



COURSE PLANNING 2025-2026

Current Grade 10 and 11
students



Going into Grade 11 and 12

Timeline for Course Planning

- ▶ **Feb. 3:** Course planning information letter emailed home.
- ▶ **Feb. 5 & 6:** Grade 10/11 Course Planning Assemblies
- ▶ Parents/students review course planning information using [Learning Guide](#) and NSS [Website](#).
- ▶ Use the **Course Planning Tool**
- ▶ **Feb. 7th & 24th:** Course Planning Q & A session at lunch in the Library
- ▶ **Feb. 10-20** Counsellors visit **Gr. 10 and 11** classes
- ▶ **Feb. 28: Deadline** to complete Course Selection in MyEdBC for current Grade 8-11 students

Course Selection is Complex

- Important to understand the reason behind why you are picking a course so you can get the most out of your time at North Surrey.
- **Key ideas to help guide your decisions:**
 1. Meet Ministry of Education Graduation Requirements
 2. Consider plans after you leave North Surrey
 3. Be open to exploring, trying new things

GRADUATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

80 CREDITS min. (Gr. 10, 11,12) Each course = 4 credits

GRADE 10

English 10 (options)

Science 10

Math 10 (options)

Social Studies 10

Physical Health Ed 10

Career Life Ed 10

Elective

Elective

GRADE 11

English 11 (options)

Science 11 (options)

Math 11 (options)

Socials 12 (options)

Elective or CLC

Elective

Elective

Elective

GRADE 12

English First Peoples 12 (satisfies indigenous grad requirement)

Elective 12 or Socials 12

Elective 12

Elective 12

Elective

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Elective or **Career Life Connections**

**Required Provincial Assessments:
Numeracy and Literacy 10 and Literacy 12**

Indigenous Grad Requirement also needed

**Note: Must have a minimum of 4
Grade 12 Level Courses**

Indigenous Grad Requirement



New Indigenous-Focused
Graduation Requirement



- ▶ All students must successfully complete a minimum of 1 course (4 credits) in Indigenous-focused coursework. There is no change to the total number of credits required to graduate, which remains at 80.
- ▶ WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
- ▶ At North Surrey, students can satisfy this requirement by choosing at least one of the following courses:
- ▶ **BC First Peoples 12** (in Gr. 11 or 12 which also satisfies Socials 12 requirement)
- ▶ **English First Peoples 12** in grade 12

Plans after North Surrey

What is best for me?

- Travel
- Work
- College
- College to University
- Direct entrance to university

What else is going on in my life -- balance is important?

- Part-time job
- Sports, commitments
- Club involvement
- Personal concerns

Education is a journey: Use this Time to EXPLORE

Grade 10 - 12 is a 3-year plan of discovery!

- Take classes which are interesting to you
- Ask yourself why you liked/disliked a course
- Talk with family members, teachers, coaches and ask them how they got to where they are



Consider that:

- Fulfilling work is found at the intersection of what you:
 - love doing
 - are naturally talented at
 - care about and value
- *Let these points guide your decision making*



Post-Secondary Considerations

- ▶ Post Secondary Schools have their OWN course requirements depending on what you want to study
- ▶ It is YOUR responsibility to do research on this! It can be time consuming and overwhelming.
- ▶ It is your responsibility to stay updated on changing requirements and needs for post secondary admission.

Navigating Post-Secondary Websites

- Explore www.educationplannerbc.ca and <https://myblueprint.ca/>
- Google the Post-Secondary Institution of your choice
- Follow the link to *Admission* - it may state undergraduate admission, future students, or something similar
- There will be General Admission requirements and program (faculty) specific
 - requirements....check both
- Other helpful search terms:
 - Information sessions; Online drop-in
 - Academic Advising at the institution
 - Virtual Tours
 - Contacts - send an email

CONSIDER:

- ▶ Direct transition from high school to university is intense;
- ▶ You may wish to consider attending institutions that offer university transfer credits or associate degrees through schools such as KPU, Douglas, Langara, or UFV.
- ▶ There is more than 1 way to get to a destination!

