

# EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: E. Dosdall, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Curriculum Additions and Deletions - Spanish Language and Culture

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RESOURCE

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## RECOMMENDATION

That the **Spanish Language and Culture, Six Year Program (Grades 7-12)** curriculum be approved as a locally-developed course in Edmonton Public Schools.

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Edmonton Public Schools has completed the pilot of the **Spanish Language and Culture, Six Year Program (Grade 7-Grade 12)** curriculum. This curriculum initiative was taken in support of district schools and the Memorandum of Understanding that was signed between the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Government of Spain and Alberta Learning.

This final document was the result of the leadership of Edmonton Public Schools and the collaborative efforts and contributions of several jurisdictions:

Alberta Distance Learning Centre  
Alberta Learning (Learning Technologies Branch and Curriculum Standards Branch)  
Edmonton Catholic Schools  
Edmonton Public Schools  
Lethbridge School District #51

The District also wishes to acknowledge the support of Alberta Learning, and the support of the Ministry of Education and Culture of Spain that was provided through the provision of a Spanish Language Consultant to Alberta Learning

This document was developed based on the Western Canadian Protocol for Collaboration in Basic Education: Common Curriculum Framework for International Languages, of which Edmonton Public Schools was a provincial writer in 1998-1999. This Spanish curriculum was the first curriculum developed in Canada based on this framework.

**Spanish Language and Culture, Six Year Program (Grades 7-12)** was successfully piloted in two district schools, Rosslyn School and Westminster School, during the 1999-2000 school year, and some improvements have been made.

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

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