

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

June 10, 2008

TO: Board of Trustees  
FROM: E. Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools  
SUBJECT: Curriculum Addition and Deletions, Locally Developed Courses  
ORIGINATOR: D. Barrett, Assistant Superintendent  
RESOURCE  
STAFF: Stuart Wachowicz, Stephen Wright

RECOMMENDATION

That the following new locally developed course, acquired from another school jurisdiction during the 2007-2008 school year, be approved for a three year term.

Course Name	Acquired from
Instrumental Jazz 15-25-35	Calgary Board of Education

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**Background:**

On April 29, 2008, the Board of Trustees approved for use within Edmonton Public Schools the locally developed course Music 15-25-35 from Lethbridge School District. Since that time, we have been informed by Lethbridge School District that they were not prepared to update the courses, as requested by Alberta Education, prior to September 1, 2008. Edmonton Public Schools, therefore, did not submit the course to Alberta Education for use in our district.

In order for our schools to continue to deliver instruction in jazz music, Edmonton Public Schools may acquire Instrumental Jazz 15-25-35 from Calgary Board of Education. This course has been approved by Alberta Education until 2010. Schools have been provided a copy of Instrumental Jazz 15-25-35 for review.

Locally developed courses must be approved and renewed every three years by the developing board. In the case of high school courses, Alberta Education renews courses on a three-year cycle as well.

Locally developed courses are permitted and governed by Alberta Education policies. All courses developed align to these policies including such guidelines as the following:

- courses are completed within the year they are started
- a certificated teacher is required for instruction
- unique hours of instruction are required for each course
- waiver of prerequisites provision can not apply to locally developed courses.

The course is available in the Trustees' On-line Reading Room.

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