



Date: June 19, 2024 **Agenda Item:** 7.4

To: Board of Trustees

From: Shawna Warren, Superintendent

Originator(s): Jonathan Konrad, Deputy Superintendent, Education Services

Governance Policy: [Board Policy 700: Superintendent of Schools](#)

Additional Reference: [AP820: Locally Developed Courses](#)
[Locally Developed Courses; Alberta Education](#)

Assurance Domain: Student Growth & Achievement

Superintendent Leadership Quality Standard (SLQS)

SLQS Competencies ([SLQS](#) / [Board Policy 700](#)):

- Building Effective Relationships
- Modeling Commitment to Professional Learning
- Visionary Leadership
- Leading Learning
- Ensuring First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Education for All Students
- School Authority Operations and Resources
- Supporting Effective Governance

Subject: **Omnibus Motion for Locally Developed Course Approval**

Purpose:

For approval. Motion required.

Recommended Motion:

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the following Locally Developed Courses as courses of study within The Sturgeon Public School Division from September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2027 and August 31, 2028.

Course Name	Version	Course Code	First Approved Year	Approved Start Date	Last Approved Year
Audio 15	3 Credits (2023-2027)	LDC1471	2024-2025		2026-2027
Audio 15	5 Credits (2023-2027)	LDC1471	2024-2025		2026-2027
Audio 25	3 Credits (2023-2027)	LDC2471	2024-2025		2026-2027



Audio 25	5 Credits (2023-2027)	LDC2471	2024-2025		2026-2027
Audio 35	3 Credits (2023-2027)	LDC3471	2024-2025		2026-2027
Audio 35	5 Credits (2023-2027)	LDC3471	2024-2025		2026-2027
Aviation - Flight 15	3 Credits (2023-2027)	LDC1351	2024-2025		2026-2027
Aviation - Flight 25	3 Credits (2023-2027)	LDC2351	2024-2025		2026-2027
Aviation - Flight 35	3 Credits (2023-2027)	LDC3841	2024-2025		2026-2027
Military Studies 15	3 Credits (2024-2028)	LDC1051	2024-2025		2027-2028
Military Studies 15	5 Credits (2024-2028)	LDC1051	2024-2025		2027-2028
Military Studies 25	3 Credits (2024-2028)	LDC2051	2024-2025		2027-2028
Military Studies 25	5 Credits (2024-2028)	LDC2051	2024-2025		2027-2028
Military Studies 35	3 Credits (2024-2028)	LDC3051	2024-2025		2027-2028
Military Studies 35	5 Credits (2024-2028)	LDC3051	2024-2025		2027-2028
Reading Foundations A 15	3 Credits (2024-2028)	LDC1296	2024-2025		2027-2028
Reading Foundations A 15	5 Credits (2024-2028)	LDC1296	2024-2025		2027-2028

Background:

As per Alberta Education’s guidelines and process with school divisions acquiring Locally Developed Courses, the requesting school board does not require approval from the originating school board(s), thus alleviating the time it takes for school divisions to gain approval to access these requested courses. The next step in this process is to receive Board approval for this authorization.

Below is a listing of the course outlines for the requested locally developed courses that Sturgeon Public School Division is looking to acquire.

1. Audio 15 (3 credits & 5 credits) -

Course Description: Audio 15 provides students with the opportunity to develop a basic understanding of the fundamentals of sound engineering theory and its practice in the audio production industry. In this course, students explore basic audio production techniques to create simple sonic compositions. By examining various roles and industry practices, students consider how the audio production industry is organized, in terms of roles and practices, as well as how economic factors impact choices in audio production. In Audio 15, students explore audio production in various historical and contemporary contexts in order to better understand the tools, processes and techniques that are used. Career pathways associated with audio production are explored.

2. Audio 25 (3 credits & 5 credits) -

Course Description: Audio 25 provides students with the opportunity to further develop their understanding of sound engineering theory and its practice in the audio production industry. In this course, students apply a variety of audio production techniques to create sonic compositions. As students deepen their understanding of techniques, tools and processes used in audio production, they are encouraged to explore various solutions to creative problems. In Audio 25, the interplay between audio production and the music industry is examined. Career pathways associated with audio production are examined and analyzed.

