

PILOT PROGRAMS

Background

Appropriate and vital curriculum will lead to the accomplishment of the Board's goals of education. Curriculum development is critically important at a time when rapid and increased societal change is the norm. Curriculum development will require the constant attention of the Division and its educators. The overlapping nature of curriculum development evolves around the four functions of program evaluation, program design, program implementation and program maintenance. In addition to the foregoing, the Division expects that new programs will be researched, studied and evaluated as pilot projects before they are approved by the Board for general implementation in the Division.

Procedures

1. All proposed locally-determined programs shall be developed and evaluated as pilot projects within the Division.
2. The Principal and Area Superintendent of Education shall review all proposed pilot projects for presentation to the Director.
3. The Director will then recommend to the Board approval of the pilot project and submit major modifications from the provincial curriculum to the Ministry of Education for approval.
4. Pilot projects at the school or Division level, receiving Board approval, shall be initiated on a two (2) year trial basis, at such time it may be extended by the Board upon the recommendations of the Director.
5. Upon formal evaluation the Director shall submit the pilot project to the Board for its consideration. The project may be approved as a regular program of study.
6. Locally developed High School courses require approval from the Ministry of Education.

Reference: Sections 87, 108, 109, 176, 177, 186 Education Act