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COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION
APPLICATION FOR NEW PROGRAMS
BASIC CERTIFICATE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE SUBSEQUENT TEACHING ENDORSEMENT
THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
HARRY S TRUMAN COLLEGE

WHEREAS, new educational programs require approval of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 508, the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) and the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE); and

WHEREAS, an application for approval of the City Colleges of Chicago Basic Certificate in Middle School Science Subsequent Teaching Endorsement and Basic Certificate in High School Science Subsequent Teaching Endorsement has been received and is under review by the Joint Curriculum Development Council for submission; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) requires that professional educator licenses include endorsements specifying both the content area and the grade band for which the educator is qualified to teach, recognizing that middle grades (5–8) and high school (9–12) students have distinct developmental, cognitive, and social needs that demand specialized instructional strategies and coursework; and

WHEREAS, the Basic Certificate in Middle School Science Subsequent Teaching Endorsement and Basic Certificate in High School Science Subsequent Teaching Endorsement at Harry S Truman College provide licensed teachers with the necessary coursework and preparation to achieve an endorsement or letter of approval to serve in middle school or high school science classrooms; and

WHEREAS, labor market data shows strong demand for Middle and Secondary School Teachers, with 854 annual openings for Middle School Teachers and 1,112 annual openings for High School Teachers in Cook County in 2024, with projected growth of 2% over the next 10 years as well as entry-level wages of \$76,817 annually for Middle School Teachers and \$87,568.16 annually for High School Teachers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508, County of Cook and State of Illinois, hereby approves the submission of this program for permanent approval by the Illinois Community College Board, pending completion of Proposed Academic Curriculum Changes (PACC) process per Academic Policy 9.02.

December 4, 2025 - The Office of Academic Affairs