

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: A. McBeath, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Curriculum Additions and Deletions – Locally Developed Courses

ORIGINATOR: Bob Holt, Executive Director, Instructional and Curricular Support Services

RESOURCE

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RECOMMENDATION

1. That the following locally developed courses, currently in use in the district, be renewed for a **three** year term:
 - Arabic Language Arts K-12 (Bilingual)
 - Canadian History Pre-Confederation
 - Canadian History Post-Confederation
 - Creative Writing 7, 8
 - Discovery Option 7, 8, 9
 - Drill and Parade 7, 8, 9
 - German Language Arts K-12 (Bilingual)
 - Hebrew Language arts K-12 (Bilingual)
 - Humanities 9
 - ICT Foundations 7
 - Military History 7, 8
 - Speech and Debate 7
 - Study Skills and Learning Strategies 7, 8, 9
 - Television Production and Writing 7, 8, 9
 - Women's History 9
 - World History 7, 8
 - Applied Graphic Arts 15, 25, 35
 - Chinese (Mandarin) Language and Culture 15, 25, 35
(Second Language)
 - Deaf Cultural Studies 15, 25, 35
 - Drill and Parade 25
 - Military History 25
 - Performing Arts 15, 25abc, 35abc

2. That the following locally developed courses, currently in use in the district, be renewed for a **one** year term:
Coaching 15

3. That the following locally developed courses, currently in use in the district and **revised** during the 2002-2003 school year, be renewed for a **three** year term:
Ballet 7, 8, 9
Ballet 15, 25, 35
Contemporary Dance 25, 35
Dance 7, 8, 9
Dance 15, 25, 35
Dance Composition 35
Jazz Dance 25, 35

4. That the following **new** locally developed course, developed during the 2002-2003 school year, be approved for a **three** year term:
Black History/Studies 25

5. That the following locally developed courses, be **deleted**:
Aviation Education 9
Ball Dance 25
Contemporary Dance 15
Economic Study of a Foreign Nation 9
Exploration Science 7, 8
Geometry 15, 25
Jazz Dance 15
National Dance 25
Strategies for Learning How to Learn 7
World History 9

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

Canadian History Pre-Confederation and Canadian History Post-Confederation are courses that can be taught at the grade 7, 8 or 9 level. The grade level has been omitted from the course name to allow schools to select how to sequence these courses into their offering of optional courses.

The locally developed course, Academic Challenge (Discovery Option) 7, 8, 9, currently in use in the district, has had the name amended to Discovery Option 7, 8, 9 to reduce any potential confusion between this course and the Academic Challenge Program.

Coaching 15 is being recommended for renewal for one year only due to the changes currently occurring in the National Coaching Certification Program (3M NCCP). Discussions have begun to determine the role high school courses can fulfill in leading students to earning certification in the new Competency Based Education and Training (CBET) approach.

Copies of the courses are available for viewing in the Trustees' Reading Room.

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