
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36 (SURREY)

No. 8320

POLICY: DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY-INITIATED PROGRAMS (PROGRAMS OF CHOICE)

The Board recognizes its obligation, consistent with the *School Act* and relevant to provincial legislation, to provide an educational program for all students of school age. It is the goal of the Board to offer programs promoting excellence in instruction, optimal achievement and expanded choice for all students. The ability of the Board to be responsive to such goals is nevertheless dependant on favourable economic factors and the availability of space. Transportation to such programs is the responsibility of the families involved.

A. DISTRICT PROGRAMS

The Board will offer district programs that respond to the needs and interests of students, are economically viable and support Ministry and Board goals for intellectual, personal, social and career development.

1. District programs requiring full time attendance at a particular school.

The district offers programs of choice such as French Immersion, Montessori and others at the elementary and secondary level.

2. District programs requiring part time attendance at a particular site.

In order to enhance accessibility and greater choice for students, the Board is committed to offering district specialty and career programs in secondary schools in various geographic regions.

B. COMMUNITY-INITIATED PROGRAMS

The Board may support community-initiated educational programs which bring a particular educational emphasis to student talents or to particular student needs, within the parameters of provincially prescribed and/or locally developed curriculum.

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