
Administrative Memorandum

Regular Board Meeting

Date: November 15, 2017
Topic: 2018/2019 Board Authorized Courses
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Background:

Board Authorized Courses are offered by Surrey Schools to meet student needs and interests. They are authorized by the Board according to requirements set by the Ministry of Education, and they may be used as all or part of the 28 credits of electives students need to fulfill their graduation requirements. The following provides information regarding applications and frameworks for new 2018/19 BAA courses and existing BAA courses that will be submitted to the Board for review and final approval in the spring of 2018.

Applications for New BAA Courses

Applications and frameworks for two new BAA courses have been submitted to Education Services. As in the new provincial curriculum, these BAAs are organized with a “Know-Do-Understand” model to support a concept-based, competency-driven approach to learning. Courses include:

- 1. Cultural Influences of Music on North American Society 12**
Cultural Influences of Music on North American Society 12 is a history course designed to help students develop historical, critical and cultural perspectives of the music they are listening to today. Students will learn that music is not only a form of artistic expression and creativity, but also a voice for political and societal change, as well as a commentary on popular culture, social injustice and political institutions.
* Startup Cost: N/A
* Sustaining Costs: N/A

 - 2. Touring la francophonie/el mundo hispanohablante 11 (Touring the Francophone World/the Spanish Speaking World)**
Successful travel requires the acquisition and development of functional regional vocabulary and a basic understanding of local customs; therefore, during this course, students will examine various dialects that may be used across French or Spanish speaking regions of the world and provide them with tools for functioning in the communities they may travel to one day. Students will also explore connections between their world and the global community by considering a variety of cultural customs, traditions, and regional histories.
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- * Startup Cost: N/A
- * Sustaining Costs: N/A

Existing BAA Courses

To be responsive to schools' needs, students' interests and the Ministry's new BAA requirements, it will be necessary for district staff to begin a review process to determine which of Surrey's existing 102 BAA courses will be delivered as new Ministry courses.

With the implementation of the 2018 Graduation Program, 100 of these 102 courses will no longer meet provincial requirements for BAA courses, making it necessary for district staff to engage in a process to:

1. determine which BAA courses preclude the need to be separate BAA courses since the new redesigned curriculum gives teachers significant flexibility to customize course content and therefore incorporate an existing BAA course into a new Ministry-developed course;
2. retire existing BAA courses that schools do not express interest in offering;
3. revise existing BAA courses that Surrey schools wish to continue to offer in 2018/19. As full implementation of the new Grade 10 curriculum begins in September 2018, priority will be placed on revising Grade 10 BAA courses by May 1, 2018. Examples of possible courses include:
 - Get Fit 10
 - Growing Together 10
 - Library Science 10
 - Peer Tutoring 10
 - Recreation Leadership 10
 - Yearbook 10

Revisions to existing Grade 11 and 12 BAA courses will begin simultaneously; however, since implementation of the Grade 11 and 12 curricula has been extended to September 2019, these revised BAA courses will be submitted to the Board for review in the fall of 2018. Examples of courses include:

- Linguistics 11
- Outdoor Pursuits 11
- Psychology 11 & 12
- Super Fit 11 & 12
- Weight Training 12

It is recommended:

THAT the Board of Education approve the new and the revised BAA courses in principle as presented and;

THAT staff present final courses in the spring of 2018.
