

Board Authority Authorized Courses



Course Submissions: December 9, 2014



Art Metal Advanced 12

Global Education 12

Psychology 12

Survival Skills for the Classroom and Beyond 12

Visual Effects and Motion Graphics 11



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Purpose

Board Authority Authorized Courses (BAA):

- respond to the local needs of students in schools/communities
- help to provide flexibility and choice for students

BOARD AUTHORITY AUTHORIZED COURSE ORDER :

School Act, sections 168 (2) (b) and (t)



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Guiding Principles

- courses **are** guided by specific Ministry of Education requirements (BAA Requirements and Procedures Handbook, BC Ministry of Education, 2012)
- courses **are** elective credits (grades 10-12) that count towards graduation in the 2004 Graduation Program
- courses **can not** be used toward the Adult Graduation Program
- courses **do not** have pre-requisites
- educators submit BAA courses following the Ministry guidelines:
 - Clear course description –specific curriculum/instruction/assessment framework
 - District and NVTa review
 - Approval from Superintendent and the Board
 - Final approval from the Ministry



Success of BAA Courses in North Vancouver

- **102** courses have been developed
- approximately **85** courses are in active use this year in NVSD Secondary Schools
- BAA courses are varied:
 - Meet different learning needs
 - Different subject areas and interests
 - special education
 - outdoor recreation
 - environmental studies
 - drama
 - music
 - leadership
 - interpersonal skills



Five BAA Course Submissions:

for use in the 2015-2016 school year

Art Metal Advanced 12: *Bryan Taylor, Argyle Secondary*

- Builds upon skills from Art Metal 10 and 11
- Advanced jewelry making and sculpture
- Popular elective for students
- Meets the Applied Skills Graduation requirement

Global Education 12: *Andrea Yeo, Seycove Secondary*

- Rigorous preparation for a 12 day field trip to a developing country
- Integration of geography, history, cultural studies and service learning
- Students will actively support a community in need: building homes, volunteering for community initiatives etc.

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Psychology 12: *Andrea Yeo, Seycove Secondary*

- Builds upon skills taught in Psychology 11
- In-depth look at the 5 major psychological domains
- Excellent preparation for students interested in studying psychology at post-secondary

Survival Skills for the Classroom and Beyond: *Keith Gallant, Choices Teacher at Handsworth*

- Targeting at-risk youth, specifically at Mountainside and in the Choices programs
- Combination of self-regulation of behaviour, personal reflection and learning survival skills
- Actively participate in an extended outdoor experience (7-10 days) of hiking and camping

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Visual Effects and Motion Graphics 11: *Murray Bulger, Argyle Digital Media Academy*

- Provides foundational skills to support the current Visual Effects 12 course
- Continuum of learning in the DMA program: fills in a gap
- Bridges the gap between film, animation and graphic design



Questions

