



**CONSOLIDATED  
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NEW BRITAIN**

**NEW BRITAIN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING**

**JANUARY 22, 2024 – 6:15 PM | NEW BRITAIN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION CENTER**



## NOTICE OF MEETING

TO: New Britain Board of Education Members  
Mayor Erin Stewart  
Mr. Mark H. Bernacki, Town and City Clerk  
New Britain Common Council Members

DATE: January 19, 2024

RE: New Britain Board of Education Committee Meetings

The following Board of Education committee meetings will be held:

- **The New Britain Board of Education Policy Committee** will hold a regular meeting on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the New Britain Educational Administration Center, located at 272 Main Street in New Britain, Connecticut.
- **The New Britain Board of Education Curriculum Committee** will hold a regular meeting on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 6:15 PM at the New Britain Educational Administration Center, located at 272 Main Street in New Britain, Connecticut.

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CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

## New Britain Board of Education | Curriculum Committee Regular Meeting

January 22, 2024 – 6:15 PM | New Britain Educational Administration Center

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### 1. Call to Order and Opening

- A. Meeting Called to Order

### 2. Presentation

- A. Art Curriculum – K-8 Art, Elements of Art, Drawing 1  
Presented by Ms. Leona Clerkin | Page 4
- B. Multilingual Department – Middle School World Language, Spanish  
Submitted by Ms. Silvia Mayo-Molina | Page 9

### 3. New Business

- A. Review and Approve Minutes from Curriculum Committee Meeting on December 11, 2023  
Submitted by Ms. Aja Edwards | Page 18

### 4. Closing and Adjournment

- A. Other Business as Permitted by Law
- B. Adjournment



CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

**Board Memorandum**

Submitted by Leona Clerkin ( ) for approval at the Regular Board Meeting on February 5, 2024.  
Senior Leadership Sponsor: Tyrone Richardson Staff Presenter: Melissa Lesser, Jenna Lombardo, Leona Clerkin

**Type of Memorandum**

Presentation to the Board

**Background and Purpose/Rationale**

Art Curriculum

K-8 Art, Elements of Art, Drawing 1

This presentation is aligned with Dr. Gasper’s ‘Essential 10’ - Curriculum: A rigorous, useful, Board-approved curriculum document for every subject area, course, and grade.

As discussed at the last Curriculum Committee meeting, the curriculum renewal and curriculum writing process has been progressing and there is curriculum ready to move forward to the Board for approval. The curriculum coming to the December 11 meeting is taught in the ART Department and will be presented by the NBHS Fine Art Dept Teacher Leader for 9 - 12 Melissa Lesser and K- 8 Art teacher / curriculum author Jenna Lombardo.

Ms. Lesser and Ms. Lombardo and the art teachers team have spent time ensuring curricula are based on and aligned to the Connecticut Core Standards for ART, Connecticut English Language Proficiency Standards (CELP) and CSDNB’s Profile of a Graduate (POG). The authors have aligned and built on concepts from K to grade 12 in the art curricula and assessment structure. Students will be able to create, present, produce, respond to and connect with Art in grades K - 12 at high levels to support effective communication, creativity, problem solving and innovation.

**Financial Information**

N/A

**Committee Review**

To be reviewed by the Curriculum Committee on January 22, 2024

[January 2024 Art Curriculum Pres - Diana Rios.pdf](#)

# **Art Curriculum Board Presentation**

**K-8, Elements of Art, Drawing**

**Presented by:**

**Leona Clerkin, Jenna Lombardo, Melissa Lesser**

# Elementary & Middle School Visual Arts

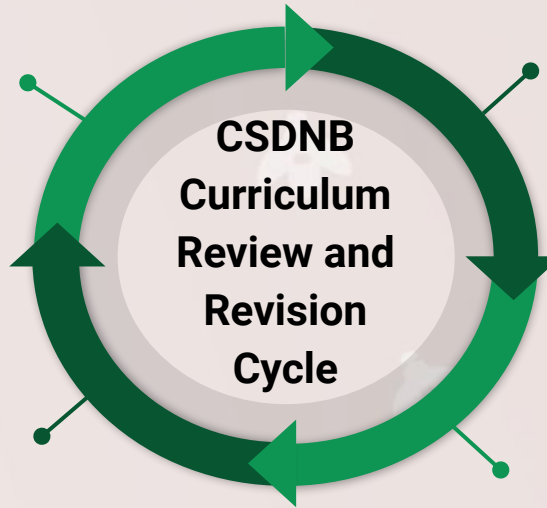
Grades K-8

## STEP FOUR: BOE APPROVAL

- Updated.Art Maps Folder for Grades K-8 full year scope and sequence including Readiness Units.
- Curriculum aligned with National Core Visual Arts Standards, PoG, as well as CELP.
- All units integrate student centered and culturally responsive teaching practices.

