

# PEACE WAPITI PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 76

## **POLICY HKC -Course Challenge**

**Any students registered in senior high school who believe that they already possesses the knowledge, skills and attitudes required by the Program of Studies for a course, shall be allowed to demonstrate this through special assessment opportunities.**

### **PURPOSE**

To provide guidelines for the administration of course challenges as required by the Guide to Education.

### **GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES**

1. The student:
  - a) shall initiate the process and take responsibility for providing evidence of readiness to challenge a course this should include a portfolio reflecting an acceptable mastery of the course outcomes.
  - b) may not initiate a course challenge for a course in a lower level sequence if the student has already completed a course in a higher level sequence.
  - c) who successfully completes a course challenge of a school-awarded mark component of a diploma examination course must write the diploma examination in order to be eligible for a final course mark and credit in that course;
  - d) must be enrolled in senior high;
  - e) may only challenge a course once;
  - f) may choose to take a course in the same semester as he or she attempts a course challenge. The school shall submit only the course mark;
  - g) cannot be charged a fee for administering course challenges.
2. The high school administrator:
  - a) shall make the final decision about the student's readiness for the course challenge, after consulting with the student, student's parents and subject teacher(s);
  - b) shall ensure that assessment meets expectations of the program of studies;
  - c) shall assign the administration and evaluation of assessment to a certificated teacher who has taught the course.
3. All course challenges must meet the expectations outlined in the Guide to Education.
4. The School Authority shall act in accordance with Appendix 1: Course Challenge of the Guide to Education.

## **REFERENCES**

**Cross References:** links to

Guide to Education (<http://education.alberta.ca/admin/resources.aspx>)

[HKD\\_WaiverofPrerequisiteCourses.pdf](#)

**Legal Reference:**

School Act

Student Evaluation Regulation AR 40/89

Guide to Education: Appendix 3: Course Challenge

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