

## **EDUCATION: PROGRAMS**

## **Policy 512.3 (previously 602.3)**

### **Locally Developed Courses**

The School Act empowers the Board to "approve educational resource materials and other supplies and services for use by students". Rules and orders of the Ministry provide that the Board may approve a course and materials only if: (1) a recommendation has been made by the Superintendent of Schools; (2) procedures have been devised for selection and approval of instructional materials; and (3) a course description and a list of proposed materials have been sent to the Ministry by the Superintendent of Schools at least three months before the course is due to begin. Final authority for course approval, however, rests with the Board, at a regular Board meeting open to the public.

Locally developed courses may not be used to replace - only to supplement - required courses.

Recognizing the difference in students' educational interests and future goals, the Board will, within the limits of available resources, offer courses in addition to those required by the Ministry of Education. School staffs are encouraged to research and develop proposals suitable to local needs, and to provide ongoing evaluation of those that have been approved by the Board.