## STEP THREE: PILOT

- Elementary & Middle School Art Maps have been developed and shared with art teachers across the district to begin using.
- Middle school students at HALS have been following the new curriculum since September, examples of student work and unit 1 assessments are included.



## STEP 1: COURSE DATA REVIEW

- Align to National Core Visual Arts Standards, ,POG, as well as CELP.
- Increase development of fine motor skills as a result of COVID deficit.
- Integration of Art as a means of therapy within Grades 4-8 curriculum.
- Culturally Responsive and Student-Centered Lesson examples and resources to add in all units.
- Develop Grade 8 District Assessment to vertically align with HS curriculum.

## STEP TWO: COURSE REVISION

- Participants:
  - Leona Clerkin
  - Jenna Lombardo
  - Elementary and Middle School Art Teachers -PD

# Elements of Art (904)

Standard Grades 9-12

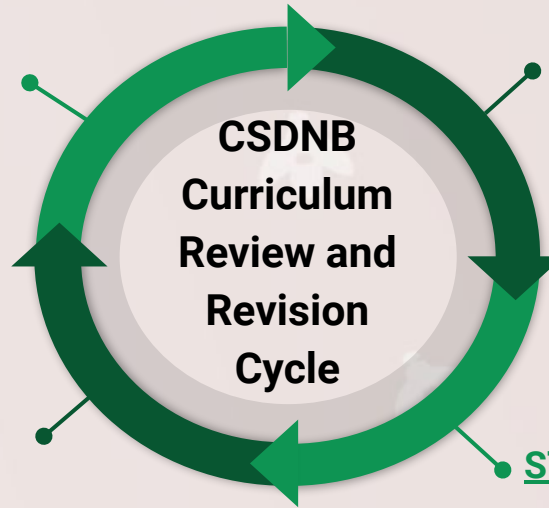
## STEP FOUR: BOE APPROVAL

### Elements of Art Course Map

- Aligned with NBHS POG Skills
- Focus areas determined by student performance
- Curriculum aligned with [National Core Visual Arts Standards](#)

## STEP THREE: PILOT

- Courses have been in place for 2 years
- Scaffolds for ELL and Special Education students (Unified Art course aligned with Elements of Art for special education populations)
- Centered on student choice. development of artistic voice
- Teacher as guide/Facilitator



## STEP 1: COURSE DATA REVIEW

- Align to [National Core Visual Arts Standards](#) and POG
- Student-centered and scaffolded to build skill development by level
- Integration of Visual Literacy and development of student voice

## STEP TWO: COURSE REVISION

- Participants:
  - Melissa Lesser: Fine and Performing Arts: Lead Teacher
  - Ashley Lodovico-Sloate
  - Mike Tino
  - Emi-Styers-Zysk
  - Evan Fable

# Drawing (912, 914)

Standard Grades 10-12

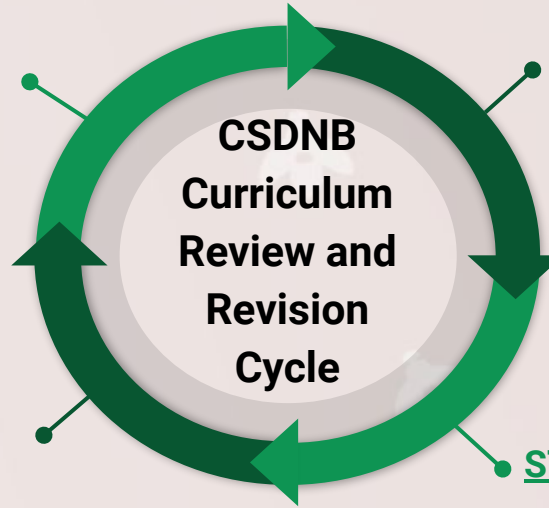
## STEP FOUR: BOE APPROVAL

### Drawing Course Map

- Aligned with NBHS POG Skills
- Focus areas determined by student performance
- Curriculum aligned with [National Core Visual Arts Standards](#)