3. Audio 35 (3 credits & 5 credits) -

Course Description: Audio 35 provides students with the opportunity to apply their understanding of sound engineering theory and its practice in the audio production industry to their own creative process. In this course, students use a range of audio production techniques to create complex sonic compositions. Students apply their understanding of audio production techniques, tools and processes to formulate unique solutions to creative problems and achieve their artistic goals. In Audio 35, the evolution of audio production is analyzed. Students will consider how audio production studies have aided in the development of transferable skills and how potential audio production career pathways relate to their future career aspirations.

4. Aviation - Flight 15 (3 credits) -

Course Description: The Aviation-Flight courses are based on expectations equivalent to Transport Canada and as such, students will work with real-world curricula from which they may identify any applicable career life skills through their learning. Students will gain knowledge, understanding and skills through their experiences in this course, and will be required to think critically, conceptualize and apply the knowledge that they gain. At the 15 level, Transport Canada documentation for pilot training, are based on the progression of studying the standards and requirements, supports obtaining a private pilot's license.

5. Aviation - Flight 25 (3 credits) -

Course Description: The Aviation-Flight courses are based on expectations equivalent to Transport Canada and as such, students will work with real-world curricula from which they may identify any applicable career life skills through their learning. Students will gain knowledge, understanding and skills through their experiences in this course, and will be required to think critically, conceptualize and apply the knowledge that they gain. At the 25 level, Transport Canada documentation for pilot training, based on the progression of studying the standards and requirements, supports obtaining a commercial pilot's license.

6. Aviation - Flight 35 (3 credits) -

Course Description: The Aviation-Flight courses are based on expectations equivalent to Transport Canada and as such, students will work with real-world curricula from which they may identify any applicable career life skills through their learning. Students will gain knowledge, understanding and skills through their experiences in this course, and will be required to think critically, conceptualize and apply the knowledge that they gain. At the 35 level, Transport Canada documentation of pilot training, based on the progression of studying the standards and requirements, supports obtaining an Instrument Flying Certification.

7. Military Studies 15 (3 credits & 5 credits) -

Course Description: Military organizations in Canada and abroad play a significant role in cultivating patriotism, humanitarian values and peace as well as preserving a country's heritage, sovereignty, environment, economic stability and security. Through examination of multiple perspectives, factors and resources, students in Military Studies 15 will think critically to examine the role of the military in shaping collective identity in historical and contemporary societies.

8. Military Studies 25 (3 credits & 5 credits) -

Course Description: Military organizations in Canada and abroad play a significant role in cultivating patriotism, humanitarian values and peace as well as preserving a country's heritage, sovereignty, environment, economic stability and security. Through examination of multiple perspectives, factors and resources, students in Military Studies 25 will think critically to assess justifications for war and military action in historical and contemporary contexts.

9. Military Studies 35 (3 credits & 5 credits) -

Course Description: Military organizations in Canada and abroad play a significant role in cultivating patriotism, humanitarian values and peace as well as preserving a country's heritage, sovereignty, environment, economic stability and security. Through examination of multiple perspectives, factors and resources, students in Military Studies 35 will think critically to evaluate the ethics of military action and

structures, and their effects on local and Indigenous populations in both historical and contemporary international societies.

10. Reading Foundations A 15 (3 credits & 5 credits) -

Course Description: Students will participate in learning meant to positively support their identities as readers within a rich literacy environment. This course will strengthen students' language comprehension, which includes background knowledge, vocabulary, language structures, verbal reasoning, and literacy knowledge, as well as word recognition, which includes phonological awareness, decoding, and sight recognition skills so that they can experience success in academic and social contexts. Students, supervised by their teacher, will complete diagnostic assessments to understand the skills and next steps to support their reading development. Through a variety of texts and activities, students will build their confidence, motivation, metacognition and strategy use while reading. Students will learn specific reading strategies and apply these to a variety of diverse and increasingly complex texts with an emphasis on predicting, inferring, making connections and summarizing.

Administration is prepared to respond to questions at the June 19, 2024, Public Board meeting.

Attachment(s):

Not applicable.