Options for Career Life Connections (CLC)

Requirement:

Choose one Career Life Connections 12 (CLC) during Grade 11 or 12

- CLC - General
- CLC - Business & Information Technology Passion
- CLC - Band Passion 11 (alternates with Band 11)
- CLC - Performing Arts Passion

******New for this year- CLC Hybrid option***

Choosing the Math course that is right for you:

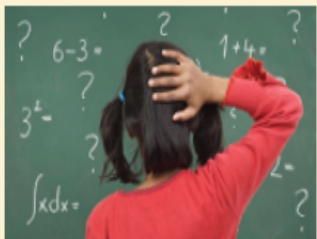
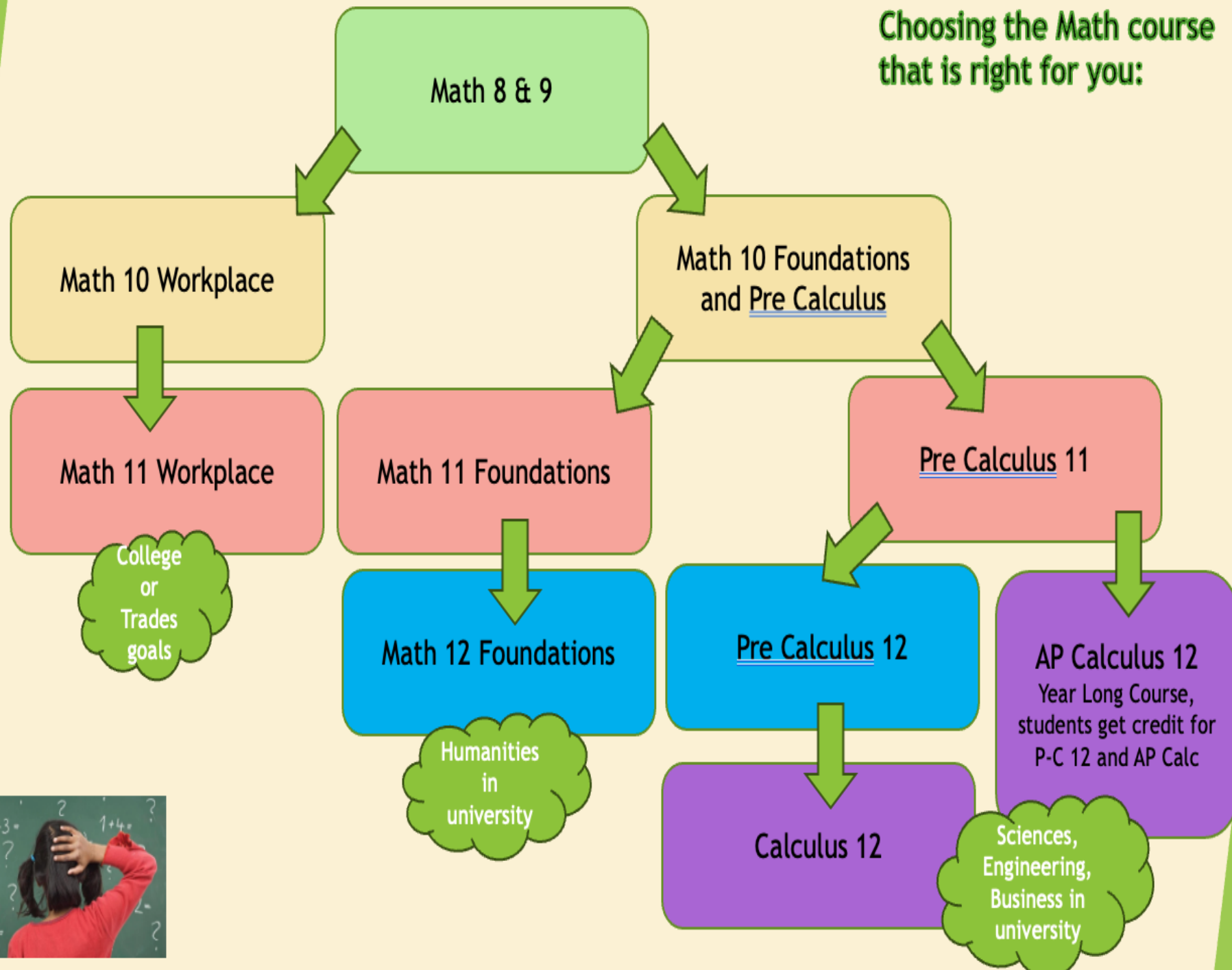
There are 3 senior Math courses offered:

- *Math Foundations 11 & 12*
 - For students interested in University studies
- *Pre-Calculus 11 & 12*
 - For students interested in University studies
- *Math Workplace 11*
 - Designed for entry into many college/trades programs and the workplace

Consider the following:

- If you have math **this semester**, talk with your teacher & heed their recommendation.
- If you have math **next semester**, talk to your teacher from last year or refer to your experience in previous math class.
- If you are in Workplace Math 10, you will take Workplace Math 11.

Choosing the Math course that is right for you:



Language Courses

You **do not** need a Language course to graduate.

UBC and SFU **no longer** require a Language 11 for admission.

This is a big change for students entering post-secondary from September 2025 onwards.

If you are applying to post-secondaries outside of BC, please their individual language requirements!

Extra Courses

(9th course before or after school)

Students may also select a 9th additional course in the following areas. These courses take place before or after school:

- Jazz Band
- Polaris (Choir)
- Theatre Company
- Dance Company
- Leadership

Listen to announcements for additional information regarding these extra courses. If you are accepted, the course will be added to your schedule in the spring.

New offerings

Social Studies:

- ▶ *Philosophy 12*
- ▶ *Black Studies 12*

Languages:

- ▶ *Intro to Japanese 11*

ADST:

- ▶ *Aviation 11*

Other:

- ▶ *Leadership First Aid 11 & 12*

New Hybrid Learning Courses:

- ▶ **Career Life Connections 12- Hybrid option**

This course will be in-person three days one week, and two days in-person the following week. When students are not in class, they will be working on assignments, as well as the final capstone project. There will also be tutorial time outside of your in-class days where you can check in with your teacher.

- ▶ **E-Commerce 12- Hybrid delivery only**

This course will be in-person three days one week, and two days in-person the following week. Time not in class will be used for a combination of hybrid learning and field study opportunities within the community. There will be tutorial time outside of the in-class days.

Helpful Resources:

- ▶ Talk to teachers who teach the class to get more information.
- ▶ Read the NSS [Learning Guide](#) to get a sense of what courses are about.
- ▶ **SEE THESE 2 EXAMPLES FROM THE LEARNING GUIDE:**

Accounting 11

Thinking of going into Business? This entry-level accounting course is a must have for any student considering a career in Business.

Students will learn the fundamentals of accounting, basic book-keeping concepts, Excel and accounting software. Whether you are going to run your own business or simply balance a cheque book, this course is for you!

Note: This course is open to both grade 11 and 12 students.

Life Sciences 11

You should take this class if you:

- Enjoyed biology in science 8 - 10
- Enjoy labs, projects and dissections
- Have good study habits
- Will be taking 1st year post-secondary biology classes

We will learn about:

- Cell structure and function
- Evolution
- Taxonomy – Classifying and naming systems for organisms
- How all organisms are categorized into the 6 kingdoms of life

Deadline for Applications is **Feb. 28, 2025**

Visit Career Centre

District Partnership • Programs

The following programs are offered with the Surrey District

- Auto Collision and Refinishing
- Automotive Service Technician
- Baking and Pastry Arts
- Carpentry
- Construction Craft Worker (Grade 12 ONLY)
- Culinary Arts
- Drafting / CADD
- Early Childhood Education (ECE Program)
- Electrician
- Explorations in Aviation - At NSS!
- Hairstylist
- Headstart in Art
- Heavy Mechanical Trades
- Horticulture
- Metal Fabrication
- Millwright
- Nursing Prep
- Painter
- Piping (Plumbing)
- Tah-tul-ut Indigenous Education Pathway
- Welding

Dual Credit Courses

The following dual credit courses are offered in partnership with the Surrey School District

Available
to students
in grade 11
only!

