

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: E. Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Locally Developed Courses

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RESOURCE

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RECOMMENDATION

1. That the following locally developed courses, currently in use in the district, be renewed for a **three** year term:

Course Name (Year):	Credit Value	Subject Area	Course Code	First Approved
American Sign Language Arts K-9	EL	SL	ELM0193 ELM0293 ELM0393 ELM0493 ELM0593 ELM0693 JHS7040 JHS8040 JHS9040	9/20/01
Bible Studies 1-9	EL-JR		ELM0191 ELM0291 ELM0391 ELM0491 ELM0591 ELM0691 JHS7012 JHS8012 JHS9012	12/1/98

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Jewish History and Israel Studies 1-9	EL- JR		ELM0169 ELM0269 ELM0369 ELM0469 ELM0569 ELM0669 JHS7013 JHS8013 JHS9013	8/16/04
Judaic Studies K-9	EL- JR		KGN0090 ELM0190 ELM0290 ELM0390 ELM0490 ELM0590 ELM0690 JHS7011 JHS8011 JHS9011	12/1/98
Tanach Studies K-6	EL		KGN0097 ELM0197 ELM0297 ELM0397 ELM0497 ELM0597 ELM0697	8/16/04
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Creative Writing 9	JR		JHS9035	6/24/03
Drill and Parade 7-9	JR		JHS7017 JHS8017 JHS9017	5/26/99
Economics of a Foreign Nation 9	JR		JHS9018	6/28/04
Survey of English Literature 9	JR		JHS9053	6/23/03
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Algebra 35 (2007)	5	MA	LDC3535	4/4/05
AP Calculus 35 (BC) (2007)	5	MA	LDC3228	4/19/02
Audio 15-25-35 (2007)	5 5 5	FA	LDC1471 LDC2471 LDC3471	8/26/98
Directing 25-35 (2007)	5 5	FA	LDC2468 LDC3468	8/26/98

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Drill and Parade 15-25-35 (2007)	3 3 3 or 5	PD	LDC1462 LDC2462 LDC3462	8/12/99 8/30/00 6/25/01
Fire Protection 25 (2007)	3	OT	LDC2078	8/16/04
Fluid Power 25-35 (2007)	5 5	CT	LDC2073 LDC3073	8/16/04
Forensic Science 25 (2007)	3	SC	LDC2754	8/16/04
History of Cinema 35 (2007)	3	FA	LDC3076	8/16/04
Philosophy 35 (2007)	3 or 5	SS	LDC3184	8/12/01
Reading 15 (2007)	3 or 5	LA	LDC1148	8/16/04
Shooting the Screenplay 15-25- 35 (2007)	5 5 5	FA	LDC1473 LDC2473 LDC3473	8/26/98
Technical Theatre EPS 25-35 (2007)	5 5	FA	LDC2474 LDC3474	8/26/98
Video 15-25A- 25B-35 (2007)	5 5 5 5	FA	LDC1081 LDC2081 LDC2082 LDC3081	8/16/04
World Literature 35 (IB) (2007)	3	LA	LDC0039	8/16/04
Writing for Stage and Screen 15-25- 35 (2007)	5 5 5	FA	LDC2472 LDC3472	8/26/98

2. That the following new locally developed course, developed during the 2006-2007 school year, be approved for a three year term:

<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Credit Value</b>	<b>Subject Area</b>	<b>Course Code</b>
Late French Immersion Language Arts, 7, 8			
Biology 35 (IB)	3	SC	
Chemistry 35 (IB)	3	SC	
Physics 35 (IB)	3	SC	
Film Studies 15 <sup>1</sup>	5	FA	
Film Studies 25 <sup>1</sup>	5		
Film Studies 35 <sup>1</sup>	5		
Extended Essay 35 <sup>2</sup>	3	LA	LDC3147

Course Name	Credit Value	Subject Area	Course Code
Theatre Performance 15	3 or 5	FA	
Theatre Performance 25	3 or 5		
Theatre Performance 35	3 or 5		
Dance Performance 15	3 or 5	FA	
Dance Performance 25	3 or 5		
Dance Performance 35	3 or 5		

<sup>1</sup> Acquired from Calgary Board of Education

<sup>2</sup> Acquired from St. Albert Protestant Schools

3. That the following locally developed courses, be deleted:

Course Name	Credit Value	Subject Area	Code	First Approved
Chinese (Mandarin) Language Arts 15-25-35			LDC1327 LDC2327 LDC3327	8/1/92

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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 renews courses on a three-year cycle as well.

Courses also require renewal when the content of the course has been modified due to feedback. If minor suggestions are recommended by schools they are included in the course document (e.g. additional resources for Religious Studies by Argyll) but not brought forward until the regular three-year renewal date.

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.

American Sign Language Arts 15-25-35 will be renewed for August 2008.

Late French Immersion (LFIM) Language Arts has been developed by Edmonton Public Schools' (EPS) curriculum unit, with federal funding paid to the district by Alberta Education. These courses will support students entering into LFIM and prepares them to be blended with continuing immersion students in grade 9.

Film Studies 15-25-35 will be initially piloted at Jasper Place High School for the next three years only to prepare students for group 6 – the arts portion of the International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma program. Jasper Place is the only authorized pilot schools (from International Baccalaureate Organization [IBO]) enabling them to teach the subject and to allow their

students to undertake extended essays in film and would be the only district school permitted to offer this course during the pilot years. Film Studies 15-25-35 is being acquired from Calgary Board of Education.

Biology 35 (IB), Chemistry 35 (IB), Physics 35 (IB) were developed through input of district teachers aligning the Provincial Program of Studies and the IB courses to create up-to-date courses for the 2009 IBO examinations. These courses are considered new, because of the major revision to reflect the Provincial and IBO changes in curriculum.

Theatre Performance 15, 25, 35 and Dance Performance 15, 25, 35 are created for Victoria School only to meet unique needs of the School of Performing and Visual Arts.

Extended Essay 35 is being acquired from St. Albert Protestant Schools to replace the previous course in EPS of Extended Essay 25.

Chinese Language Arts has become a Provincial course, so it is being withdrawn as a locally developed course.

Copies of the courses are available for viewing in the Trustees' Reading Room.

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