

POLICY HGBF – Second Language Instruction

The Board encourages opportunities for its students to participate in a second language by making second language programming available in all of its schools.

Note: that in order to support growth in student learning and provide more core learning time for subtends as outlined in the Alberta 2020-2021 School Re-Entry Plan, the board approve administration to operate outside of Policy HGBF for the 2020 school year. (Board Motion 20200618.1006)

PURPOSE

To provide the opportunity for students to experience second language instruction in order to develop competence in the language and gain an awareness and understanding of the culture.

GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES

1. Only those second language programs approved by the Minister of Education will be offered.
2. Schools will offer access to at least one second language program from grades 4-12. With the exception of the Hutterite Schools, all schools will offer access to French as a second language program. Where numbers warrant, schools may offer access to other second language programming (i.e. Cree). Hutterite Schools will work with the Colony to offer German as a second language program.
3. Students in regular grades 4-9 programs are mandated to take a second language. Students in grades 10-12 have the option of taking a second language.
4. Schools have the flexibility to make programming decisions which support the unique learning needs of individual students as identified in the individual student program plan. In schools where student numbers and resources are sufficient, an individualized program may be provided as an appropriate alternative for these students. Informed parental consent is required.
5. Instruction in second language programs will meet the minimum timelines as outlined in the Guide to Education.

REFERENCES

Cross References:

Policy JC – School Councils

Legal Reference:

[Education Act](#) - Section 14, 17

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