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**Special Courses for Permanent Status**

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**The Background:**

A local school district can request approval to offer a course that is not on the list of permanent courses approved by the State Board of Education (i.e., a special course). State Board of Education Rule 0520-01-03-.05(2)(a) requires that these special courses be approved by Department of Education for each of the first three years that the course is offered by the local school district. After three years, a course may become a permanent part of the local school district upon approval by the State Board of Education.

The courses on the attached list have been offered by school districts for three years or more and are being submitted on final reading for permanent approval in that district. There have not been any changes to this item since first reading. The special courses have been:

- Submitted to the Department of Education with a complete set of standards;
- The standards have been reviewed by content experts at the Department of Education; and
- The courses have met the academic criteria set by the Department of Education.

**The Recommendation:**

The Department of Education recommends adoption of this item on final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.