

**FORM 400**

**CURRICULUM PROPOSAL**

Fern Ridge School District 28J

1. Name of Course or Activity World Cultures  
 School Elmira High School Department Electives
2. Check One: ☐ Change in old course ☒ New Course
3. Implementation Dates: Begin 1/2027 (2nd semester) End TBD (hoping it goes well, and we continue) (if short term)
4. Target Group: 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders who are interested in learning about other cultures / need elective credit
5. Course Description: Attach the completed "Planned Course Statement".  
See attached (expanding opti and opportunities)
6. Rationale: (What problem or need will this proposal resolve? How will this goals be accomplished? Use additional pages if necessary.)  
See attached

7. Budget Estimate:

|           | Amount   | Explanation                                                                        |
|-----------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Personnel |          | We are using existing FTE, and may pull from second language budget, if necessary? |
| Supplies  |          |                                                                                    |
| Equipment |          |                                                                                    |
| Travel    |          |                                                                                    |
| Other     |          |                                                                                    |
| Total:    | <u>0</u> |                                                                                    |

Initiator(s) Jimbo Ginder Position Spanish Teacher  
 School Elmira High School Date 5-20-26

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SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR A PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE CURRICULUM

Fern Ridge School District

PROPOSAL IDENTIFICATION: new course: World Cultures

INITIATOR: Jennifer Snider

1. Submitted to: Michelle Marshall Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Curriculum Associate)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Submitted to: Cydney Vandercar Date: 06/09/2026  
(Supervising Administrator)

Signature: Cydney Vandercar Date: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Submitted to: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Curriculum Council Chairperson)

Recommendations of the Curriculum Council: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Submitted to: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Superintendent)

Final action taken: \_\_\_\_\_ Implementation as submitted is authorized

\_\_\_\_\_ Implementation with specified modification is authorized

\_\_\_\_\_ Implementation is not authorized

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## World Cultures (Course Proposal)

Course Description: This course is designed for 10th-12th grade students to learn about cultures around the world as well as help students understand diverse cultures and perspectives across the globe. Some of the different learning activities include readings and discussions on cultural topics, research projects on specific cultures, presentations on cultural traditions, analyzing and discussing videos, and creative projects like cultural art or food demonstrations. It will be a project-based class with many opportunities to work with your peers and learn from one another as we expand our horizons. At the end of the semester, the goal would be to take a field trip for a culminating experience for the class (TBD).

Rationale: By offering this course, it is giving students another opportunity for elective credit, which we have been lacking in our course offerings at the high school. While I integrate culture in my Spanish courses, the focus is on Spanish-speaking places. This course (taught in English) offers students the opportunity to learn about cultures from around the world, and will incorporate a variety of projects (individual, partner, and group ones). When forecasting numbers came out, I had 20 signed up (10 of which are seniors). That made me very excited and hopeful that I will be able to offer it during the second semester of the 2026-2027 school year.