

## SD 42 PROCEDURE: 8330.1

### BOARD / AUTHORITY AUTHORIZED COURSES

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#### BACKGROUND

The Board of Education believes that Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) courses provide an opportunity for students and educators to explore content beyond the boundaries of Ministry of Education curriculum. Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) courses at grade 10, 11, or 12 are focused on content not offered in Ministry of Education developed courses and are developed in response to local needs and student interests.

The Board shall review existing Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) courses on a five year cycle to ensure that the courses and content remain current.

#### GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Board Authority/Authorized Courses (BAA) must meet the requirements set by the Ministry, be approved by the Board of Education and have content not offered in Ministry developed courses.

While Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) courses may overlap with Big Ideas and Curricular Competencies of Ministry courses they may not:

- significantly overlap with provincial curriculum;
- be remedial or preparatory in nature;
- be a modified course;
- be an adapted course.

There is no limit to the number of Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) courses that may be used for the 28 credits of electives needed to fulfill graduation requirements. Grade 12 level Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) courses may count towards twelve of the sixteen Grade 12 credits required for graduation.

Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) courses do not meet Adult Graduation Program graduation credit requirements.

Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) courses can include courses that:

- Meet Fine Arts and/or Applied Skills 10, 11, or 12 requirements.
- Prepare students with special needs through skill instruction to be successful across a wide variety of subjects and settings.
- Address the cultural and academic literacy needs of English Language Learners.

## **BAA Creation and Approval PROCESS:**

1. The teacher(s) completes the BAA Course Framework and submits it to the Principal for review and approval.
2. Principal reviews the BAA Course Framework and ensures that the proposed course meets the needs of the students, has staff support and that the forms include all the information required for Board review and approval.
3. Assistant Superintendent reviews proposed BAA Course Framework, consults with others as needed and refers the BAA Course Framework to the Board's Education Committee for review.
4. The Board's Education Committee reviews and recommends approval of the BAA Course Framework to the Board.
5. The Board of Education reviews and approves the BAA Course Framework.
6. The Superintendent or designate completes BAA Course Form and submits it to the Ministry of Education for approval. The Superintendent or designate retains a copy of the BAA Course Framework on file.
7. The Ministry of Education approved BAA course is added to the Student Information System by the Superintendent or designate and secondary schools are notified of the course code and course title to be used.
8. The Superintendent or designate ensures that all BAA courses are reviewed on a five year cycle to ensure continued adherence to the provincial curriculum.

### *Resources:*

#### *Curriculum:*

[www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca](http://www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca)

#### *Board/Authority Authorized Courses policy:*

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/legislation-policy/public-schools/board-authority-authorized-courses>

#### *The School Act:*

[www.bced.gov.bc.ca/legislation/schoollaw/revisedstatutescontents.pdf](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/legislation/schoollaw/revisedstatutescontents.pdf)

#### *Board Authorized Course Ministerial Order:*

[https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/legislation-policy/legislation/schoollaw/e/m285\\_04.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/legislation-policy/legislation/schoollaw/e/m285_04.pdf)

#### *Handbook of Procedures for the Graduation Program:*

[www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/handbook/handbook\\_of\\_procedures.pdf](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/handbook/handbook_of_procedures.pdf)

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