

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: A. McBeath, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Curriculum Additions and Deletions – Locally Developed Courses

ORIGINATOR: B. Holt, Executive Director, Instructional and Curricular Support Services

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 (September 2005 – August 2008):

Code	Course Name	Credit Value
LDC1289	American Sign Language & Deaf Culture 15-25-35	5
LDC2289		5
LDC3289		5
LDC1378	American Sign Language Arts 15-25-35	5
LDC2378		5
LDC3378		5
LDC1330	Arabic Language and Culture 15-25-35	5
LDC2330		5
LDC3330		5
LDC1057	Drawing (Advanced Techniques) 15-25-35	5
LDC2057		5
LDC3057		5
LDC2234	Introduction to Engineering 25	3
LDC1146	Learning Strategies 15-25-35 ¹	3 or 5
LDC2146		3 or 5
LDC3146		3 or 5
LDC2753	Marine Biology 25	3
LDC1167	Military History 15-25	3
LDC2167		3

Code	Course Name	Credit Value
LDC1427 LDC2427 LDC3427	Music 15-25-35 ²	3 or 5 3 or 5 3 or 5
LDC1058 LDC2058 LDC3058	Painting (Advanced Techniques) 15-25-35	5 5 5
LDC2442	Physiology of Dance 25	5
LDC1059 LDC2059 LDC3059	Pottery/Ceramics (Advanced Techniques) 15-25-35	5 5 5
LDC1460 LDC2460 LDC3460	Religious Studies 15-25-35	3 or 4 3 or 4 3 or 4
LDC1067 LDC2067 LDC3067	Sculpting (Advanced Techniques) 15-25-35	5 5 5
LDC1813 LDC2813 LDC3813	Sports Medicine 15-25-35	5 5 5
LDC1446 LDC2446 LDC3446	Sports Performance 15-25-35	3 or 5 5 5
LDC3152	Theory of Knowledge 35 (IB)	3

¹ Acquired from Calgary Roman Catholic Separate School District

² Acquired from Lethbridge School District

2. That the following **new** locally developed course, developed during the 2003-2004 school year, be approved for a **three** year term:

Code	Course Name	Credit Value
LDC	Aviation 25-35	5 5
LDC	Beginner Music – Choral 15	5
LDC	Beginner Music – Instrumental 15	5
LDC	Coaching 25 – Competition Introduction	3
JHS	Explorations in Film 9	
LDC	Forensic Science 35	3
JHS	Learning to Lead 9	
LDC	Speech and Debate 15	3

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

Code	Course Name	Credit Value
LDC1192	Asia Pacific Rim Studies 15 (1999)	3
LDC2201	Information Technology in a Global Society 25 (IB) (1999)	5
LDC 1262	Physics 15 IB	3
LDC 3262	Physics 35 IB	3
LDC 1241	Chemistry 15 IB	3
LDC 3241	Chemistry 35 IB	3
LDC 1232	Biology 15 IB	3
LDC 3232	Biology 35 IB	3

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Background: Locally developed courses at all grade levels must be approved and renewed every three years by the Board of Trustees. Additionally, high school courses are reviewed and approved for offering by Alberta Education prior to implementation.

Locally developed courses are permitted and governed by Alberta Learning 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
- prerequisite courses may not be waived for locally developed courses

The following new locally developed courses have been created based on school requests to support programming at their school:

New Senior High Courses

Aviation 25-35 – to support Career Focused Education programming at Queen Elizabeth School

Beginner Music Choral 15 and **Beginner Music Instrument 15** – provides grade 10 students with an entry level music program in high school, given that existing courses require a junior high pre-requisite

Coaching 25 – replaces **Coaching 15** and aligns to new standards for National Coaching Certification Program

Forensic Science 35 – a rigorous course, designed at the request of high schools, with a required co-requisite of two 20 level sciences

Speech and Debate 15 – requested by Old Scona Academic to support the development of rhetoric and aligns to the Alberta Debate and Speech Association standards

Junior High Courses

Explorations in Film 9 – requested by junior high schools as a course to analyze detailed structure of film for art and communication

Learning to Lead 9 – requested by junior high schools to replace withdrawn CTS modules in Leadership

Locally developed courses to be deleted are the following:

Asia Pacific Rim Studies – no longer used in the district

Information Technology in a Global Society – no longer used in the district

IB Sciences 15 and 35 level – IB students were only taking one of the science courses designated as 15, 25 or 35. All numbering referred to the same course and only referenced the grade level of the student. To create consistency in course names across the district, the courses will be retained as 25 level courses only (Biology 25 IB, Chemistry 25 IB, Physics 25 IB).

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

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