

## POLARIS RECOMMENDATION

- Reduce the total credits from 22 to 20 for graduation
- Eliminate PE as a requirement
- Reduce the number of required electives by one

## PREDICTED IMPACT

- The first group of students eligible to matriculate from Polaris with 20 credits will graduate in May, 2006.
- The only students who would be allowed to enter Polaris their senior year would be the following:
  - Students who have no chance of graduating on time with 22 credits (HS counselors' determination).
  - With the block schedule and PLATO (graded vs. credit recovery) available to our students, they would be able graduate on time with 20 versus 22 credits.
- All students would still be required to pass the AIMS test
- Students would graduate from Polaris, not their home school.
- This plan would decrease the number of 5<sup>th</sup> year seniors and keep more students in school to graduate.
- This plan would enable our district alternative high school to compete with charter schools for students at risk of dropping out.
- The Director for Alternative Ed and the high school counselors would work together during the fall of 2005 to formulate a final referral process to be implemented January 2006.