


**Background**

The Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education supports opportunities for all students to acquire and maintain languages other than English.

**Procedures**

1. Schools wishing to expand their second language offerings need to notify the Superintendent of Schools at least six months in advance of the new programs' implementation.
2. Accompanying the notification notice will be an implementation plan which will detail:
  - 2.1 How many grades will have access to the programming
  - 2.2 How many hours of instruction will be offered
  - 2.3 Process for implementation
  - 2.4 Availability of resources and staff
  - 2.5 Potential impact on school budget and staffing cohort

<p><b>Reference:</b></p> <p>Education Act Section 12, 45, 222</p>	<p><b>Approved:</b></p> 
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*Note: References shall be updated as required and do not require additional approval*