

September 9, 2015

Attn: Counselling Department/Language Challenge Contact

The Delta School District on behalf of the Coast-Metro Challenge Consortium is again offering Language Challenge Exams for Grade 11 and 12 Language Courses. This year we will be offering Language Challenge Exams for the following courses: French 11/12, German 11/12, Japanese 11/12, Korean 11/12, Mandarin 11/12, Punjabi 11/12 and Spanish 11/12.

Please Note: To increase the accuracy of our data entry process we are asking all students to type in their applications online before printing and submitting to their counsellors – they can google “language challenge exams” to find our website
(<http://web.deltasd.bc.ca/content/schools/secondary/challengeexams>).

The following is a summary of the Ministry of Education policy governing the Challenge process. It is recommended that all counsellors read the Ministry policy in detail on the website.

1. All public school students (and Adults registered in the Adult Graduation Program) are entitled to a free challenge process for any course taught by their school district
2. The Ministry will fund every successfully completed course Challenge at the same rate as a 1-credit course (approximately \$225).
3. **Counsellors must do a pre-Challenge Equivalency review** (see Challenge website) before recommending students for a Challenge. www.bced.gov.bc.ca/policy/policies/earning_credit_through.htm.

The fees for the challenge exams are assessed in the following way:

- **Public school applicants and Adults who are registered in the Adult Grad Program** will not be charged any fees for the Language Challenge Exams; instead they pay a \$50 refundable deposit, to be refunded on exam day (forfeited if they do not show up for the exam). We bill school districts for the cost of the exam at \$155/applicant.
- **Independent School Students, International Students and Adult Students not registered for the Adult Grad Program** are not entitled to the free Challenge exams; they should attach a non-refundable \$155 cheque to the application. **All cheques are payable to Delta School District.**

Please take the time to read the “Information for School Counsellors” and familiarize yourself with the “Student Application Package” (attached). **We have included one copy of the Student Application Package; please do not photocopy it for students -- ask students to go on our website and complete the application online before printing it.**
(<http://web.deltasd.bc.ca/content/schools/secondary/challengeexams>).

Please note that the **deadline for receiving applications from students is October 30, 2015** (this not your deadline to send in Applications). Applications are then sent to your District contact (if a member of the Consortium) or mailed directly to us by November 13, 2015. Our exam dates are January 23 and 24, 2016 – please see schedule in the information package included. Please contact me if you require further information (604-952-5343).

Sincerely,



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