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**Locally Developed/Acquired & Authorized Courses**

**BACKGROUND**

In Alberta, courses can be developed, acquired and authorized by school authorities to provide students with learning opportunities that complement, but do not duplicate, provincially authorized programs. These courses, called locally developed courses, allow school authorities to be innovative and responsive at the local level.

CAPE's charter vision and the mission that flows from it dictate the establishment of courses specifically designed to address academic and personal skills which promote world citizenry, awareness of and respect for world cultures, and the development of a social conscience. These courses enrich the mandated authorized core and complementary courses.

**POLICY STATEMENT**

1. The CAPE Charter Board supports the development of locally developed courses that support CAPE's vision, mission, and goals and, with authorization from Alberta Education, the delivery of these courses within the Total Integration teaching philosophy and practice.

**DEFINITIONS**

2. **Complementary courses** - include all courses that are developed, acquired and authorized at the local level.
3. **Mandated authorized core courses** - what students must learn as specified within the Alberta curriculum and Programs of Study.
3. **World citizenry** - the idea of all persons having rights and civic responsibilities that come with being a member of the world, with whole-world philosophy and sensibilities, rather than as a **citizen** of a particular nation or place.
4. **world cultures** - the characteristics and knowledge of the various groups of people, encompassing language, religion, cuisine, social habits, music and arts.
5. **social conscience** - a sense of responsibility or concern for the problems and injustices of society.

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**GUIDELINES**

6. The Principal, under the guidance and supervision of the Superintendent, shall establish locally developed courses that promote and support:
  - 6.1 the academic development of the students;
  - 6.2 the physical, emotional and social development of the students;
  - 6.3 the development of world citizenry, awareness of and respect for world cultures, and the development of a social conscience; the development of personal and interpersonal skills;
  - 6.4 the development of skills and attitudes necessary for physical, emotional, and social well-being.
7. These locally developed courses are to be integrated into the major core areas of study.
8. Individualized teaching and learning must also apply to these locally developed courses.
9. The needs of individual students will be identified through CAPE's Assessment Program, student/teacher/parent interaction and/or classroom observation.
10. Course development, implementation and evaluation will be consistent with Alberta Education guidelines, and the CAPE charter.
11. Course development and delivery is under the direct supervision of the Principal.
12. Courses must receive the approval of the Superintendent prior to implementation.

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**References:**

*School Act, Section*

*CAPE charter*

*Guide to Education*

*Alberta Education Policy 1.2.1 – Locally Developed/Acquired and Authorized Junior and Senior High School Complementary Courses (2003)*

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