellness In-Service (PTHS)

Public Comment



Closing Remarks & Adjournment

