

COURSE CHALLENGES

Background

The Division believes that students, who can demonstrate extensive study or have acquired proficient skill levels in a high school course, may challenge that course. Course challenges apply to non-diploma examination courses and only to the school-awarded mark component of diploma examination courses.

Procedures

1. Challenges shall be initiated by the student by providing the principal of the school with a written request indicating his/her intent.
2. The student shall provide evidence to support the application for course challenge. The evidence, e.g. a portfolio, statement of experience, certificate of achievement, must accompany the letter.
3. The principal shall make the final decision about the student's readiness for a course challenge in accordance with Appendix 3 of the Alberta Education Guide to Education.
4. The principal shall assign the assessment of the student's course challenge to a certified teacher with expertise in the area.
5. The student may only challenge a course once.
6. High schools shall include these procedures and locally developed policies in their Student/Parent Handbook.
7. The following courses may not be challenged:
 - Math 10 Prep
 - Special Projects 10, 20, 30
 - Work Experience 15, 25, 35
 - CTS Courses completed in grades 7, 8, 9
 - Learning Strategies 15, 25, 35

References:

Guide to Education: ECS to Grade 12, Appendix 3
Funding Manual for School Authorities
Alberta Program of Studies