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### Board Memorandum

Submitted by Silvia Mayo Molina () for approval at the Regular Board Meeting on February 5, 2024.  
Senior Leadership Sponsor: Ivelise Velazquez Staff Presenter: Silvia Mayo Molina

#### Type of Memorandum

Presentation to the Board

#### Background and Purpose/Rationale

ML Department Proposal for Middle School Spanish Courses

Proposal to add Spanish as a World Language courses at Slade and Pulaski

#### Financial Information

Cost Neutral

#### Committee Review

To be reviewed by the Curriculum Committee on January 22, 2024

[ML Department Proposal for Middle School Spanish classes - Curriculum Committee Presentation Draft - Silvia Mayo-Molina](#)



# Multilingual Department

January 22, 2024

# CSDNB Multilingual Department- Current Offerings for World Languages

## DiLoreto Elementary

Spanish Language Development K-5

Dos en Uno K-5 by 2027



## DiLoreto Middle School

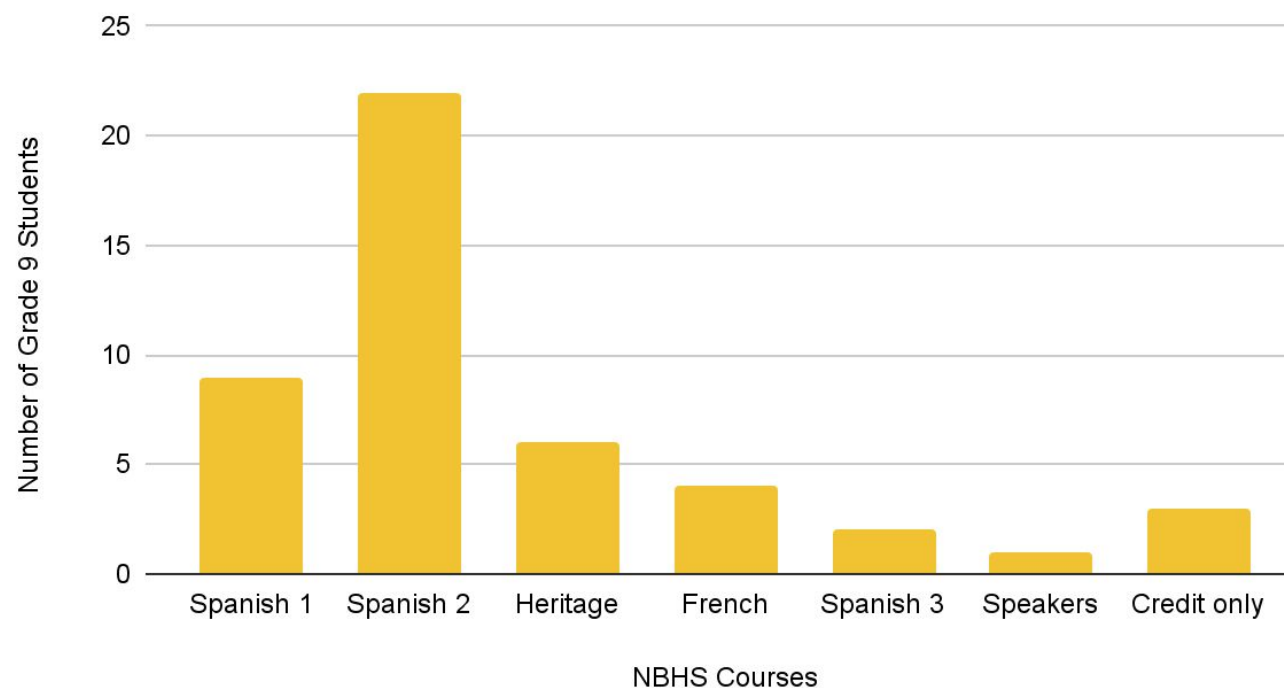
Standard Spanish 1 and Advanced Spanish Courses



