

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

November 27, 2007

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: E. Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Locally Developed Courses

ORIGINATOR: D. Barrett, Assistant Superintendent

RESOURCE

STAFF: Jan Anderson, Ray Cimolini, Rynie Stewart, Stuart Wachowicz, Stephen Wright

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
Workplace Essential Skills 25-35 (2007)	5	PD	LDC 2343 LDC 3343	August 2009

2. That the following new locally developed course, developed during the 2007-2008 school year, be approved for a three year term starting with the second semester of 2007-2008:

Course Name	Credit Value	Subject Area	Course Code
Workplace Essential Skills 25-35 (2007)	3	PD	LDC 2343 LDC 3343

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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 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.

Workplace Essential Skills 25-35 was approved as a five-credit course in 2006. Centre High has determined a three-credit course would additionally meet the needs of students. Both courses are recommended for approval to align the three-year approval timeline as part of Alberta Education requirements. Subsequently the course would be referred to as Workplace Essential Skills 25-35 (2007) for 3 or 5 credits. The course is available in the Trustees' On-line Reading Room.

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