

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

April 27, 2010

TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: E. Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: Locally Developed Courses – Additions, Renewals
ORIGINATOR: D. Barrett, Assistant Superintendent
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RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the following locally developed courses, currently in use in the district, be renewed for the school years from 2010-2013:

Table with 1 column: Course Name (Year). Rows include: World Literature 35, AP Calculus 35 (BC), Biology 35 (IB), Statistics 35 (AP), Chemistry 35 (IB), Physics 35 (IB), Theory of Knowledge 35b, Extended Essay 35 (IB)a, Instrumental Jazz 15-25-35b, TEAM Leadership 15-25-35b, Biology 35 (AP)a, Chemistry 35 (AP)a, Hebrew Language Arts 15-25-35, Arabic Language Arts 15-25-35, Punjabi Language and Culture 15-25-35 3Y, American Sign Language (LA) 15-25-35.

a Acquired from St. Albert Protestant Schools
b Acquired from Calgary Board of Education (CBE)

2. That the following new locally developed courses, acquired from other school jurisdictions during the previous years, be approved for the school years from 2010-2013:

Course Name	Acquired from
ESL Introduction to Social Studies 7-9	CBE
ESL Introduction to Science 7-9	CBE
Accelerated English ESL Level 3 7-9	CBE
Choir 15-25-35	CBE
ESL English for Academic Success 35	CBE
ESL Introduction to Canadian Studies 25-25	CBE
ESL Introduction to Mathematics 15	CBE
ESL Introduction to Science 15	CBE
Reading 25	CBE

3. That the following new locally developed courses developed during the 2009-2010 school year, be approved for the school years from 2010-2013.

Course Name
Arabic Language & Culture K-12
Film 15-25-35
Improvisational Theatre 15-25-35

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Background: Locally developed courses and resources must be approved and renewed every three years by the developing board. In the case of high school courses, Alberta Education also renews courses on a three-year cycle as well.

Locally developed courses are permitted and governed by Alberta Education 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 of prerequisites provision can not apply to locally developed courses.

The courses are available in the Trustees' On-line Reading Room.

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