

HALIFAX REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD 2014-15 High School Course Analysis

PURPOSE: To provide the Governing Board with a report outlining which high schools offer Mi'kmaw Studies 10, African Canadian Studies 11, and English 12 African Heritage and the number of students enrolled in these same courses.

BACKGROUND: The Halifax Regional School Board supports the opportunity for all students to develop cultural proficiency through a relevant curriculum that reflects all learners. On November 26, 2014, the Governing Board received a report 14-10-1491 "Improving the Achievement Results of African Nova Scotia Learners". This report led to a discussion about the opportunity for all high school students in the Halifax Regional School Board to obtain a credit in Mi'kmaw Studies 10, African Canadian Studies 11, and English 12 African Heritage

At its regular Board meeting on November 26, 2014, the Governing Board approved the following motion:

It was moved and seconded (Arsenault/Yee) that staff prepare a report on which schools offer Mi'kmaw and Aboriginal studies and which do not.

CONTENT: As a result of the motion research was completed based on the courses iNSchool and by examining the course offerings in the course selection handbooks of each of the high schools within the board. Appendix A indicates which high schools in HRSB offer Mi'kmaw Studies 10, African Canadian Studies 11, and English 12 African Heritage in their course selection handbook and the number of students enrolled in these courses this school year. Fourteen of the fifteen high schools offered Mi'kmaw 10, fourteen offer African Canadian Studies 11, and eight offer English 12 African Heritage. Bedford and Forsyth Education Centre offer Mi'kmaw 10 and African Canadian Studies 11. Student selection numbers determine the school's ability to hold a section(s) of each course.

At the December 18th High School Principals meeting administrators were reminded to ensure that Mi'kmaw Studies 10, African Canadian Studies 11, and English 12 African Heritage are included in their course selection booklets each year.

COST: Within existing budgets

FUNDING: N/A

TIMELINE: N/A

APPENDICES: Appendix A

RECOMMENDATIONS: That the Governing Board accept this report for information.

COMMUNICATIONS:

AUDIENCE	RESPONSIBLE	TIMELINE
Governing Board	Danielle McNeil-Hessian	January 28, 2015

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To: Senior Staff: January 13, 2015
Governing Board: January 28, 2015

2014-15 HIGH SCHOOL COURSE ANALYSIS

SCHOOL	MI'KMAQ STUDIES 10				AFRICAN CANADIAN STUDIES 11			ENGLISH 12 AFRICAN HERITAGE		
	No. Gr. 10-12 Students	No. classes	No. Students Taking Course	Offered in Course Selection Book	No. classes	No. Students Taking Course	Offered in Course Selection Book	No. classes	No. Students Taking Course	Offered in Course Selection Book
Auburn	877	2	54	Yes	2	59	Yes	0	0	Yes
Citadel	1231	5	132	Yes	2	47	Yes	1	13	Yes
Cole Harbour	837	2	51	Yes	1	28	Yes	0	0	No
CP Allen	1345	1	25	Yes	5	128	Yes	0	0	Yes
Dartmouth	803	3	95	Yes	2	50	Yes	1	2*	Yes
Duncan MacMillan	96	1	19	Yes	1	**1	**Yes	0	0	No
Eastern Shore	464	0	0	Yes	4	107	Yes	0	0	No
Halifax West	1489	11	361	Yes	1	33	Yes	0	0	Yes
JL Ilsley	707	0	0	No	2	56	Yes	1	22	Yes
Lockview	869	4	96	Yes	2	68	Yes	0	0	Yes
Millwood	585	2	58	Yes	2	48	Yes	0	0	No
Musquodoboit Rural	134	1	21	Yes	0	0	No	0	0	No
Prince Andrew	911	2	64	Yes	2	58	Yes	1	22	Yes
Sackville	749	3	96	Yes	1	35	Yes	0	0	No
Sir John A Macdonald	944	5	142	Yes	1	23	Yes	0	0	No
Bedford and Forsyth Education Centres	220	They have sections scheduled in the timetable for these courses						0	0	No

*Part of a Combined Class

** Virtual School