



## Memorandum

**Date:** May 15, 2020  
**To:** Education and Student Services Committee  
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**Info Item:** Academies Offered in the Central Okanagan Public Schools

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### 1.0 ISSUE STATEMENT

Policy 540 - Proposals For Substantive Change (Distinct Schools, Unique Programs And Specialty Academies)

The Board of Education is committed to serving the diverse educational needs of students while focusing on student achievement. The Board may, within the parameters of provincially prescribed and/or locally developed curriculum, support school, parent and/or community-initiated educational programs, or Proposals for Substantive Change which provide a particular educational emphasis and/or philosophy. Depending on the actual program established, there may or may not be a charge associated with provision of the program; however, the District's financial hardship policy (Policy 425 and 425R: Student Fees) will apply. Should schools want to establish a distinct school, unique program or specialty academy, the Superintendent must first be consulted and then a proposal for substantive change must be approved by the Parent Advisory Council and submitted to the Board of Education for final approval. In order to be considered for implementation at the beginning of September, the Board must receive the proposal by no later than the last day of February.

Specialty Academy - An educational program, at the middle and secondary level, that emphasizes a particular sport, activity or subject area, and meets the prescribed criteria set out in the regulations (BC Ministry of Education Specialty Academy Criteria Regulation 219/08 dated September 30, 2016). Fees may be charged with respect to the direct costs incurred in providing the specialty academy which are above the costs of a standard educational program.

### 2.0 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In the Central Okanagan Public Schools, there are 7 academies currently being offered in the middle schools and 21 academies currently being offered in the high schools.

### 3.0 DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

With the intent to graduate each student with dignity, purpose, and options, the Board of Education's approved academies provides more opportunity for students to explore their interests, skills and passions while attending school.

### 4.0 APPENDIX

A. Central Okanagan Public Schools Academy Listing 2019-2020

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| School                   | Academy Name                 | Academy Description  | Total Enrolled | Teacher | Hired Instructor | Semester Offered (1, 2 or Both)                 | Cost per Student                   |
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| <b>Middle Schools</b>    |                              |  |                |         |                  |   |                                    |
| Canyon Falls             | Hockey Canada Skills Academy | Grade 7 & 8 program offering hockey skill development. On ice instructors are Hockey Canada certified with professional and semi-professional experience. The student to instructor ratio is 7:1. Students receive PE credits for the academy.   | 21             | X       | X                | Linear full year<br>50 hours of ice time        | \$1,100                            |
| CNB                      | Outdoor Education            | This elective class (4 each semester) is run similar to a PE class but is an outdoor education program.  | 110            | X       | X                | 1 or 2  | \$160                              |
| DRK                      | Golf Academy 9               | Classes visit golf courses and practice facilities several times during the school year.   | 28             | X       | X                | Linear full year                                | \$350                              |
| DRK                      | Soccer Academy 9             | Classes visit indoor turf facilities several times during the school year.   | 27             | X       | X                | Linear  | \$450                              |
| GMS                      | Hockey Academy               | Grade 6-9 program offering hockey skill development. Hockey Academy occurs for 3-hour blocks every other day. Students receive 250+ hours of high-performance hockey training and instruction per year and up to 150 hours of ice time per year. Students can expect professional power skating instruction, sport-specific strength and conditioning and cross fit sessions from certified trainers, off-ice instruction for hockey systems, sport nutrition, sport psychology and performance, leadership and goal setting, anatomy and periodization to maximize sport performance. Students also receive individualized academic monitoring, support and mentoring. Students receive credits for PE and Applied Design, Skills and Technology. | 41             | X       | X                | Linear full year<br>Up to 150 hours of ice time | \$1,600                            |
| KLO                      | Hockey Canada Skills Academy | Grade 8 & 9 program offering hockey skill development. On ice instructors are Hockey Canada certified with professional and semi-professional experience. The student to instructor ratio is 7:1. Students receive PE credits for the academy.   | 29             | X       | X                | Linear full year<br>50 hours of ice time        | \$1,000                            |
| SMS                      | Outdoor Education Academy    | Students participate in a variety of outdoor and indoor sports activities.   | 39             | X       |                  | 1 or 2  | \$225                              |
| <b>Secondary Schools</b> |                              |  |                |         |                  |   |                                    |
| GESS                     | Hockey Academy               | Grade 9 - 12 program offering hockey skill development. On ice instructors are Hockey Canada certified with professional and semi-professional experience. The student to instructor ratio is 15:1. Students receive PE credits for the academy.   | 20             | X       | X                | 1   | \$600 (skaters)<br>\$300 (goalies) |

