



Rationale

The minimum requirements for curriculum are specified in the Independent School Act.

Policy

The Superintendent of Schools shall ensure that each school curriculum conforms with the requirements of the Ministry of Education for Group 1 Independent Schools.

Regulation

1. Courses of studies and progress used within the Catholic Independent Schools, Diocese of Victoria shall be those approved or recommended by the B.C. Ministry of Education.
2. Elementary schools may provide locally developed courses if:
 - the course addresses perceived student needs;
 - the course, prior to being offered, has been forwarded to the Superintendent for review and acceptance.
 - Religious Education and Christian Family Life are considered locally developed courses, and are provided under the authority and direction of the Board of Directors.
3. At the High School level, a Board Authority Authorized Course (BAA) may be developed to meet student needs and interests.
4. A Board Authority Authorized Course (BAA) must be authorized by the Local School Council after the Superintendent has ensured that the course meets the BAA requirements set out in the document *“Board/Authority Authorized Course: Requirements and Procedures”*.

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