

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

September 10, 2002

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Angus McBeath, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Curriculum Additions and Deletions

ORIGINATOR: Bob Holt, Executive Director

RESOURCE

STAFF: Janice Aubry, Sue Bailey, Martin Brinkmann, Sharon Busby, Aline deBourcier, Kathy Dolby, Kirk Fitzpatrick, Sandy Forster, Marion Fritz, Nancy Geldart, Christine Holzer, Charmaine Letourneau, Gail Lidkea, Elvira Loewen, Joanne Lowry, Barbara Marsh, Luciana Popp, Sandra Reid, Norman Sieweke, Joy Thaller, Maureen Tigner, Stuart Wachowicz, Natalie Witte, David Youngs

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the following courses be renewed for use in the district for the period September 2002 through August 2005:
 - Arabic Language and Culture 15/25/35
 - Asia Pacific Rim Studies 15
 - Drill and Parade 15
 - Geometry 15/25
 - Information Technology in a Global Society 25 (IB)
 - Introduction to Engineering 25
 - Military History 15
 - Music 15/25/35
 - Sports Medicine 15/25/35
 - Sports Performance 15/25/35
 - Television Arts 15/25/35
 - Theory of Knowledge 35 (IB)
2. That the following revised locally developed courses be approved for use in the district for the period of September 2002 through August 2005:
 - Dance 15/25/35
 - Drawing (Advanced Techniques) 15/25/35
 - Painting (Advanced Techniques) 15/25/35
 - Pottery/Ceramics (Advanced Techniques) 15/25/35
 - Sculpture (Advanced Techniques) 15/25/35
 - Physiology of Dance 25
3. That the following locally developed courses be deleted for use in the district:
 - Chemical Technology 25
 - Geology of Alberta and Oilfield Technology 25

4. That the following locally developed language courses be approved for use in the district for the period September 2002 through August 2005:

- American Sign Language 15/25/35
- American Sign Language Arts K-12 (Bilingual)
- German Language Arts K-12 (Bilingual)
- Spanish Language Arts K-12 (Bilingual)

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Background: Locally developed courses must be renewed by the board every three years. All of the courses mentioned in recommendation 1 have been in use in the district for several years and are recommended for renewal without amendment.

The courses referred to in recommendation 2 have been extensively revised as a result of discussion with and input from teachers who deliver the mentioned curricula. Revisions have been based on the needs identified by teachers in the delivery of the courses, and from students who have taken the courses.

The two courses referred to in recommendation 3 have been without enrolment for the past two years and have no projected enrolment for the forthcoming year. It is thus recommended that they be deleted from the district's list of approved locally developed courses.

The language courses listed in recommendation 4 have been in use in the district as draft curricula for the past one to two years, being piloted in district schools. District language consultants and teachers have used this experience to refine and revise the courses and complete grammar charts and vocabulary lists, as well as adjust some outcomes. The courses are now in final form and are presented to the Board for approval for the period September 2002 through August 2005.

Copies of the above courses are available in the Trustee's Reading Room.

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