

Board Authority/Authorized (BAA) Courses PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

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What is a Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course?

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- Board/Authority Authorized courses (BAA courses) respond to the local needs of the schools and their communities while providing choice and flexibility for students.
- BAA courses are authorized by boards/authorities according to requirements set by the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

Board/Authority Authorized Courses and First Nation Authorized Courses Policy - Province of British Columbia

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Why are Board/Authority
Authorized Courses Valuable for
Learners in the North Vancouver School
District?

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Why are BAA Courses Valuable?



- BAA courses originated in the 2000s when BC's K-12 curriculum was more limited and tightly prescribed than today
- Despite the implementation of a modernized and flexible provincial curriculum, BBA courses still fulfill unique needs of local schools, communities, and students
 - Provide local flexibility
 - Use local resources
- NVSD BAA courses are listed on the portal

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Annual Review – BAA Committee



- Committee composed of 2 teachers from North Vancouver Teacher's Association (NVTA) and 2 school district staff.
- Committee's annual review considers the following:
 - New Courses None
 - Retired Courses None
 - Revised Courses Focus Area
- Extensive work on BAA courses was successfully completed in 2024/25

Annual Review - Process





Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) and First Nation Authorized (FNA) Course Requirements and Procedures Guidebook

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- School District conducts annual review of courses
- The Committee meets to review and suggest edits
- Course creators make revisions
- Revised courses come back to the Board for approval

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Annual Review – Work Plan for 2025/26





- All current courses compliant with Ministry requirements
- No new courses proposed
- No courses to retire
- 6 existing courses being considered for revision

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Annual Review - Work Plan for 2025/26





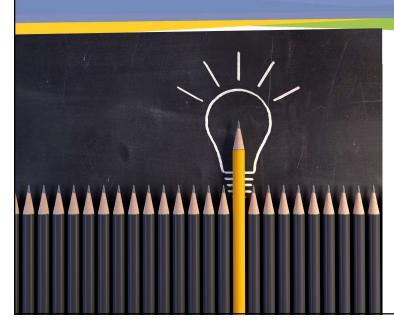
Courses Under Revision

- Community Initiatives and Leadership 10
- Global Initiatives and Leadership 11
- Community Initiatives and Leadership 12
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Annual Review - Work Plan for 2025/26





For All Courses

- BAA Committee to suggest edits
- Course revisions ongoing
- Present revised courses to the Board early in the 2026/27 school year

^{*} Consultation with Squamish Nation



Questions/Feedback?