## High School Credits Earned

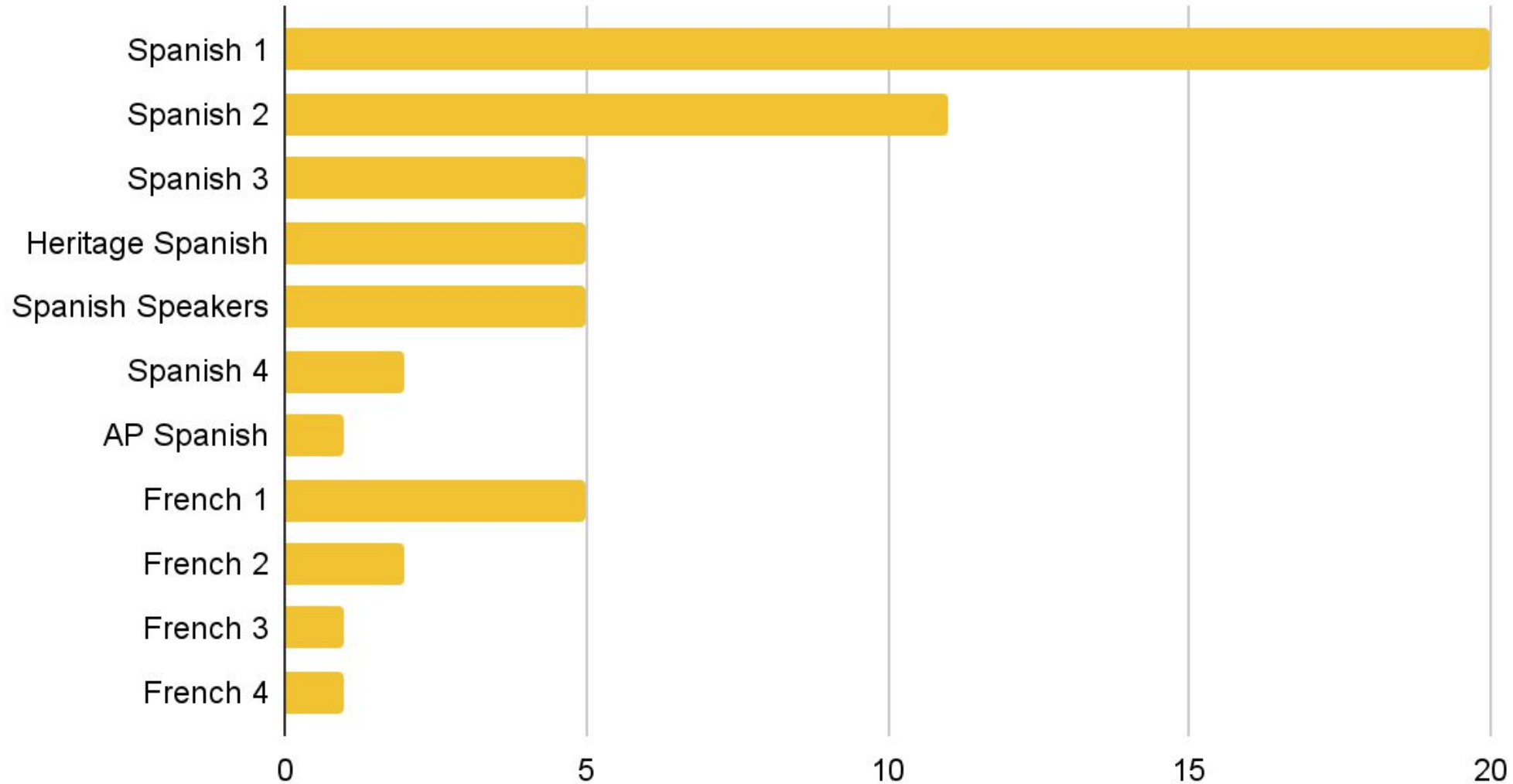
In Spring 2023, 38 out of 47 (81%) DiLoreto 8th graders passed the Spanish 1 Final Exam, earning high school credit

### DiLoreto Placement in Grade 9 NBHS courses



# CSDNB World Language at NBHS

## Current Number of World Language Sections at NBHS



# World Language Course Offerings

	Spanish	French	Grades and other languages
Southington	✓	✓	Spanish in Gr. 7 and 8 French in Gr. 8
Berlin	✓	✓	Both languages in Gr. 7 and Gr. 8
Plainville	✓	✓	Both languages in Gr. 7 and Gr. 8
Newington	✓	✗	Spanish as a core subject in Gr. 8
Bristol	✓	✗	Spanish in Gr. 7 and Gr. 8
Meriden	✓	✗	Spanish in Gr. 6, 7, and 8
Wethersfield	✓	✗	Spanish in Gr. 7 and Gr. 8 ✓✓✓✓✓

