

## SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51 (BOUNDARY)

### P O L I C Y

SECTION	TITLE	NO. 3030
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS/ SERVICES	<u>Course Challenge</u>	

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The Board recognizes and supports Ministerial Order 302-04, The Graduation Program Order regarding "Challenge": The purpose of challenge is to permit students to obtain credit for a Grade 10, 11 or 12 course who have already acquired the appropriate learning elsewhere. All students are entitled to request an opportunity to challenge a course for credit. Students who request the opportunity to challenge a course must be able to give strong and compelling evidence that they will succeed in the challenge and that it is in their best interest. Challenge is not envisioned as a way for students to improve their course marks, nor as a replacement for the valuable experience of learning in a classroom setting. It is intended that challenge will be a rigorous process.

### R E G U L A T I O N S

All students may challenge courses for credit, subject to the following procedures. Students may challenge for credit only Grade 10, 11 and 12 provincial or locally developed courses.

1. A student is entitled to challenge a course if s/he:
  - is currently enrolled in the school district, is currently registered is with the district as a home schooled student,
  - has not completed the course through previous enrolment;
  - can give compelling evidence that s/he will succeed in the challenge;
  - shows that the challenge is linked to his or her Student Learning Plan.
- ✓ Students must demonstrate they have met the prescribed learning outcomes of a course for the challenge to be successful.
- ✓ To successfully challenge for credit, students must meet the same standards as students who take the course through regular classes.
- ✓ Students will be awarded a letter grade and percentage mark for a course which has been successfully challenged.
- ✓ There is no limit to the number of Grade 10, 11 and 12 courses that a student can challenge.

1. Schools must adhere to all Ministry and District Guidelines regarding Course Challenge.
2. Schools must determine if credit can be awarded through a review of documents for equivalency before proceeding to the challenge process.
3. All students are entitled to a free challenge process for Ministry Authorized or Board/Authority Authorized courses.
4. The School District is not obliged to provide challenge for Board/Authority Authorized courses taught in other School Districts.
5. Schools are not required to offer challenge opportunities until one year after new curricula are scheduled for full implementation.
6. Students will be awarded credit for a successful challenge and will receive a letter grade and percentage for the course as per Ministry reporting policy and guidelines.
7. The Principal must designate a Challenge Coordinator(s) for each school year, who will be responsible for the administration, monitoring, and reporting of the challenge process.
8. Final decisions for all aspects of the challenge process will be those of the principal of the school.