

Staff Report



May 14, 2024

To Board of Education (Public Meeting)
From Sean Nosek, Superintendent/CEO
Re **Board Authority Authorized Courses (BAAC)**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board of Education approve each of the following as a Board Authority Authorized Course:

- BAA Applications for Learning 10-12
- BAA Foundations of English Literacy: Oral Language 10-12
- BAA Foundations of English Literacy: Reading and Writing 10-12
- BAA Basketball Foundations 10-12
- BAA Rugby Foundations 10-12
- BAA Volleyball 10-12

BACKGROUND:

Board/Authority Authorized Courses (BAAC) are offered by School Boards to meet student needs and interests. These courses are authorized by Boards according to requirements set by the Ministry of Education. Boards/Authorities are required to submit to the Ministry the course name and course code of each Board/Authority Authorized Course they plan to offer in the following school year.

The District BAAC Review Committee meets annually to review course proposals submitted by secondary schools. For each recommended course, the Board must submit to the Ministry a copy of the BAA Course framework and synopsis for review. Should the Ministry deem that the course meets the requirements and procedures as set out in ministerial guidelines, the Board may offer that course as one meeting Ministry requirements for graduation.

- BAA Applications for Learning 10-12 is designed for students with additional learning needs; it will help them develop the skills to be successful and engaged learners.
- BAA Foundations of English Literacy: Oral Language 10-12 and BAA Foundations of English Literacy: Reading and Writing 10-12 are designed for level 1 and level 2 English Language Learners who are often students with interrupted or limited education. These courses will develop foundational language skills while supporting students' transition to Canadian schools and society.

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- BAA Basketball Foundations 10-12, BAA Rugby Foundations 10-12, and BAA Volleyball 10-12 are designed to enrich the extracurricular experiences of all students. These courses are designed to build sport-specific skills while providing experience in leadership, coaching, and refereeing that will serve students beyond high school.

Having met all requirements as outlined by the District BAAC, BAA Applications for Learning 10-12, BAA Foundations of English Literacy: Oral Language 10-12, BAA Foundations of English Literacy: Reading and Writing 10-12 BAA Basketball Foundations 10-12, BAA Rugby Foundations 10-12, and BAA Volleyball 10-12, are presented for the Board's consideration.