



Background

Alberta Education supports the local development and authorization of junior high school and senior high school complimentary courses which do not duplicate provincially authorized courses, to further develop and cultivate the unique interests and abilities of students, to foster educational improvement and excellence through innovation at the local level to meet the unique needs of a local community.

Procedures

1. Teachers, within the division, are encouraged to investigate new curricular ideas, develop and improve programs and evaluate results.
2. Teachers wishing to develop and offer local courses, which meet the unique needs of the students in the division, are required to review Alberta Education Policy governing Locally Developed/Acquired and Authorized Junior and Senior High School Complimentary Courses. The policy can be viewed on the Alberta Education web site, Policy and Legislation.
3. The development of local courses should:
 - 3.1 Address the unique needs and interests of students within the division.
 - 3.2 Encourage innovation that would strengthen the educational programs.
 - 3.3 Involve students, teachers and members of the community.
 - 3.4 Establish clearly defined objectives for student learning.
 - 3.5 Include evaluation procedures.
4. Prior to any work commencing on the development of a local course, a feasibility study must be undertaken to determine:
 - 4.1 If a reasonable number of students will chose to take the course.
 - 4.2 Materials for the course are available within the budget.
 - 4.3 Teachers are available to teach the course.



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5. Requests to the superintendent for the approval of locally developed courses shall be submitted by to March 15th, for a September start, or September 15th for a second semester start. The submission shall include those elements required in section 5 of Alberta Education Policy governing Locally Developed/Acquired and Authorized Junior and Senior High School Complimentary Courses.
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7. All locally developed courses shall become the property of the division and, as such, the division retains copyright on all materials that have been produced.