

District Specialty Programs

Application BRIEF

Guidelines

These guidelines are designed to assist in the preparation of proposals for new district specialty programs to be considered for introduction no earlier than September 2012. The Application Brief of no more than five pages should contain sufficient descriptive information to assist the decision-making process.

Preliminary Approval Process

Application Briefs will be considered by a broadly representative committee (established through the Towards the Future for Schools Standing Committee) and chaired by the Superintendent of Schools, to determine whether approval is to be provided on a preliminary basis. Applicants that receive preliminary approval will be contacted to arrange a meeting to discuss the proposed program in greater detail. This meeting will also include the identification of the next steps in the application process.

The Application Brief should include:

- A description of the need or demand for the proposed program within the school community and/or school district.
- An indication of support for the proposed program from teachers, administrators, and parents within the school and/or School District.
- The educational rationale for the program to be offered within the School District.
- The main educational goals of the program.
- The unique nature of the program that would add value to the school district.
- Implications of the proposed program, in terms of its impact on other school curricula or extracurricular offerings.
- A description of the delivery model of the program, including any potential partner organizations, or groups.
- How the program would be sustained in its operation.

All Application Briefs must be submitted to John Lewis, Superintendent of Schools, at Superintendent@nvds44.bc.ca , no later than October 28, 2011.

