

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

May 26, 2009

TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: E. Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: Locally Developed Courses - Additions
ORIGINATOR: D. Barrett, Assistant Superintendent

RESOURCE

STAFF: John Macnab, Stuart Wachowicz, Stephen Wright

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the following locally developed course, be approved for the school years from 2009-2012:
International Connections and Perspectives 25
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:
Creative Writing and Publishing 15^a
Creative Writing and Publishing 25^a
Creative Writing and Publishing 35^a
3. 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 2009-2010:
English for Academic Success 35^a

^a Acquired from Calgary Board of Education (CBE)

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Background: Locally developed courses are created or acquired in response to requests from individual schools in our district. They 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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