

SPECIALTY ACADEMY CRITERIA REGULATION

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Specialty academy criteria

1 For the purposes of the definition of “**specialty academy**” in section 82.1 of the *School Act*, the criteria set out in sections 2, 3 and 4 are prescribed criteria for a specialty academy.

Additional Learning Outcomes

2 The specialty academy must meet learning outcomes that

- (a) are in addition to the learning outcomes that a standard educational program must meet, and
- (b) reflect an emphasis on a particular sport, activity or subject area.

Minimum hours of instruction

3 (1) In this section, “**credit**” has the same meaning as in Ministerial Order 302/2004, the Graduation Program Order.

(2) In respect of the particular sport, activity or subject area being emphasized in the specialty academy

- (a) a one-year specialty academy must include
 - (i) a minimum of 240 hours of instruction, or
 - (ii) sufficient hours of instruction to enable a student to earn 8 credits in the school year, and
- (b) a multi-year specialty academy must include
 - (i) a minimum of 120 hours of instruction, or
 - (ii) sufficient hours of instruction to enable a student to earn 4 credits in each school year.

Emphasis on particular subject area

4 If the specialty academy emphasizes a particular subject area, the subject area must be

- (1) Applied Skills,
- (2) Fine Arts,
- (3) Language Arts,
- (4) Mathematics,
- (5) Physical Education
- (6) Science, or
- (7) Social Studies.