

Administrative Procedure 281

ESTABLISHING AND TERMINATING PROGRAMS

Background

A variety of program choices can enhance learning opportunities for students.

Definitions

School Programs are those programs which are established to serve the needs of students from within the regular designated attendance area of the respective schools.

Division Programs are those programs which are established by the Division at specific school sites to serve the needs of students from areas larger than the regular designated attendance area of those schools.

Procedures

1. When consideration is being given to the addition or deletion of school programs, the Principal, will address the following criteria:
 - 1.1 The value of the program to the community.
 - 1.2 The educational value of the program.
 - 1.3 The impact on other programs within the school.
 - 1.4 Possible impact on sending or receiving schools.
 - 1.5 The viability and cost of the program.
 - 1.6 Availability of resources, including staff.
2. Program additions or deletions must be approved by the Associate Superintendent - Learning Services.
3. When Division programs are being established or deleted, the Associate Superintendent - Learning Services, or designate, may consider the following criteria:
 - 3.1 The age and grade of the students.
 - 3.2 The educational value of the program.
 - 3.3 Utilization rates.
 - 3.4 Implications for transportation.
 - 3.5 Impact on existing programs.

- 3.6 The viability and cost of the program.
- 3.7 Availability of resources, including staff.

Reference: Section 18, 20, 39, 60, 61, 77, 78, 113 School Act
Guide to Education ECS to Grade 12
Policy and Requirements for School Board Planning and Reporting
School Authority Planning and Reporting Reference Guide