

PEACE WAPITI PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 76

POLICY HGBF – Second Language Instruction

The Board encourages opportunities for its students to participate in a second language by making second language programming available in all its schools.

PURPOSE

To provide the opportunity for students to experience second language instruction.

GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES

1. Only those second language programs approved by the Minister of Education will be offered.
2. Schools will offer access to at least one second language program from grades 4-12. With the exception of the Hutterite Schools, all schools will offer access to French as a second language program. Where numbers warrant, schools may offer access to other second language programming (i.e. Cree). Hutterite Schools will work with the Colony to offer German as a second language program.
3. Students in grades 4-9 are mandated to take a second language. Students in grades 10-12 have the option of taking a second language.
4. Schools have the flexibility to make programming decisions which support the unique learning needs of individual students. Students who are identified as English as Second Language (ESL) learners may be exempted from the second language program and provided with an ESL program to meet their needs. Students who are identified as having severe disabilities may have an alternative to second language learning identified in their Individual Program Plan. In schools where student numbers and resources are sufficient to allow the offering of Knowledge and Employability Program or the provision of a Learning Strategies program, it may be appropriate for those students to not be enrolled in a second language program.
5. Instruction in second language programs will meet the minimum timelines as outlined in the Guide to Education.
6. The Board believes the goal of a second language program is to develop competence in the language and gain an awareness and understanding of the culture.

REFERENCES

Cross References: links to

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Legal Reference: School Act RSA 2000 Section 10, 11

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