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Subject: INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF LOCALLY DEVELOPED COMPULSORY CREDIT COURSES

Application: Directors of Education
Secretaries of School Authorities
Program Superintendents
Principals of Elementary Schools
Principals of Secondary Schools
Principals of Provincial and Demonstration Schools
Principals of Inspected Private Schools
Principal of the Independent Learning Centre

Reference: This memorandum provides a revision to section 7.1.2, Locally Developed Courses, of *Ontario Secondary Schools, Grades 9 to 12: Program and Diploma Requirements, 1999*.

Introduction

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide details for school boards and schools of a revision to section 7.1.2, Locally Developed Courses, of *Ontario Secondary Schools, Grades 9 to 12: Program and Diploma Requirements, 1999* (OSS) regarding the number of locally developed compulsory credit courses that boards may develop and that students may take to meet the requirements for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) and the Ontario Secondary School Certificate (OSSC).

The requirements outlined in this memorandum apply to the offering and taking of locally developed compulsory credit courses in the 2004–05 school year and in subsequent years. *Compulsory credits will not be granted retroactively for successfully completed locally developed optional credit courses.*

For policy on the development and approval of locally developed courses, refer to the document *Guide to Locally Developed Courses, Grades 9 to 12: Development and Approval Procedures, 2004*.

Revised Requirements

English-language boards may develop locally and offer one Grade 9 course in English, in mathematics, and in science and one Grade 10 course in English, in mathematics, and *either* in science *or* in Canadian history that can be counted as a compulsory credit in that discipline. A student in an English-language board may count *no more than six* such locally developed courses as compulsory credits.

French-language boards may develop locally and offer one Grade 9 course in français, in mathematics, in science, and in English and one Grade 10 course in français, in mathematics, and *either* in science *or* in Canadian history that can be counted as a compulsory credit in that discipline. A student in a French-language board may count *no more than seven* such locally developed courses as compulsory credits.

Locally developed compulsory credit courses may only be used to meet the compulsory credit requirements that they have been designed to meet. They may not be used as substitutions for any courses that meet any other compulsory credit requirements (see OSS, section 3.2, Substitutions for Compulsory Courses).