

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Cheryle Beaumont, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: Specialty Academy Fees

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RECOMMENDATION

That the amended fee structure for Specialty Academies,
as attached, be approved.

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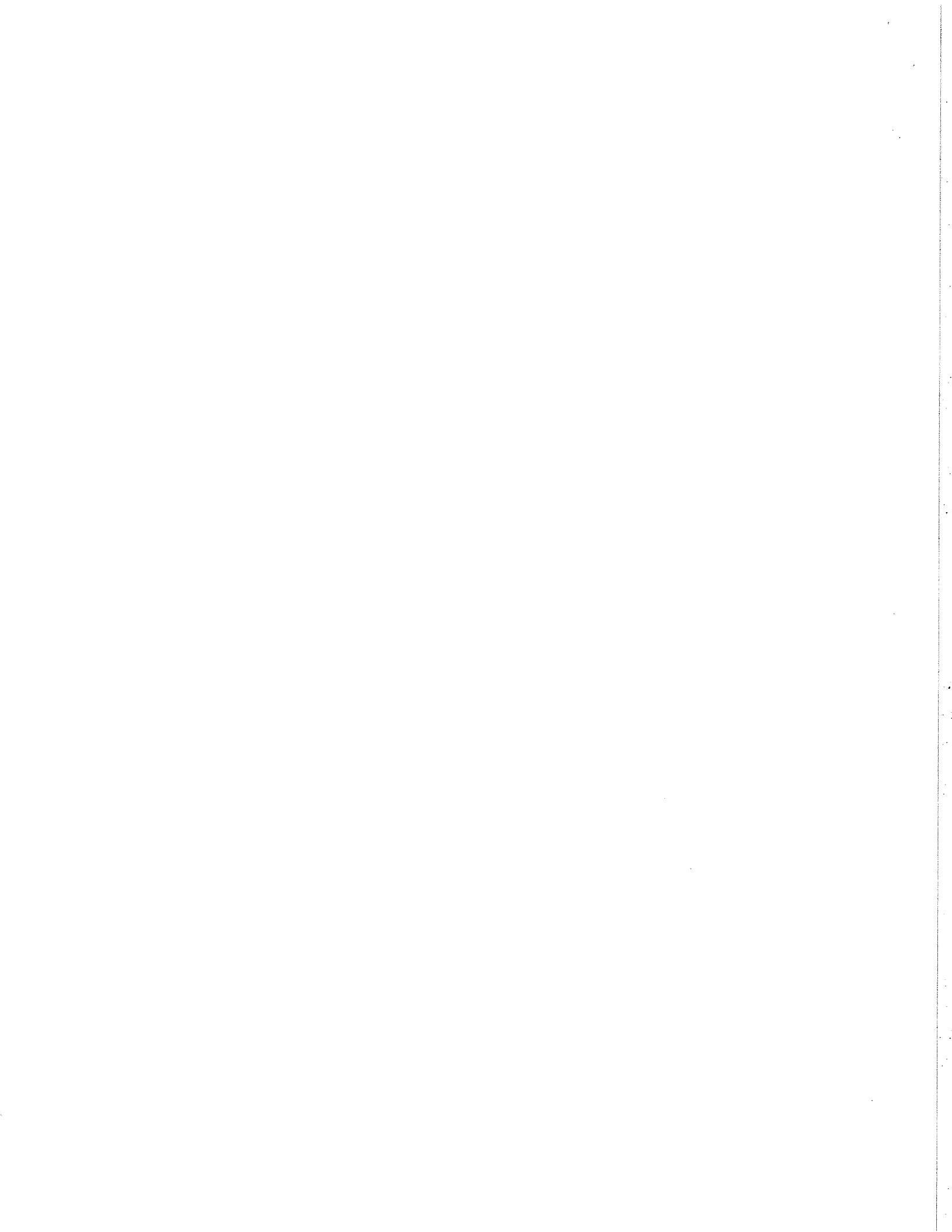
Background

Legislation was passed in 2007 altering school district's practice with regard to charging fees. The allowable charges are set out in the Board's policy and the School Act with regard to the specialty academies (at present academies operate at Langley Secondary, Aldergrove Community Secondary, Langley Fine Arts and Walnut Grove Secondary). The Ministry of Education has provided regulations governing the criteria for the establishment of an academy. Specifically, the criteria are:

1. *Additional learning outcomes. The program must meet learning outcomes that are additional to those required of a standard educational program and must reflect an emphasis on a particular sport, activity, or subject area*
2. *Particular subject area. If emphasizing a particular subject area, the subject area must be: Applied Skills, Fine Arts, Language Arts, Mathematics, Physical Education, Science or Social Studies.*
3. *Minimum credit hours or hours of instruction in the particular sport, activity or subject area. A one year program must include at least 240 hours or 8 credits. A multi-year program must include at least 120 hours or 4 credits in each year.*

The schools involved re-affirmed their academies with their SPCs this spring. The academies involved are outlined in the attachment.

