

POLICY 411: Schools and Programs of Choice

The Board of Education for School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) recognizes its obligation, consistent with the School Act and relevant provincial legislation, to provide an educational program for all students of school age. It is the goal of the Board to offer programs promoting excellence in instruction and optimal achievement for all students.

The Board recognizes that there may be staff, parental and/or student interest in having the district make available District, school or program options with a particular philosophy, service delivery model, or focus. The Board believes that full consideration should be given to educational options for students where these options are sound and sustainable, and where the options clearly enhance educational opportunities available to students.

For the purposes of this policy, the term “options” refers to programs within a school, or entire school, or District programs, based on alternative educational models. Examples of such programs or models include outdoor programs, academies and the French Immersion Program. Any group or individual may present a proposal for a new educational option to the Board.

With regard to any Board-approved option, the Board will not generally provide a level of funding exceeding that which would normally be provided to that school or program.

The Board will provide to the applicant group/individual, any reasons for rejection of a proposal.

Subsequent to approving an option, or following implementation of an option, the Board may at any time in the current school year or in a future year, review the option to determine whether or under what conditions the option will continue to be approved.