

## **Administrative Memorandum**

### **Regular Board Meeting**

**Date:** November 17, 2021  
**Topic:** 2022/2023 Board Authority Authorized Courses  
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#### **Background:**

Education Services continues to collaborate with secondary teachers to develop new BAA courses that explore content not offered in Ministry-developed courses. Since November 2017, to meet current Graduation Program requirements, 49 new BAA courses have been submitted and approved by the Board. Two additional courses have been developed and are being submitted to the Board for approval. Synopses of these recently developed courses are provided below.

#### **Black Studies 12**

Students of Black Studies will understand Black history as an important and legitimate branch of historical and contemporary inquiry. The course immerses learners in an interdisciplinary approach that includes, but is not limited to, Social Studies, English Language Arts, Science, Visual Arts, Media Arts and Music. Black Studies is foundationally intersectional, anti-racist, place-based, and student-centered. The course provides all learners with the opportunity to: understand oppressive systems; examine how a diversity of Black peoples affected change in British Columbia and Canada; explore complex contemporary Black identities; and reimagine their place and the futures on these lands.

- Startup Cost: N/A
- Sustaining Costs: N/A

#### **History of Sports 12**

In this course, students will examine the development of sports through various historical and critical perspectives. There will be an emphasis on helping students gain a better understanding of the inner relationship that sport has with social, economic, cultural, and political forces that are at work in Canada as well as the world. Students will examine the historical context as well as the significance of gender, race, ethnicity and social class through readings, primary sources, audio, industry speakers and visual materials, as well as class discussions.

- Startup Cost: N/A
- Sustaining Costs: N/A

#### **It is recommended:**

THAT the Board of Education approve the new BAA courses: Black Studies 12 and History of Sports 12 for the 2022/2023 school year.

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