

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

January 30, 2001

TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: E. Dossdall, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: Policy Regarding Outreach and Transition Programs
ORIGINATOR: S. Keith, Principal
RESOURCE
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RECOMMENDATION

That Policy HA.BP Student Programs be revised to include the explicit reference to Outreach and Transition programs provided in Appendix I.

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Background: The Planning and Policy Committee approved a recommendation in a February 2000 report (Appendix II) that Policy HA.BP be revised to make explicit reference to outreach programs. In accordance with this, the administration developed an outreach and transitions statement that could be added as Section D in the current policy (Appendix III).

The statement was developed in consultation with principals who currently administer outreach or transition programs in the district. In the proposed policy statement, the term outreach refers to senior high programming and transition refers to junior high programming. The statement acknowledges that such programs provide opportunities for students to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes to enable a transition back to more traditional school settings but also acknowledges that for some students this is not possible.

According to provincial requirements, to receive provincial approval for additional outreach sites, the request must indicate that the requesting board has a policy regarding outreach and that they support the specific request.

Rationale: By including the statement as part of Board Policy HA.BP, Student Programs, the criteria for adding, consolidating or deleting programs identified in Section A of the policy apply also to outreach and transition programs. As well, it provides a consolidated programming policy for the district.

The revised Board Policy HA.BP, if approved, would serve at least two purposes:

- to provide a framework for providing a continuum of programming options for students
- to meet the Alberta Learning requirement that a district offering outreach programming have an outreach policy.

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APPENDIX I: Proposed Outreach and Transition Policy
APPENDIX II: February 1, 2000, Planning and Policy Committee Report
APPENDIX III: Proposed Revised Board Policy HA.BP Student Programs