

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
April 23, 2026**

FOR ACTION

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 4955

SUBJECT: [Approve New/Revised Courses](#)

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT The Board is being asked to adopt the following new courses:

New Course Name	Department
Fashion Design 1	Fine Arts K-12

Background Information

Fashion Design 1: is a semester-long Fine Arts elective for grades 9–12 at Columbia High School, launching September 2026. Replacing Fibers 1 and aligned with New Jersey CTE pathways (CIP 50.0407: Fashion Apparel & Design), the course offers an industry-recognized certification and 2.5 Fine Arts credits. Through project-based learning, students explore fashion history, design principles, technical skills, and creative expression while developing critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills.

New Course Name	Department
Fashion Design 2	Fine Arts K-12

Background Information

Fashion Design 2: is a semester-long Fine Arts elective for grades 9–12 at Columbia High School, launching August 2026. Replacing Fibers 2 and aligned with New Jersey CTE pathways (CIP 50.0407), the course awards 2.5 Fine Arts credits and an industry-recognized credential. Building on Fashion Design 1, students advance skills in fit, draping, closures, and cultural context through project-based learning, culminating in a custom capstone design while developing creativity, problem-solving, and communication skills.

New Course Name	Department
Fashion Design 3HN	Fine Arts K-12

Background Information

Fashion Design 3HN: is a full-year Fine Arts elective for grades 9–12 at Columbia High School, launching August 2026. As the capstone of the Fashion Design sequence, and aligns with New Jersey CTE pathways (CIP 50.0407), awarding 5 honors credits and an industry-recognized credential. Open to students who completed Fashion Design 2 or by portfolio approval, the course features three units—Brand & Blueprint, Atelier, and Debut Collection—guiding students to develop a professional fashion collection while honing creative and entrepreneurial skills.