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### **STUDENT INITIATED PROJECT (SIP)**

Student Initiated Projects (SIPs) are projects initiated by a student in areas of special interest not provided for in the senior years curriculum. The Board encourages senior students' consideration of SIP programs.

#### **Guidelines**

NOTE: These Guidelines are in addition to the prescribed 1995 Guidelines issued by Manitoba Education.

- a) A maximum of three SIP credits will be accepted for graduation purposes. Successive SIPs must show significant diversity or progression to justify accreditation.
- b) Every SIP must have a Teacher advisor and Principal or Vice-Principal attached to it.
- c) Students will need to take the initiative to approach the Teacher of their choice to be the staff advisor.
- d) A SIP proposal has to be discussed with the Principal or Vice-Principal and approved by the Principal and Superintendent's Department prior to starting the course.
- e) All SIP proposals must be submitted to the Superintendent's Department on the prescribed form (IFB-E2).
- f) Credits will be given on a half course (55 hours) and full course basis (110 hours).
- g) Students may take any number of SIPs, but only three will be accepted for graduation purposes. All expenses over and above those usually supported by the School Division are to be borne by the student.
- h) In recognition of the value of the activities conducted by community organizations, up to two credits can be attained for graduation purposes. Where proposals involve community organizations, the proposal must indicate what is special and different from the main program offered by that organization.
- i) The materials covered in SIP courses must be of a level of difficulty equivalent to that of regular high school courses.
- j) Ideally, a SIP should start in the fall term of a school year and should be completed by June 15th of the following year (if credit is required for graduation purposes), or by the end of August for other grade levels. Extension may be approved on an individual basis.



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- k) The student must apply in writing to the School Principal at least eight weeks prior to the beginning of the term for which the project is proposed. The application must state the nature of the project.
- l) The Superintendent will advise the Curriculum, Program, and Instruction Committee of the Board of his/her decision regarding the proposed project.