# Adding Spanish World Language

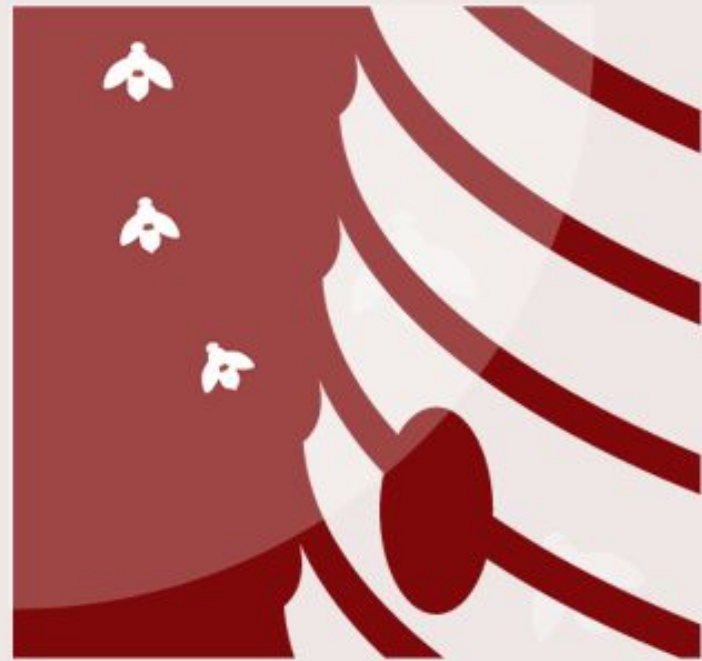
We can add Spanish as a World Language to our course offerings for Slade and Pulaski students by changing our current unified arts offerings.

We can continue to offer Latinos in Action as an after school club activity that develops students specific skills as a leader and fosters their experiences for college and career readiness.

At NBHS we can explore how our current Latinos in Action course offering can be consolidated so that we continue to participate in the yearly Latinos in Action competitions and Regional Spring conference.

# CSDNB Plan for Selecting a Program

Jan. 2024	Proposal to Curriculum Committee and BOE
Feb. 2024	Draft Middle School schedule with Middle School Administrators Explore LIA Club Opportunities
March 2024	Design Middle School Spanish Curriculum Map
April 2024	Share Spanish Course Description with students and families
May 2024	Gather preliminary student course registration
June 2024	Provide 1-2 Days of Professional Development for Spanish Teachers



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**NEW BUSINESS**



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### New Britain Board of Education | Curriculum Committee Regular Meeting

December 11, 2023 – 6:00 PM | New Britain Educational Administration Center

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#### 1. Call to Order and Opening

Curriculum Chair, Mr. Escobales called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

##### Board Members Present

Salvador Escobales\*, Anthony Kane\*, Joseph Listro, Barbara Marino\*, Diana Reyes\*, and Tina Santana\*

*\*Committee member #Attended remotely*

##### CSDNB Staff Present

Ms. Lara Bohlke, Mr. Kyle Duffin, Dr. Anthony Gasper, Ms. Maryellen Manning, Ms. Silvia Mayo-Molina, Mr. Jeff Prokop#, Dr. Nicole Sanders, Mr. Paul Salina, Ms. Lillie Stuart, and Ms. Ivelise Velasquez

#### 2. Presentation

- A. Informational presentation - Personal Safety Instruction  
Presented by Ms. Keira Soler
- B. Informational presentation - School Based Diversion Initiative (SBDI)  
Presented by Ms. Keira Soler

**Dr. Gasper expressed that these presentations are in response to the many occurrences and concerns at school. They are currently be presented to the Board for informational purposes only. Presentations are attached.**

#### 3. New Business

- A. Review and approve minutes from Curriculum Committee meeting on October 16, 2023  
Submitted by Ms. Aja Edwards

**Mr. Kane motioned to approve minutes from curriculum committee meeting on October 16, 2023, seconded by Ms. Santana. Motion carried unanimously.**

- B. Review recommended curriculum for adoption - Problem Solving, Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry  
Submitted by Ms. Lara Bohlke

**Math Department Chair at New Britain High School Kyle Duffin, assisted with presenting the recommended curriculum for adoption. Presentation attached.**

**Mr. Escobales recommended that the committee move this item to the consent agenda for the next regular meeting in January.**

## 4. Closing and Adjournment

- A. Other Business as Permitted by Law
- B. Adjournment