



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64

POLICY 512 Independent Directed Study & Board Authorized Courses

*"Inspire learners, Integrate sustainability,
Involve community"*

Section: Learning

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Rationale:

A key goal of the School District No. 64 Board of Education is to provide students with an education that is flexible and innovative, and to help them to gain the knowledge, skills, and abilities they need to succeed in today's world. School districts develop and offer Independent Directed Studies (IDS) and Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) courses to respond to and help meet local community needs while providing choice and flexibility for students. IDS and BAA courses must be authorized by boards/authorities according to requirements set by the Ministry of Education.

Policy:

The board may offer IDS and BAA courses in a manner consistent with the School Act and Ministerial guidelines. These may be applied in whole or in part towards the 28 elective credits students need to fulfill graduation requirements. Grade 12-level IDS and BAA courses may count towards the minimum of 16 Grade 12 level credits required for graduation.

IDS Courses:

- a. may be awarded to students who have successfully completed independent work based on a subset of learning outcomes of Grade 10, 11 or 12 Ministry developed courses or Board Authorized courses
- b. a student may study one or more learning outcomes in depth, or study more broadly a wide variety of learning outcomes from a single course

BAA Courses:

- a. shall be age-appropriate, and support learning outcomes and diversity of learning rates and styles.
- b. shall be developed with a rationale, observable and assessable learning goals, and provide opportunities for both formative and summative evaluation.

- c. shall be consistent, content-wise, with the level of instruction to which the course applies
- d. shall not significantly overlap with current provincial curriculum
- e. shall have a credit value that appropriately reflects the length and scope of the course
- f. shall not be preparatory, remedial, or modified

References:

- Section 85 (2)(i), 168 (2)(b)
- Independent Directed Studies Policy (IDS)
- [2018 Board/Authority Authorized Courses: Requirements and Procedures](#)
- [BAA Course Form](#)
- [BAA Framework Template](#)
- [BAA Core Course Categories](#)
- The Graduation Program Order
- ESL Guidelines – Template for BAA Language Acquisition/Culture Courses.