

## COURSE CHALLENGE

### Background

Some students are able to demonstrate a high level of achievement of the learning objectives of a particular course without spending the required hours enrolled in the course. Ministry of Education is allowing students to challenge a maximum of two provincially-developed courses at the 10 or 20 level for credit and to demonstrate the course requirements through a rigorous and comprehensive challenge process in order to move on to further learning.

In accordance with Ministry of Education requirements, the Director has outlined a course challenge process for students enrolled in the Division consistent with the procedures outlined by the Ministry.

### Procedures

1. In keeping with Ministry of Education guidelines, the following restrictions apply:
  - 1.1 To challenge a course, the student must be enrolled in the Division.
  - 1.2 Students registered in home-based education with the Division may not challenge a course.
  - 1.3 Only provincially-developed courses at the 10 and 20 level may be challenged.
  - 1.4 Each student may challenge a maximum of two courses.
2. General Requirements
  - 2.1 Students requesting to challenge a course shall be provided with a *Request to Challenge a 10 or 20 Level Provincially-Developed Course Form* and an outline of the course challenge process including course objectives, required evidence that demonstrates readiness to challenge, and assessment strategies to be administered in the course challenge process.
  - 2.2 A variety of assessment techniques that measure the level of student attainment of course objectives shall be included in the course challenge process.
  - 2.3 Students shall attain a minimum of 80% through the course challenge process in order to be granted credit. The percentage mark attained will be recorded on the student's transcript.
  - 2.4 Students who are not successful in the course challenge process shall not be allowed to challenge the same course a second time. In order to receive a credit for the course, these students will be required to register in and successfully complete the course.

- 2.5 The principal shall administer the course challenge process within Ministry of Education policy, procedures and guidelines and Division policy, procedures and guidelines.
- 2.6 A teacher who has previously taught the course at least twice shall supervise the course challenge process.
- 2.7 Only courses offered within the Division within a current school year may be challenged.

Reference: Section 85, 87, 109, 168, 169, 170, 175, 231 Education Act

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