

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD  
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING  
May 11, 2020**

**FOR ACTION**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER:**           **4014**

**SUBJECT:**                            Approve New Course

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

New Course Name	Department
English 3NH/Literature of the African Diaspora.	English Language Arts

**Background Information**

English 3HN/Literature of the African Diaspora will be part of the English Department Curriculum. This course will build on the Basic level courses in 9th & 10th grade and allow students the opportunity to take Honors level courses as they reach the 11th & 12th grades. The content explores a multicultural curriculum that makes knowledge more engaging and accessible for students. The course contemplates the link between African roots and American identity. Students will explore the oral traditions and the African and African American folklore; slavery and imperialism; and the link between African literacy and musical legacies. Students will also be introduced to how ideas and language shape the literature, rhetoric, and oratory contribution linked to the social discourse of today's society.