

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

May 12, 2009

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: E. Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Locally Developed Courses - Additions

ORIGINATOR: D. Barrett, Assistant Superintendent

RESOURCE

STAFF: Frances Kroeker, John Macnab, Stuart Wachowicz, Stephen Wright

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the following locally developed courses, currently in use in the district, be renewed for the school years from 2009-2012:

Course Name (Year):
Elementary Dance 1-6
Tanach Studies K-6
Arabic Language Arts 7, 8, 9
Ballet 7, 8, 9
Canadian History—Pre Confederation
Canadian History—Post Confederation
Creative Writing 7, 8, 9
Dance 7, 8, 9
Discovery Option 7, 8, 9
Geometry 7, 8, 9
Humanities 9
ICT Foundations 7
Islamic Studies 7, 8, 9
Military History 7, 8
Public Speaking and Debate 7
Study Skills and Learning Strategies 7, 8, 9
Television Production and Writing 7, 8, 9
Women’s History 9
World History—Pre-History to 1500
World History—1500-2000
Applied Graphic Arts 15, 25, 35
Arabic Language Arts 15-3Y, 25-3Y, 35-3Y
Ballet 15, 25, 35
Black History Studies 25
Ceramics (Advanced Techniques) 15, 25, 35
Contemporary Dace 25, 35
Dance 15, 25, 35
Dance Composition 35

Course Name (Year):
Exercise Science 35
Fitness Leader 35
Fluid Power 25, 35
Hebrew Language Arts 15, 25, 35
Jazz Dance 25, 35
Marine Biology 35 ^c
Military History 15, 25
Musical Theatre 15, 25, 35
Physiology of Dance/Sport 35
Punjabi Language and Culture 15-3Y, 25-3Y, 35-3Y
Religious Studies 15, 25, 35
Statistics 35 (AP)
Tap Dance 25, 35
Workplace Essential Skills 25, 35
Advanced Acting 15, 25, 35 ^a
Musical Theatre 15, 25, 35 ^b
Team Leadership 15, 25, 35 ^b

^a Acquired from Calgary Catholic Schools

^b Acquired from Calgary Board of Education (CBE)

^c Acquired from Parkland School Division

2. That the following new locally developed courses, acquired from other school jurisdictions during the 2008-2009 school year, be approved for the school years from 2009-2012:

Course Name	Acquired from
Advanced Techniques in Sculpture 15, 25, 35	CBE
Pre-Engineering 15, 25, 35	CBE

3. That the following new locally developed courses developed during the 2008-2009 school year, be approved for the school years from 2009-2012.

Engineering Technologies 15, 25, 35 (5 credits)

4. That the locally developed course Sports Medicine 25-35 be renewed for three years. (The course will be replaced by provincially developed courses; as the Provincial courses are implemented, the locally developed Sports Medicine courses will be deleted.)

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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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