



The Canutillo Independent School District

Board Resolution Regarding the Continuance of Algebra II and Speech as Graduation Requirements in Texas Public High Schools

WHEREAS, the Canutillo Independent School District believes access to higher-level mathematics courses provides students with the tools necessary to be successful in life after high school; and,

WHEREAS, advanced mathematics courses are integral for professional and vocational careers in high-demand areas like medicine, engineering, science and computer information systems — careers that can help minority students end the cycle of poverty and reach higher earning potential; and,

WHEREAS, Algebra II is considered by mathematicians to be a catalyst course for success in high-rigor courses like trigonometry and calculus, which are critical in high-demand professional and vocational careers; and,

WHEREAS, studies show students who master Algebra II have higher rates of success in high school, college and the workforce than students who master just one year of algebra; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Canutillo ISD to graduate students who are well prepared for life after high school, including college, vocational training or the workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Canutillo ISD also believes success after high school can be contingent to adequate and proper forms of communication, whether interpersonal, digital or professional; and

WHEREAS, high-school speech classes have traditionally taught student effective ways to express, communicate and debate topics using research, reason and analysis — skills that are paramount for individuals who desire to take on leadership roles personally and professionally; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CANUTILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, CITY OF EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS THAT:

1. The matters and facts stated in the preamble hereof are found and determined to be true and correct and accurately express the desires of the Board of Trustees of Canutillo ISD.
2. For the reasons stated above, Canutillo ISD respectfully requests that the members of Texas Legislature cease any further attempt at amending the requirements for high-school graduation in the state to eliminate the need to master Algebra II and Speech.
3. Canutillo ISD also respectfully requests that the members of the Texas State Board of Education reverse its decision to eliminate Algebra II and Speech as a requirement for graduation in Texas public high schools.
4. The Superintendent is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to all appropriate governmental and civic organizations and their leadership.

ADOPTED on XXXXXXXX

Rachel Quintana, President
Board of Trustees

Attest:

Patricia Mendoza, Secretary
Board of Trustees