

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Course Title(s): Botany, Ecology, Limnology, Zoology

Broward County Public School system (BCPS) currently houses many innovative science programs in the high schools that offer advanced level coursework in a focused area of study. These courses allow students to develop specialized knowledge and skills in particular science disciplines that greatly exceed what is taught in a regular course. In addition to this, these courses meet the requirements for science core credits in the State University System (SUS) admissions policy and the Florida Academic and Florida Merit Scholarships of Bright Futures.

We have recognized the rigor of these courses and currently offer local honors points. However, the state lacks "Honors" versions of these courses in the State Course Code Directory. Therefore, Broward County is requesting to add Botany, Ecology, Limnology, and Zoology honors level courses to the State Course Code Directory. The proposed courses would provide an opportunity for our students to receive proper credit for the high level work that they are already doing.

Upon board approval, BCPS will submit the proposed course descriptions to the Florida Department of Education for consideration of addition to the State Course Code Directory as honors level courses.