

## **BILINGUAL INSTRUCTION: UKRAINIAN**

### **Background**

The existence of a Ukrainian Bilingual Program represents an educationally sound alternative program that would be available to the children of parents who wish to take advantage of such a program.

### **Procedures**

1. The Board approves the establishment and operation of a Ukrainian Bilingual Program for grades kindergarten to 6 in the Division when numbers warrant. In addition, the Board authorizes complementary class instruction in the Ukrainian language in grades 7 through 12 when numbers warrant.
2. Ukrainian Bilingual Program Guidelines
  - 2.1. In kindergarten to grade 6, instruction shall be in the Ukrainian language approximately fifty per cent (50%) of the school day. Some flexibility shall be granted at the primary levels to allow for language skill acquisition to develop.
  - 2.2. At the kindergarten to 6 level, instruction in Ukrainian is encouraged in the following subject areas:
    - 2.2.1. Ukrainian Language Arts;
    - 2.2.2. Religion;
    - 2.2.3. Social Studies;
    - 2.2.4. Music;
    - 2.2.5. Art;
    - 2.2.6. Health; and
    - 2.2.7. Physical Education.
  - 2.3. At the Junior High level instruction in Ukrainian will be presented through instruction in complimentary Language Arts and the core Religion program.
  - 2.4. In Senior High School instruction will be presented through the Ukrainian Language Arts 10, 20 and 30 core credit program.
  - 2.5. Teachers selected to teach in the bilingual program must have the ability to communicate and teach in both English and Ukrainian. Teachers must also have knowledge of second language acquisition, effective pedagogical practices, and

in-depth knowledge of differentiated instruction and assessment for learning. It is expected that those who teach in these programs have a knowledge of and appreciation for authentic Ukrainian culture.

Reference: *Education Act, SA 2012, c E-0.3*  
Guide to Education ECS to Grade 12