The Board will note that the schools have complied with the expectation of the ministerial order governing specialty academies.



Attachment – Specialty Academies

Hockey Canada Skills Academy at Aldergrove Community Secondary

This program follows the Hockey Canada Skills Academy guidelines for students. The program is in the sixth year at ACSS and is open to all students grade 8 to 12. The curriculum allows students to pursue excellence in hockey as well as develop skills for lifelong learning. The Outcomes for Physical Education are met in this course and the Provincial mandate to encourage healthy lifestyles is pursued. Fitness, Nutrition, Leadership and Skill Development are some of the components of this course. This course is open to all students grade 8 to 12 regardless of gender or ability. Special arrangements are made for students that may have difficulty paying for the course. These situations are evaluated on a case by case basis and assistance is offered when there is a need.

Age of Students Involved: 13 to 18

Current Year Enrolment: 29

Multi-Year Program

Courses Offered/Credit Received: P.E. Full 4 Credits

Fees charged: \$575 covers specialized instruction and instructional equipment, ice time, equipment transportation and special events. This fee remains unchanged from 2008-09.

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Secondary Fine Arts Academies of Dance, Music, Media Arts (Photography and Writing), Theatre and Visual Arts at Langley Fine Arts School

Academy of Dance – includes modern ballet, jazz, choreography, anatomy, hip-hop, dance explorations and dance company.

Academy of Music – includes instrumental and vocal components: chamber music, orchestral, jazz, choral, large ensemble, composition, theory, critical analysis and music history.

Academy of Media Arts – includes creative and journalistic writing, critical analysis, editing, layout, graphics, desktop publishing, photography and technology.

Academy of Theatre – includes acting, scriptwriting, directing, stagecraft, video, film, critical analysis and theatre history.

Academy of Visual Arts – includes drawing, painting, sculpture, multi-media, ceramics, fabric, printmaking, anatomy, art history, critical analysis and portfolio presentation.

Courses Offered/Credit Received:

Grade 8 students choose 2 of Dance, Drama, Music and Visual Arts as their Fine Arts Majors. Each Major is 6 hours per week, for a total of 12 hours of Fine Arts courses per week. Students may take up to 6 hours of out-of-timetable electives as well. These students receive a minimum of 16 Fine Arts Credits and can take up to 28 Fine Arts Credits per year.

Grade 9 and 10 students choose 1 of Dance, Drama, Music and Visual Arts as their Fine Arts Major for concentration. Students in Grade 9 and 10 are in their Major for 6 hours per week. They take an additional 6 hours of in-timetable electives and may select additional courses outside of the timetable. These students receive a minimum of 16 Fine Arts Credits and can take up to 28 Fine Arts Credits per year.

Grade 11 and 12 students choose 1 of Dance, Drama, Music, Photography, Writing and Visual Arts as their Fine Arts Graduation Major, with 9 hours per week in this Major and 3 to 6 hours per week in additional Fine Arts elective courses. Students may take up to 6 hours of out-of-timetable electives as well. These students receive 8 Fine Arts Credits, 4 for Graduation Transitions/Arts Portfolio and as many as 12-14 other senior elective course credits per year.

The fee structure is designed to ensure equity of access for all students in our Grade 8-12 Arts Program. In all instances, hardship policies apply.

Age of Students Involved: 13 to 18

Current Year Enrolment: 525

Multi-Year Program

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Academy Fees at Langley Fine Arts School help to support the arts-based courses that are available to students. These course fees help to offset the costs associated with offering enriched arts programs. The fees assist in purchasing specific supplies, to provide guest artist experiences, to help repair instruments and to support key technology needs.

The fee structure has been adjusted to reflect current costs and expenditures, and has been tightened to demonstrate groups of courses that have similar funding needs.

