

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: E. Dosdall, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Curriculum Additions and Deletions – Locally Developed Courses, Senior High

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RESOURCE

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RECOMMENDATION

1. That the following locally developed senior high courses, currently in use in the District, be renewed for a three year term:
 - Ballet 15 / 25 / 35
 - Performing Arts 15 / 25 A, B, C / 35 A, B, C
 - Coaching 15
2. That the following locally developed senior high courses, currently in use in the District, be renewed for a one year term:
 - Chinese (Mandarin) Language Arts 15 / 25 / 35
 - Chinese 15 / 25 / 35
3. That the locally developed course, American Sign Language and Deaf Cultural Studies 15 / 25 / 35, currently in use in the District, be renewed for a three year term, but with the name amended to Deaf Cultural Studies 15 / 25 / 35.
4. That the following locally developed senior high courses for use in the District, be approved for a three year term:
 - Drill and Parade 25
 - Applied Graphic Arts 15 / 25 / 35

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Background: Locally developed high school courses must be approved and renewed every three years by the developing board and Alberta Learning.

Ballet 15 / 25 / 35, Performing Arts 15 / 25 A, B, C / 35 A, B, C and Coaching 15, have been in use in the District and require this renewal.

Chinese (Mandarin) Language Arts 15 / 25 / 35, is the high school component of the Chinese Bilingual Program, while Chinese 15 / 25 / 35 is the high school international language program. Both of these courses are under renewal to bring them into alignment with the Common Curriculum Framework for Bilingual Programming in International Languages (Kindergarten – Grade 12). Both courses are near completion, but require the resolution of several issues. It is therefore recommended that renewal of the present courses be extended for one year.

The Board recently approved a new curriculum in American Sign Language (Bilingual) which included a high school component. An existing course entitled American Sign Language and Deaf Cultural Studies 15 / 25 / 35, in use for some time at the Alberta School for the Deaf, is a course primarily dedicated to acquaint students with aspects of deaf culture and is not a course in American sign language. It is therefore recommended to renew the course for another three years, but under the amended name of Deaf Cultural Studies 15 / 25 / 35.

Applied Graphic Arts 15/25/35 is a new course that is designed to replace Commercial Arts 15/ 25 A, B, C / 35 A, B, C. Applied Graphic Arts 15 / 25 / 35 has been carefully written and improved by teachers who have worked with the existing course.

Drill and Parade 25 is an extension of Drill Program 15 which was approved last year for use in the District. It is primarily designed to be a three credit complement to the social studies program at L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy.

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

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