

Staff Report



December 10, 2024

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

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board of Education approve BAA Braille 10, 11, and 12 as Board Authority Authorized Courses; and
FURTHER THAT the Board of Education approve BAA Nutrition and Cooking 11 as a Board Authority Authorized Course.

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.

On an annual basis, the District BAAC Review Committee meets 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.

The BAA Braille courses were designed by the Provincial Resource Centre for the Visually Impaired. In these courses, students will be introduced to the foundations of Unified English Braille (UEB) and will refine their skills in reading and producing braille with a variety of low- and high-tech devices. Students will also have opportunities to reflect on their learning by critically examining the uses of braille in their daily lives.

BAA Nutrition and Cooking for Athletes 11 was designed specifically for students in sports academies to explore the types of nutrition that support a high-performance athlete's physical needs and lifestyle. Students will evaluate their current diets, assess their nutritional needs, learn to think critically about nutrition information, and plan and prepare nutritious meals in balance with their school and sports schedules.

Having met all requirements as outlined by the District BAAC Review Committee, BAA Braille 10, BAA Braille 11, BAA Braille 12, and BAA Nutrition and Cooking for Athletes 11 are presented for the Board's consideration.