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| KSS    | Academy of Indigenous Studies | A full 20-credit program that can be taken by all Central Okanagan Public Schools' students throughout grades 10 to 12. Courses include English First Peoples Literary Studies, and Indigenous Leadership and Culture.   | 26             | X       |                  | Both                                    | 0  |
| MBSS   | Academy of Indigenous Studies | A full 20-credit program that can be taken by all Central Okanagan Public Schools' students throughout grades 10 to 12. Courses include English First Peoples Literary Studies, Indigenous Leadership and Culture, Okanagan Language, Indigenous Art Studio, and Contemporary Indigenous Studies.  | 143            | X       |                  | Both                                    | 0  |
| MBSS   | Baseball Academy 9-12         | The Baseball Academy operates outside the timetable due to parks availability, from September to the end of November and March to the middle of June. Students will be able to pursue their passion for baseball by developing their offensive and defensive mechanics and overall skill levels. The course will include some inter-squad games to enhance teamwork and game experience. Players will also participate in physical training, weights and fitness, and nutrition classes. | 27             | X       |                  | Linear OTT (Outside the Timetable)      | \$130  |
| MBSS   | Golf Academy 9-12             | Students will receive instruction from fully accredited Canadian Professional Golfers' Association (CPGA) professionals. Students who undertake this user pay academy will be practicing and playing during the months of September, October, April, May, and June. A theory and fitness component will be added through the winter months of December, January, and February.   | 25             | X       | X                | Linear OTT (Outside the Timetable)      | \$150-\$375 cost depends if student has membership to golf courses |
| MBSS   | Hockey Canada Skills Academy  | Grade 9 - 12 program offering hockey skill development. On ice instructors are Hockey Canada certified with professional and semi-professional experience. The student to instructor ratio is 7:1. Students receive PE credits for the academy.  | 25             | X       | X                | Semester 1 or 2<br>50 hours of ice time | \$850 (no bussing cost)  |
| MBSS   | Jr Firefighting Academy       | Students who can make a firm commitment to an exciting and unique program are encouraged to join the Mount Boucherie Secondary/West Kelowna Fire Rescue (WKFR) Junior Firefighting Academy. The Introduction to Firefighting course is derived from components of the Justice Institute of British Columbia's Exterior Fire Fighter Operations certification and supplementary units from our text: IFSTA: Essentials of Firefighting. Students will learn                               | 15             | X       |                  | 1 & Linear OTT (Outside the Timetable)  | \$300  |

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|        |                             | both in-class theory as well as hands-on skills, during mandatory Thursday evening practices at WKFR Station #34. Students will get a head start learning the required knowledge, communication skills, work-ethic, teamwork skills, and attitude necessary to further pursue additional Fire Training at various NFPA recognized training programs throughout Canada and the US, or even to enter an exciting career in any of the other emergency services. Students will have opportunities to become involved in the community, build confidence, increase inter-personal skills, and make connections with the community during participation in WKFR initiatives such as public education at schools, fundraising, and fire prevention week campaigns. Through this course, students will receive certification in Emergency First Aid with AED and CPR training, B.C. Wildfire Service Forest Fire Suppression Fundamentals and Safety, and Fire Behavior, and will participate in Live Fire training at North Okanagan Fire Training Centre. The program is an amalgamation of up to three courses: Intro to Firefighting, Work Experience 12A, and Fitness & Conditioning 11/12, and is open to students in grade 11 or 12. |                |         |                  |                                 |                  |
| MBSS   | Outdoor Education Academy 9 | Students in Outdoor Ed 9 will explore a variety of topics through a combination of classroom-based instruction and Outdoor Education activities. Students' creative and critical thinking skills will be challenged while they complete many activities and learn about their own personal and social responsibility. Out of class activities include hiking, rock climbing, water safety, scuba diving, snowshoeing, x-country skiing, winter camping, archery, and a multi-day hiking trip. In class activities will include an avalanche awareness course, digital scrapbooking, trip planning, meal planning, knots, bear safety, and animal awareness.  | 113            | X       |                  | 1 or 2                          | \$250            |
| MBSS   | Soccer Academy 9-12         | This program is open to players of all ability levels. Students applying to this program should have a strong interest in improving their individual and team soccer skills, and have a desire to increase their personal fitness level, confidence, and roles as leaders. Students will develop these aspects by focusing on the curricular competencies: technical and tactical development, personal  | 49             | X       |                  | 1                               | \$200            |