- **Community and Public Safety** (Nicola Valley Institute of Technology) - for students interested in a career in Law Enforcement
- **Intro to Legal Office Procedures** (Kwantlen Polytechnic University) - for students interested in a career in Law
- **Intro to Practice for Child and Youth Care Counsellors** (Douglas College) - for students interested in pursuing a career as a Youth Care Worker or Counsellor
- **Intro to Health Sciences** (Kwantlen Polytechnic University) - for students interested in pursuing a career in Health Sciences
- **Graphic Design** (Simon Fraser University) - for students interested in a career in interactive arts and technology

Interested
? Come to
the Career
Centre!

There are other ways to get credits

- Take a course during Summer School or Online.
- Submit documentation to counsellor for:
 - courses completed outside of the district, province or country
 - completed external credits - i.e. sports, music, dance, lifesaving, driver's education (ICBC).

Please see your counsellor if any of these apply to you, or if you have any questions regarding external credits

Summer School

- ▶ If you do not meet the learning outcomes of a core academic course, it is recommended that you speak with your counsellor to review options. One option may be summer school.
- ▶ **NOTE:** Summer school is a **BIG** decision because it condenses 5 months of school-work into 5 weeks.
- ▶ When entering course requests in MYED PLEASE indicate in the Counsellor's Notes section if you are planning on taking a course in summer school and what course you would want it to replace in your schedule
- ▶ Pay attention to registration dates, you will want to register ASAP as summer school fills up quickly

Online Courses

You may choose to cross enroll with SAIL to take an additional course to advance ahead, or to take a course that you may not have in your schedule.

Please consider the following characteristics of what a successful online learner looks like:

- Independent learner
- Self-motivated
- Skilled with written communication
- Able to set a schedule and keep it
- Able to meet deadlines

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can I take all academic classes?

- ▶ We recommend you balance your schedule with academic and elective courses
- ▶ Keep in mind if you want to do well, you only have so much time to complete homework and so this has to be something you think about - is it better to take less “hard” courses and do well as opposed to take everything but get lower marks as a result

2. What do I do if my marks aren't high enough for the program entry to certain Universities?

- ▶ Apply to multiple programs that have different entry requirements
- ▶ Ask yourself, “Am I ready for this program”
- ▶ Colleges have many prerequisite courses and so you can start your program of study there and transfer at a later date.

FAQ's continued...

3. Do I need to take EVERY science 11 and science 12 for post-secondary?

- ▶ No, check admission requirements for each post-secondary
- ▶ You may want to consider summer school as an option if you are hoping to take all three Sciences.

4. How do I decide what Math course to take? If I have 60% in Pre-Calculus 11,

will I be successful in Pre-Calculus 12? (I plan to work harder and get a tutor)

- ▶ It is not uncommon to drop 10-15%; *Discuss* with your math teacher if they feel you will be successful in Gr. 12 *and* be *open* to their feedback - your teacher is the expert in the curriculum and knows your ability (even despite your effort)
- ▶ Consider Math Foundations as an option if it meets the requirement for your post-secondary options.

FAQ's continued...

