

COURSES AND PROGRAMS: NON-MINISTRY

Background

Not all student needs and interests can be met by provincial curricula, and local needs and priorities are to be reflected in educational services. The District may, therefore, offer locally developed and board/authority authorized courses and programs.

Board/Authority authorized courses are offered to meet student needs and interests. They are authorized by the Board according to requirements set by the Ministry of Education. There is no limit to the number of Board/Authority authorized courses that students may use as part of the 28 credits of electives needed to fulfil the graduation requirements for the Graduation Program.

Procedures

1. All locally developed and Board/Authority authorized courses and non-ministry programs must be authorized by the Board.
2. Submission
 - 2.1. Proposals for locally developed courses shall be submitted on the District's **Proposal: Locally Developed/Non-Ministry Course form** (Form 219-1). Those courses at the grade 10 - 12 level intended to be used for graduation credit shall be submitted on the **Board/Authority Authorized Courses Course Description form** (Form 219-2).
 - 2.2. Course program submissions must align to Ministry policy.
 - 2.3. Those courses and programs not being offered for three consecutive years will automatically be reviewed.
3. Review
 - 3.1. There will be a periodic review of existing non-ministry and Board/Authority authorized courses and programs.

Reference: Sections 6, 11, 17, 20, 22, 26, 75, 85, 88, 89, 91 School Act
School Regulation 265/89
Individual Education Plan Order M638/95
Special Needs Students Order M150/89
Support Services for Schools Order 149/89
Special Education Services: A Manual of Policy, Procedures and Guidelines

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