Adopted: 05 March 1990

Policy
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.