

## EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: E. Dosdall, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Curriculum Additions and Deletions - German Language Arts

ORIGINATOR: A. McBeath, Department Head

RESOURCE

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### RECOMMENDATION

That the **German Language Arts (Kindergarten - Grade 12)** curriculum be approved as locally developed course for use in Edmonton Public Schools.

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Edmonton Public Schools has completed a locally developed course **German Language Arts (Kindergarten – Grade 12)**, which will be piloted in the district during the 2000-2001 school year. This document was developed collaboratively by staff from Edmonton Public Schools (Janice Aubry, Jan Witwicky, Martin Brinkmann, Marion Fritz, Christine Holzer, Elvira Loewen, Luciana Popp, Norman Sieweke), Elk Island Public Schools (Sigrid Brodeur, Brenda Kemp), and Alberta Learning (Karl Suess).

The document was developed based on the Western Canadian Protocol for Collaboration in Basic Education: Common Curriculum Framework for Bilingual Programming in International Languages (Kindergarten - Grade 12), of which Edmonton Public Schools was a lead writer in 1998-1999. This new curriculum will support the German bilingual programs currently offered in four district schools. Manitoba Education has begun a review of this curriculum, is considering participating in the pilot and is considering adopting this curriculum for its German Bilingual Program schools.

A copy of the course is available for viewing in the Trustees' Reading Room.

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