

# International Baccalaureate Program comes to River East

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River East has become the first school division in Manitoba and Saskatchewan to officially inaugurate the international Baccalaureate program as part of its curriculum. It is scheduled to begin for the fall term of 1982.

The stamp of approval was given by the board at their March 25 meeting. This marked the culmination of efforts by a special committee which was under the jurisdiction of Dr. Bob Cross, the Assistant Superintendent in charge of curriculum and overseen by the Education and Policy Committee chaired by Trustee Helen Mayba.

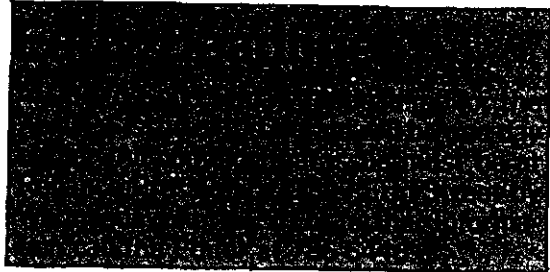
"We're very pleased and excited that the board has approved introduction of the program," Peter Friesen, Principal of Miles Macdonell Collegiate told the Herald. The Collegiate will be the central institution coordinating the division-wide program.

The I.B. program originated in Geneva Switzerland in 1967. It was in response to

## Easter Egg Hunt

Transcona Optimist Club annual Super Easter Egg Hunt will take place Sunday, April 19 starting at 7:30 a.m. at Crocus Park, Transcona. All children under 16 years of age are welcome.

A draw for a 10-speed bicycle will be held for all those in attendance.



the need of the children of diplomats to have a consistent education as they moved from one country to another. The resulting program was so well received because of its universal design, it became the secondary school curriculum in a number of schools throughout the world.

The program actually begins in grade eleven and continues for two years. Students must complete course work and achieve acceptable grades from exams administered outside of the division.

The course has six main categories plus two additional areas of study in order to achieve diploma status.

The student must study a first language, in the case of River East, English, from the standpoint of cultural and historical contexts and includes the comprehensive exploration of world literature in translation.

The study of a second language is done less intensively than first language studies.

Under the studies of man, the student chooses one subject from history, geography, economics, philosophy, psychology or social anthropology. There is also a choice in the experimental sciences of biology, chemistry, physics, physical science or general scientific studies.

Mathematics stands alone as a subject while there is a choice of one subject from the plastic arts, music, a classical language, Latin or Greek, a second language B, which would make two languages plus English or an additional option from the studies of man or the experimental sciences.

The two additional subjects for the diploma is a study of the theory of knowledge which deals with the nature of

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