

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

May 9, 2006

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: E. Schmidt, Acting Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Locally Developed Courses – Curriculum Additions, Renewals and Deletions

ORIGINATOR: D. Barrett, Executive Director

RESOURCE

STAFF: Stuart Wachowicz, Stephen Wright

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the following locally developed courses, currently in use in the district, be renewed for a **three** year term:

Code	Course Name	Year	Credit Value
	Arabic Language Arts k-12 (bilingual program)	2006	High School 5 cr. ea.
	Hebrew Language Arts k-12 (bilingual program)	2006	High School 5 cr. ea.
	Elementary Dance	2006	n/a
	Arabic Language and Culture 7-9	2006	n/a
JHS 7031	Ballet 7-9	2006	n/a
JHS 7018	Canadian History - Pre Confederation	2006	n/a
JHS 8018	Canadian History - Post Confederation	2006	n/a
JHS 7035	Creative Writing 7-8	2006	n/a
JHS 7032	Dance 7-9	2006	n/a
JHS 7030	Discovery Option 7-9	2006	n/a
JHS 7050	Geometry 7	2006	n/a
JHS 8050	Geometry 8	2006	n/a
JHS 9050	Geometry 9	2006	n/a
JHS 9054	Humanities 9	2006	n/a
JHS 7750	ICT Foundations 7	2006	n/a
JHS 7585	Islamic Studies 7-9	2006	n/a
JHS 7016	Military History 7	2006	n/a
JHS 8016	Military History 8	2006	n/a
JHS 7023	Public Speaking /Debate 7	2006	n/a
JHS 7051	Study Skills and Learning Strategies 7-9	2006	n/a

Code	Course Name	Year	Credit Value
JHS 7034	Television Production and Writing 7-9	2006	n/a
JHS 9019	Women's History 9	2006	n/a
JHS 7015	World History - Pre-history to 1500	2006	n/a
JHS 8015	World History - 1500-2000	2006	n/a
LDC 3234	AP Statistics 35	2006	5
LDC 1857	Applied Graphic Arts 15	2006	3 or 5
LDC 2857	Applied Graphic Arts 25		5
LDC 3857	Applied Graphic Arts 35		5
LDC 1412	Ballet 15	2006	5
LDC 2412	Ballet 25		5
LDC 3412	Ballet 35		5
LDC 2353	Black History Studies 25	2006	5
LDC 2467	Contemporary Dance 25	2006	5
LDC 3467	Contemporary Dance 35		5
LDC 1412	Dance 15	2006	5
LDC 2412	Dance 25		5
LDC 3412	Dance 35		5
LDC 3477	Dance Composition 35	2006	5
LDC 2469	Jazz Dance 25	2006	5
LDC 3469	Jazz Dance 35		5
LDC 1979	Musical Theatre ¹ 15	2006	5
LDC 2979	Musical Theatre ¹ 25		5
LDC 3979	Musical Theatre ¹ 35		5
LDC 2475	Tap Dance 25	2006	5
LDC 3475	Tap Dance 35		5
	Physiology of Dance/Sport 35	2006	5

¹ Acquired from Calgary Board of Education

2. That the following new courses, developed during the 2003-2004 school year, be approved for a three year term:

Code	Course Name	Year	Credit Value
	T.E.A.M. Leadership ¹ 15	2006	3 or 5
	T.E.A.M. Leadership ¹ 25		5
	T.E.A.M. Leadership ¹ 35		5
	Exercise Science 35	2006	5
	Fitness Leader 35	2006	5

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3. That the following locally developed courses be deleted:

Deaf Cultural Studies 15-25-35
Chinese (Mandarin) Language and Culture 15-25-35
German Language Arts 15-25-35
German Language Arts k-9 (bilingual program)

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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.

Locally developed courses are permitted and governed by Alberta Learning 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 provision does not apply to locally developed courses

Courses renewed at this time are in use at schools across the district.

Courses acquired from other districts, e.g. Musical Theatre, are also updated every three years with revised course outlines and permission letters from authoring districts.

T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More) Leadership is a locally developed course acquired from Calgary Board of Education to meet needs identified by district high schools.

Three new courses are submitted to meet needs of district schools. For example, J. Percy Page is planning to offer Exercise Science 35 for developing healthy students and for career exploration in the sport and recreation fields.

Deaf Cultural Studies is no longer used in the district due to improvements in the American Sign Language Arts curriculum.

Chinese (Mandarin) Language and Culture and German Language Arts are now provincial courses and no longer required as locally developed courses.

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

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