

BOARD AUTHORIZED COURSE ORDER

Authority: *School Act*, sections 168 (2) (b) and (t)

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Order of the Minister of Education and Child Care	

Interpretation

1 In this order

“B.C. Graduation Program Policy Guide” means the B.C. Graduation Program Policy Guide published by the Ministry of Education and Child Care on its website;

"board" includes a francophone education authority;

"Board Authorized Course" means a Grade 10, Grade 11 or Grade 12 course developed or adopted by a board that meets the requirements set by the Minister in the Course Registry;

"Board Authorized Course framework" means the document prepared by a board that contains the following information about a Board Authorized Course:

- (a) course name;
- (b) grade level;
- (c) number of credits;
- (d) course synopsis;
- (e) rationale;
- (f) organization structure appropriate to subject or topic;
- (g) learning outcomes that are assessable and observable and that can be understood by students and parents;
- (h) instructional component that clarifies the learning outcomes and provides a range of pedagogical opportunities;
- (i) assessment component that provides a range of both formative and final assessment; and
- (j) list of learning resources that support the learning outcomes;

“Course Registry” means an online compilation of all Kindergarten to Grade 12 courses offered in British Columbia;

“Handbook of Procedures” means the current booklet entitled “Handbook of Procedures for the Graduation Program” approved by the Minister and issued by the Ministry of Education and Child Care; and

"Minister" means the Minister of Education and Child Care.

[am. M195/11; am M130/12; am. M304/20; am. 298/22]

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Board Authorized Courses

2 A board may develop a course as a Board Authorized Course by meeting all of the requirements for Board Authorized Courses set by the Minister in the Handbook of Procedures and the B.C. Graduation Program Policy Guide.

[am M195/11; am. M304/20]

Indigenous-focused graduation requirement

2.1 A Board Authorized Course satisfies the Indigenous-focused graduation requirement set out in section 4 (1) (a) of Ministerial Order 302/04, the Graduation Program Order, if it:

(a) has been co-developed with, and approved in writing by, at least one of the following on whose territory the school or schools that will provide the Board Authorized Course is located:

- (i) a First Nation,
- (ii) a treaty First Nation,
- (iii) Westbank First Nation,
- (iv) shíshálh Nation, or
- (v) Nisga'a Nation;

(b) includes content that provides the opportunity for students to develop a meaningful and substantial breadth and depth of knowledge and understanding of the specific cultures, worldviews and histories of one or more entities described in paragraph (a);

(c) ensures that learning about and from one or more entities described in paragraph (a) is a significant outcome of the course regardless of the curricular area on which the course focuses; and

(d) meets all other requirements in this Order for a Board Authorized Course.

[am. M183/23]

3 A board may not offer a Board Authorized Course to students as meeting the Minister's requirements for graduation until the superintendent for the school district and the board have approved the Board Authorized Course in the manner and form required by the Minister.

[am. M204/11]

Use of Board Authorized Courses

4 No Board Authorized Course shall be offered for use in a school as meeting the Minister's requirements for graduation until the board

- (a) on receipt of a request of the superintendent for that school district, approves the Board Authorized Course,
- (b) has submitted the required information in the manner and form required by the Minister.
- (c) *REPEALED M205/11*

[am. M034/09, am. M204/11]

5 At the request of the Minister, a board must submit to the Minister a copy of the Board Authorized Course framework for a Board Authorized Course for review.

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6 (1) If the Minister informs a board that a Board Authorized Course does not meet the Board Authorized Course requirements and procedures set out in the Handbook of Procedures and the B.C. Graduation Program Policy Guide or does not comply with section 3 of this Order, the board must not offer that course as a course meeting the Minister's requirements for graduation

- (a) subject to subsection (2), in the semester following the semester in which the board has been so notified by the Minister, or
- (b) in the school year following the school year in which the board has been so notified by the Minister.

(2) In the case of a two semester course, the board may not offer the course in the semester following the second semester of the course, regardless of whether it has been notified in the first or second semester by the Minister.

[am M195/11; am. M304/20]

7 The board may offer a revision of a course that was unacceptable under section 6 if it

- (a) revises the course to meet the Board Authorized Course requirements and procedures set out in the Handbook of Procedures and the B.C. Graduation Program Policy Guide and section 3 of this Order,
- (b) has submitted the required information in the manner and form required by the Minister,
- (c) submits a copy of the Board Authorized Course framework for the revised Board Authorized Course, and
- (d) receives the Minister's approval to offer the revised Board Authorized Course.

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