

Halifax Regional School Board

Focus on Learning: Novel Programs in the Halifax Regional School Board

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Governing Board Members with an overview of novel programs in the Halifax Regional School Board.

Background

At the April 2017 Regular Board Meeting, Board Member Raven provided the following notice of motion: *I move that the Superintendent develop a staff report identifying novel programs in the Halifax Regional School Board (HRSB) initiated at the board and school level.*

Content

This report identifies a number of programs, courses and activities that are offered across the HRSB. Some programs may be offered to every school across a level while others may be unique to one or a small number of schools.

Programs: The following programs have been implemented and are supported systematically by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) and / or the HRSB.

Cooperative Education (Co-op) Program
 Options and Opportunities (O2) Program
 Skilled Trades Programs (Construction, Transportation, Manufacturing Trades)
 Discovering Opportunities 9
 Nova Scotia Virtual School
 International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme
 Advanced Placement Program
 French Second Language Programs (Immersion, Intensive French, Integrated French)
 All City Music Program (Choral, Instrumental)
 Fine Arts Programming (Fine Arts Specialists, Pottery Lab)

Public Schools Program (PSP) Courses: Within the PSP there are a variety of courses that appeal to a wide range of student interests. A sample of these courses include:

Drama 10, 11, 12	Multi Media 12
Gaelic 10, 11, 12	Communications Technology 11
Child Studies 11	Production Technology 11, 12
Business Technology 12	Leadership 12
Exploring Technology 10	Applied Networking Technology 11
Computer Programming 12	Business Management 12
Film and Video Production 12	Entrepreneurship 12

Locally Developed Courses: Locally developed courses are developed at the board level and approved by the EECD. These courses are designed to meet the interests and needs of our students. The locally developed courses offered in the Halifax Regional School Board during the 2016-2017 school year (not including AP or Pre-IB courses) were:

Applied Networking Technology 11	Auto Body 11
Astronomy 12	Auto Body 12

Auto Maintenance 11
Auto Systems 12
Business 10
Comparative World Religions 12
Dance 12
English as an Additional Language 10
English as an Additional Language academic language 10
English as an Additional Language literacy 10

Home Trades Technology 12
Human Biology 11
Investment and Finance Academic 12
Journalism 12
Leadership 12
Philosophy 12
Physical Education Martial Arts 11
Social Literacy 11
Social Literacy and Technology 11

Co-curricular / Extra-curricular Activities: Schools across the HRSB implement a wide variety of co-curricular and extra curriculum activities. Co-curricular activities help students achieve the curricular outcomes and usually take place during the school day while extra-curricular activities enhance student's school experience and take place outside of the school day. Schools are not required to seek permission from board staff to offer these activities as long as HRSB policies are followed. Therefore this list is a sample of activities offered in schools.

Heritage Fair
Concours d'Art Oratoire
Science Fair
Destination Imagination
Universite Ste-Anne Trip
Outdoor Ed Co-op
Swim to Survive
Roots of Empathy
Edible Gardens
Food Literacy Programs
Makerspace
Artist in Schools
Geni-Arts
Odyssey Program
Quebec Student Exchange
Diplome d'études de Langue Française (DELF)
Junior Achievement
Mad Science
Mathematics contests (Gauss, Pascal, Cayley, Fermat, Fryer, Galois, Hypatia, Euclid)
Duke of Edinburgh Program
Best Buddies
Pals program
Battle of the books
Take our Kids to Work

Coding Quest
Entrepreneurial Adventures
Turning Points
First Lego League
RoboFest
Brainwars
NSCC Underwater Competition
Purple Comet Math Meet
Incredible Years
Friends for Life
IMHOTEP
Black Educators Association (BEA) tutors
Restorative approaches
Caring School Communities
Go To training
Me to We
Ready, Set, Cook! Competition
Doctors Nova Scotia Running Program
Robotics competitions
New Pedagogy for Deep Learning
Girls Soar
Sparksfly Bikes in schools
Pottery Lab
Math Circles
Therapeutic Swim Program

The content of this report speaks to the richness of educational experiences in the classroom and beyond across the HRSB.

Funding Details

N/A

Timeline

N/A

Appendices

N/A

Recommendations

It is recommended the Governing Board members receive this report for information.

Communications

AUDIENCE	RESPONSIBLE	TIMELINE
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