SHREWSBURY HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES 2018-19

Proposed Changes
Presented to School Committee
January 10, 2018

Topics Covered

- Course selection process/timeline
- Efficiency and Occupancy
- Proposed changes
- Questions

Course Selection Process

- Process starts after February break
 - Feb 12:
 - POS distributed to students
 - School counselors conduct class presentations
 - Feb 26:
 - Students obtain teacher recommendations
 - March 5-23:
 - Counselors meet with individual students

Course Selection Process

- March 26:
 - Course tallies and directors allocate FTE/set sections
 - Directors meet with administration to review sections
- April 2:
 - Set teaching assignments
- February April:
 - Data entry
- June 1:
 - Anticipated completion of Master Schedule
- June-August:
 - Counselors meet with students to resolve conflicts

Items to consider....

- Efficiency and Occupancy
 - 2017-2018 School Year
 - Oct. 1 enrollment = 1832
 - Enrollment 1/9/18 = 1841
 - 96% of students placed into selected courses
 - 4% of schedule conflicts
 - 96% of classrooms are used continuously vs. 76% 3 yrs. ago
 - 2018-2019 School Year
 - Increasing enrollment (≈30 students)
 - Keeping class size as low as possible
 - Delicate balance of adding sections and space

Special Programs

- Redefine Senior Exhibition to Capstone Exhibition
- Eliminate Promoting Academic Connections and Engagement
- Add Job Shadowing
- Add Cooperative Work Study

Family Consumer Science

Foods of the World will be offered during the 2018-2019 school year, while Mediterranean Cuisine will not be offered during the 2018-2019 school year.

Foreign Language

• Add new course: *Chinese I*

Mathematics

• Add new course: Research Methods Pre-Calculus

Physical Education

Add new course: Foundations of Physical Education

Instructional Technology and Media Services (ITAMS)

- Add new course: Computer Science Principles II
 - Project Lead the Way course
 - Programming languages such as Java, Android Studio, and XML

Performing Arts

- Rename Women's Choir Honors to Treble Choir Honors
- Add Honors section of Mixed Choir

Social Sciences

- Minor language changes in the following courses that reflect instructional practices, assessments and content more accurately
 - U.S. History II
 - Sociology
 - Psychology
 - America and the World Today
 - Economics
 - World Religions
 - American Government
 - World at War

Social Sciences

- Redefine *Global Studies* course description to incorporate more Project-Based Learning language as well as clearer focus for content
- Add the following new courses based on student interest:
 - Exploring Family History
 - Pop Culture
 - Sports in America
 - Law and Order

Visual Arts

- Eliminate Printmaking
- Eliminate Studio III Honors
- Change course name: Art History to Art Appreciation
- Change course name: Digital Imaging I to Digital Art and Design
- Change course name: Digital Imaging II to Advanced Digital Art and Design

QUESTIONS?