



SCHOOL INITIATED COURSE (SIC)

A school wishing to implement a School Initiated Course (SIC) will present the following information to the Superintendent's Department for consideration:

1. Rationale

- Does the SIC/SIP meet student and/or community needs?
- Does the SIC/SIP differ significantly (more than 50 percent) from the provincial curriculum?
- Is the justification for the course/project provided?

2. Student Learning Outcomes

- Are general and specific student learning outcomes identified?
- Do student learning outcomes include knowledge, skills, and attitudes?
- Are the student learning outcomes clearly written?
- Are the student learning outcomes achievable?

3. Content Outline and Time Allotments

- Is the content appropriate for 110 hours (1 credit) or 55 hours (.5 credit)?
- Are the topics/themes clearly identified?
- Are suggested times allotted to each topic appropriate?

4. Learning Approaches and Strategies

- Do the learning approaches and strategies facilitate student acquisition of the intended learning outcomes?
- Are the learning approaches and strategies varied?
- Are the learning approaches and strategies appropriate to the Senior Years students or the adult learner?

5. Assessment Strategies

- Are classroom-based assessment strategies varied?
- Are the assessment methods appropriate?
- Is there provision for ongoing feedback and continuous improvement to meet the student learning outcomes?

6. Learning Resources and Bibliography

- Are relevant instructional resources identified and available?
- Are the resources socially and culturally appropriate?
- Are the learning resources suitable for the Senior Years student or the adult learner?
- Do the resources support the learning approaches and strategies?