

## **MCPS Pilots Asian Pacific Island Desi American (APIDA) Studies Program**

During the rise of hate crimes against Asians last year, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) held several dialogues with Asian students. From those meetings, MCPS decided to pilot an Asian Pacific Island Desi American (APIDA) Studies Program. The APIDA Studies elective class will be offered in the fall semester of 2022 in three high schools: Clarksburg, Richard Montgomery and Paint Branch.

Please help promote this elective class so it can be offered at more schools. This is important for Asian youth during a time when they are still searching for and developing a sense of self. This class is also relevant for non-Asian students, because the more we learn about each other, the less we have to fear, hate, or misunderstand each other. Please help to promote this elective class with your community.

- For a detailed course framework, please click [here](#).

- Share student made flyers and social media posts:

  - [Flyer 1](#)

  - [Flyer 2](#)

  - [Instagram post](#)