

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: E. Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: Curriculum Additions, Locally Developed Courses
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RECOMMENDATION

That the following locally developed courses and resources for use in Edmonton Public Schools be approved:

Table with 4 columns: Course Name, Credit Value, Subject Area, and Approved. It lists three courses: Advanced Acting 15-25-35, Advanced Acting/Touring Theatre 15-25-35, and Introduction to Engineering 25.

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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 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.

Advanced Acting 15-25-35 was previously renewed on February 1, 2006 and is expiring on January 31, 2009. Renewal until August 2009 will permit schools to continue to use this course sequence in semester two and place it into the normal three -year renewal cycle starting in September 2009 when locally developed courses are brought for approval in the spring.

Advanced Acting / Touring Theatre is an alternate course to Advanced Acting. Approval of this course will permit teachers to examine which course best meets the needs of students' learning and to recommend only one advanced acting course for continued approval beyond August 2009. Alberta Education does not permit duplicate locally developed courses so Advanced Acting / Touring Theatre will not be placed into use in the District until after September 1, 2009, pending a thorough review.

Introduction to Engineering was a previously approved locally developed course (September 1998 to August 2008) which has been rewritten to meet current format requirements for submission to Alberta Education.

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

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