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Academy Fees – Major

Dance 8	\$30
Drama 8	\$50
Music 8	\$40
Visual Arts 8	\$30
Dance 9/10	\$50
Drama 9/10	\$60
Music 9/10	\$40
Visual Arts 9/10	\$50
Dance 11/12	\$50
Theatre 11/12	\$90
Music 11/12	\$50
Photography 11/12	\$110
Visual Arts 11/12	\$60
Writing 11/12	\$60

Elective Course Fees

Performance Courses (Junior - Semestered)

Choreography 9/10	\$25
Dance Fusion 9/10	\$25
Urban Dance 9/10	\$25
Musical Theatre 9/10	\$25
Improvisation 9/10	\$25
Acting on Camera 9/10	\$25

Materials-based Courses (Junior – Semestered)

Stagecraft 9/10	\$30
Drawing & Painting 9/10	\$30
Multimedia 9/10	\$30
Ceramics 9/10	\$30

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Technology-based Courses (Junior – Semestered)

Photography 9/10	\$60
Video Production Level 1	\$40
Video Production Level 2	\$40

Senior Elective Courses (Year-long)

Digital Media Arts 11/12	\$50
Film & Media Studies 11/12	
* Media Performance	\$25
* Film 11	\$50
* Film Advanced 12	\$50
Photography 11/12	\$75
Fabric & Fibre 11/12	\$50
Sculpture 11/12	\$50
Advanced Placement Vis Art	\$60
Choreography 11/12	\$40

Music Ensembles – Non-Majors

All Ensembles	\$25
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All Secondary Academy Students

Cultural Fee	\$20
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Hockey Canada Skills Academy at Langley Secondary School

Offered outside of the timetable (7:00 AM), the Hockey Canada Skills Academy is an athlete-centered program aimed at developing the whole athlete. The goal is to enhance a player's confidence and self-esteem while giving them opportunities in both academics and athletics beyond the primary and secondary school system.

The role of the academy is to provide additional training for minor-aged players, male or female, beginner or advanced, competitive or recreational who are registered with their local hockey association.

This program is sanctioned for operation by Hockey Canada and the BCAHA. All instructors are fully trained at the NCCP Intermediate Level.

Age of Students Involved: 11 to 18

Current Year Enrolment: 22 from LSS + 4 from other schools

One-Year Program AND Multi-Year Program

Courses Offered/Credit Received: Hockey (YHKAC 9-12) – 4 credits per semester
+ P.E. credit

Fees charged: \$750 per semester (can be paid monthly) covers specialized instruction and instructional equipment, ice time, equipment transportation and special events. A review of associated costs has resulted in a \$50 reduction in fees for the 2000-10 school year.

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EDGE Academy at Walnut Grove Secondary School

The Walnut Grove EDGE Academy is an integrated studies approach that combines a multitude of environmental and wilderness experiences that enhances the teaching of existing programs.

The program is founded on a blending of classroom-based activities and wilderness outings. In many cases, the wilderness trips will be used to gather information and data that will be later used in the classroom. In other cases, the wilderness activities will in fact become the classroom with readings, lectures, research, journal writing and classroom instruction happening at the wilderness site.

Along with a number of day outings, the EDGE Academy will involve 3 extended field trips in September (3 days), January (4 days) and April (4 days). Students are timetabled into classes in such a way as to minimize loss of class time in non-EDGE subjects.

Age of Students: 16

Current Enrollment: 73 grade 11 students

One-Year Program

Courses Offered/Credit Received:

Students in the EDGE Academy will be enrolled in English 11 EDGE, Social Studies 11 EDGE, Physical Education 11 EDGE and Biology 11 EDGE. These 4 courses will be scheduled into one full day of the timetable block cycle. Students select 4 additional courses for the other day. EDGE classes are taught by 4 EDGE teachers who are responsible for integration of the curricula. At the end of the year students will have met all ministry requirements for English 11, Social 11, PE 11 and Biology 11 and will receive 4 credits for each.

Fees charged:

Due to the high cost of the wilderness outings, a fee of \$650 will be charged to each student. Funds cover cost of transportation, camp registrations and accommodations on all trips. The hardship policy applies to our students enrolled.

Rationale for fee increase:

Fees have been increased because costs, such as transportation, entrance fees and accommodations, which are associated with the wilderness outings, have increased.