

POLICY: ADULT EDUCATION CODE: AEVS-3

Origin: Adult Education and Vocational Services

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MANDATE

 Adult Education and Vocational Services shall ensure that the Board provides adults in its territory with educational and cultural services in accordance with the law and government regulations and within the adult education policy of the School Board.

2. As a corollary to the above, the School Board shall strive to serve the greatest number of individuals as competitively as possible within a balanced budget.

Duties and Powers of Adult Education Services

- 1. The Board shall maintain an Adult Education Standing Committee* to develop and to recommend to the Board general and specific policies for Adult Education.
- 2. As an institution with responsibility for continuing education, the Board shall give to adult education the same degree of recognition as it gives to elementary and secondary education. The Adult Education and Vocational Services, as an integral part of the Education Division, shall cooperate with the other sectors of the Board so as to benefit the education of all students within the School Board.
- 3. The Board shall maintain a close liaison with other institutions offering adult and continuing education.
- 4. For the purposes of providing educational services, the Board shall consider as adults those who can no longer be registered in the elementary and secondary sector, and who otherwise conform to government regulations.

^{*} Please note that subsequent to the adoption of this policy, the Adult Education Standing Committee was abolished and has been replaced by the Adult Education and Vocational Services Advisory Committee.

- 5. The Board recognizes that all adults should have access to continuing education and that, in order to attain optimal human potential, adults are the principal agents of their own educational evolution. In consideration of this, the Adult Education and Vocational Services shall encourage and foster the use of andragogical principles in its teaching methodology wherever suitable to the students and/or subject matter.
- 6. The Board shall offer adult education instruction in either English or French in as many areas of the Board's territory as feasible, within the Board's financial resources, within government regulations and where there is a demonstrable demand for such services.
- 7. Educational service shall, as the Board's financial resources and government regulations permit, respond to the educational needs of communities, groups and individuals, by providing academic, technical/vocational, sociocultural, basic education and language courses within the framework of the budget rules for adult education. These communities, groups and individuals can include the illiterate, the handicapped, the needy, senior citizens, special education students, ethnic groups, prison inmates and any other such communities, groups or individuals who request the above services.
- 8. The Adult Education and Vocational Services shall consider for implementation specific community-based proposals for projects which shall operate on a cost-effective principle.
- 9. The recruitment, employment and assignment of instructional personnel shall be conducted according to administrative procedures adopted by the Board or in conformity with the appropriate collective agreement.
- 10. The Board shall constantly strive to improve its services to the adult community and, to that end, shall endeavour to initiate revenue-generating courses and to seek other additional sources of funding for the general benefit of the entire adult community it serves.