

KNOWLEDGE AND EMPLOYABILITY COURSES

Background

The Division acknowledges the need to provide learning opportunities and a learning environment in which all students are encouraged to develop to the optimum level of their potential.

Procedures

1. For students in grade 8 to 12 who demonstrate reading, writing, and/or other levels of achievement two to three grade levels below their age appropriate grade, the Division supports the implementation of Knowledge and Employability Courses of study designed to develop student workplace skills while supporting continued growth in core academic subjects.
2. Students may have a history of low academic achievement e.g. have a grade level achievement 2-3 years or more below their peers, in core subject areas as evidenced in such records as standardized testing, classroom assessment, analysis of student work, rating scales, checklists, earlier Individualized Program Plans, and/or achievement test results in grades 6 and 9.
3. The student is a minimum age of 12 years 6 months upon enrolment.
4. The Principal in consultation with the student, the student's parents/guardians, teachers, counsellors, and other staff will:
 - 4.1 discuss the philosophy, purpose, goals, and nature of the courses,
 - 4.2 discuss attainable transitions to secondary, post-secondary, and workplace opportunities,
 - 4.3 create a learning plan that clearly states the student's goals AND maps and tracks courses needed to achieve those goals,
 - 4.4 obtain annual written consent of the student and, if the student is under the age of 16 years, consent from the parent or guardian.

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Reference: Section 11, 18, 22, 31, 32, 33, 52, 53, 196, 197, 222 Education Act
Student Record Regulation 225/2008
Guide to Education ECS to Grade 12
Off-Campus Education Guide for Administrators, Counselors and Teachers
Knowledge and Employability Courses Handbook, Grades 8 to 12