

Board Report

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November is upon us, and although we are between sports seasons, it is a very busy time at the high school. We recently had our first graduation meeting of the year and are also looking ahead at next year's class schedule for any positive changes we may be able to make. One focus area has been dual credit offerings. Ms. Richards, Mrs. Younghans, and I recently met with representatives from Metro Community College to review what dual credit classes we currently offer as well as areas we could possibly expand in the future to further benefit DC West students. Two dual credit pathways were identified as possible areas of expansion. The first was Health and Medical Career Pathways. With the popularity of our HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) Club and the wide variety of career fields under the health careers umbrella, we believe this pathway would be very popular and beneficial for our students. Students could take several dual credit courses at DC West and then branch off into specific health career paths when they enter college. Some specific classes discussed as possible offerings were Medical Terminology, Nutrition in the Lifecycle, Foundations of Public Health, Heartsaver First Aid with CPR & AED, and Disease Processes.

The other Career Pathway discussion focused on Business. Possible class additions in Business could be Principles of Management, Global Business, Global Marketing, and Business Communication. We are in the exploration phase with both dual credit career pathways at this time and will work to refine those ideas in the next few months.

The 2025/26 school year marks our third year of offering Sports Media as an elective course at the high school. You may have noticed an uptick of DC West information on social media and YouTube throughout the fall season. Sports Media teacher, Chip Daehling said, "We have always tried to promote DC West students and programs with graphics, pictures, and videos. However, this year we have tried to transition to more storytelling through social media and our new YouTube channel. For example, our TikTok Challenge on guessing Nebraska High School Logos received more than 45,000 views. That was pretty exciting for my students." Other media the class has produced includes a bi-weekly sports page, weekly coaches' shows, and 30-second business commercials for DC West sports broadcasts (BCDN).