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|        |  | growth, and healthy lifestyle. Prospective students must be prepared to show strong work ethic and teamwork. Students who take both levels of this course will be expected to advance upon their skills and curricular competencies, and further develop their leadership skills.  |                |         |                  |  |                  |
| OKM    | Golf Academy                                   | The golf program is intended to provide students with an opportunity to further enhance their golf skills and to grow personally both on and off the course. An OKM teacher plus two to three Canadian Professional Golf Association instructors will be with the students for each session. On course classes will be held at a local golf course.  | 30             | X       | X                | 2  | \$975            |
| OKM    | Hockey Canada Skills Academy                   | Grade 8 - 12 program offering hockey skill development. On ice instructors are Hockey Canada certified with professional and semi-professional experience. The student to instructor ratio is 7:1. Students receive PE credits for the academy.  | 22             | X       | X                | Semester 1 or 2<br>50 hours of ice time                        | \$1,100          |
| OKM    | Hockey Canada Skills Academy - Advanced Skills | Grade 9 - 12 program offering hockey skill development for players wanting a higher level of training. On ice instructors are Hockey Canada certified with professional and semi-professional experience. The student to instructor ratio is 7:1. Students receive PE credits for the academy.   | 44             | X       | X                | Full year (first and second semester)<br>100 hours of ice time | \$2,300          |
| OKM    | Soccer Academy                                 | The soccer program is intended to provide students with an opportunity to further enhance their soccer skills and to grow personally both on and off the field. An OKM teacher plus one to three certified soccer instructor(s) will be on the field for each session.   | 55             | X       | X                | 1 or 2   | \$550            |
| OKM    | Swim Academy                                   | The goal of Swimming Academy 9 is to build students' physical and emotional well-being through the promotion of active living, movement and leadership skills in an aquatic environment. Students will develop an appreciation for personal fitness, the development of life-long physical activity and healthy lifestyle. Students will have the opportunity to engage in a variety of activities to further develop their knowledge and skills with respect to water comfort, breath control, kicking, strokes, diving and water safety. Students will be provided with field studies around the local community, qualified coaches as well as fitness instructors for dryland training. | 30             | X       | X                | 1 or 2   | \$550            |

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| RSS    | Academy of Indigenous Studies | A full 20-credit program that can be taken by all Central Okanagan Public Schools' students throughout grades 10 to 12. Courses include English First Peoples Literary Studies and Indigenous Leadership and Culture.   | 40             | X       |                  |                                 | 0                |
| RSS    | Baseball Academy              | Students enrolled have a unique opportunity to participate in a program that allows them to develop and improve their baseball skills and gain course credits. RSS Baseball Academy is based on a number of principles: strictly supplementary to Minor Baseball; provides additional training for minor baseball players; focus is on individual skill development and academic achievement. This academy accepts any student in grade 9-12. Students will earn 4 course credits for participation in the RSS Baseball Academy. Instruction is provided through well trained instructors. The program will run in first semester for 5 months beginning in September each year. Students from other Central Okanagan schools can participate by cross-enrolling into the RSS Baseball Academy class and building it into their home school schedule. | 20             | X       | X                | 1                               | \$1,200          |
| RSS    | Equine Academy (for 2020-21)  | Equine Learning is a learner established educational, experiential program facilitated within a group format and focuses on ground activities rather than horseback riding. More specifically it is a hands-on academy, which promotes individual and/or group growth. Students participate in objectively driven exercises/activities with the animals and find themselves learning valuable life skills in an outdoor atmosphere. The goal of the academy is to help provide life-skills, employment skills, relationship building skills, communication skills, increase empathy and resilience, reduce anxiety, and increase self-confidence, allowing students to be more successful and confident moving forward in their current educational studies and future post secondary endeavors.  |                | X       | X                | 2                               | \$700            |
| RSS    | Golf Academy (for 2020-21)    | Students develop a passion for active living and health by increasing their knowledge and skills in the sport of Golf. The program is intended to provide students with the opportunity to be introduced to the sport or to continue developing skills in golf. They will be expected to play golf outside of school time, be positive role models and  |                | X       | X                | 2                               | \$925            |

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|        |                              | representatives of RSS, and our district. They will be encouraged to work/volunteer at local facilities involved in golf and to mentor/assist younger or more inexperienced players.  |                |         |                  |   |                              |
| RSS    | Hockey Canada Skills Academy | Grade 9 - 12 program offering hockey skill development. On ice instructors are Hockey Canada certified with professional and semi-professional experience. The student to instructor ratio is 7:1. Students receive PE credits for the academy.   | 28             | X       | X                | Semester 1 or 2<br>50 hours of ice time | \$1,000<br>(no bussing cost) |
| RSS    | Pre-Lifeguard Academy        | Students have the opportunity to earn certificates in Gr 11 for Standard First Aid, Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross and YMCA Water Safety Instructor. In Gr 12, they can earn certificates for National Life-Guard Pool, National Lifeguard Waterpark, Lifesaving Instructor, and YMCA Aquafit Instructor. | 27             | X       | X                | 1 or 2                                  | \$700                        |
| RSS    | Soccer Academy               | The RSS Soccer Academy provides students in the Rutland area with an opportunity to train at a high level with qualified Instructors.   | 53             | X       | X                | 1 or 2                                  | \$650                        |