5. Can I go to university having only completed Foundations of Math 11?

- ▶ Yes, but check requirements of each institution and each faculty

6. If I go to summer school or take a course online, can I get ahead the following year?

- ▶ There is NO guarantee a student can take a class that is a year above their grade level because priorities go to the students in that grade. If you take a summer school course, please be prepared to take an elective course in place of the course you requested if there is no space in it

7. Can I choose my teacher or my block order?

- ▶ No, the computer generates your schedule - counsellors do their best to review each schedule and balance WHERE POSSIBLE

Please Know:

- North Surrey tries their best to honour these REQUESTS but due to a number of factors all students may not end up with all the classes they hoped for (singletons, conflicts, offerings)
- Please thoughtfully select your alternate classes (minimum 2), as we may need to use them if we cannot make your original requests work.
- If you are selecting a course at the next grade level, please know that priority is given to students with time-sensitive graduation concerns.

Grade 10-12 Planning Tool (Download from website)

NSS Graduation Years Course Planning 2025-2026				
	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	
ARTS	English	Requirement - Choose one: • Composition & Creative Writing 10 • Composition & Literary Studies 10	Requirement - Choose one: • Creative Writing 11 • Literary Studies 11	Requirement • English First Peoples 12 (Indigenous Grad Requirement) Elective: • Creative Writing 12 (does not meet En12 grad requirement)
	English Language Learning	• ELL	• ELL	• ELL
	Social Studies	Requirement • Social Studies 10 • Social Studies 10/PE Leadership 10 • Social Studies 10/Band 10	Requirement: Choose a Minimum of one Social Studies during Grade 11 or 12 • BC First Peoples 12 (counts as Indigenous Grad Requirement) • Economic Theory 12 • Human Geography 12 • Law Studies 12 • Philosophy 12 ^{New} • Physical Geography 12 • Social Justice 12 • 20 th Century World History 12 • Black Studies 12 ^{New} (can satisfy SS requirement or Gr12 elective credit)	
	Languages	Elective(s): • French 10 • Intensive French 10 • Spanish 10	Elective(s): • French 11 • Intensive French 11/12 • Spanish 11 • Introductory Spanish 11 • Introductory Japanese 11 ^{New}	Elective(s): • French 12 • Intensive French 11/12 • Spanish 12 • Introductory Spanish 11 • Introductory Japanese 11 ^{New}
	Fine Arts 4 credits (one course) requirement at Grade 10, 11 or 12	Elective(s): • Concert Band 10/SS 10 • Concert Choir 10 • Dance 10 (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced) • Dance Choreography 10 • Drama Acting 10 (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced) • Stagecraft 10 • Musical Theatre 10 • Intro to Art 10 • Art Studio (Inquiry and Exploration) 10 • Clay & 3D Arts 10	Elective(s): • Concert Band 11/CLC • Concert Choir 11 • Dance 11 (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced) • Dance Choreography 11 • Drama Acting 11 (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced) • Drama Directing & Scriptwriting 11 • Stagecraft 11 • Musical Theatre 11 • Intro to Art 11 • Art Studio (Inquiry and Exploration) 11 • Clay & 3D Arts 11	Elective(s): • Concert Band 12/Study • Concert Choir 12 • Dance 12 (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced) • Dance Choreography 12 • Drama Acting 12 (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced) • Drama Directing and Scriptwriting 12 • Stagecraft 12 • Musical Theatre 12 • Intro to Art 12 • Art Studio (Inquiry and Exploration) 12 • Clay & 3D Arts 12
	9 th Course - Audition (these courses run before or after school)	Elective(s): • Jazz Band 10 • Polaris Choir 10 • Theatre Company 10 • Dance Company 10	Elective(s): • Jazz Band 11 • Polaris Choir 11 • Theatre Company 11 • Dance Company 11	Elective(s): • Jazz Band 12 • Polaris Choir 12 • Theatre Company 12 • Dance Company 12
DESIGN	Science	Requirement - Choose one: • Science 10	Requirement: Choose a MINIMUM of one required Science course: • Chemistry 11 • Earth Science 11 • Environmental Science 11 • Life Sciences 11 • Physics 11 • Science for Citizens 11	Elective(s): • Anatomy & Physiology 12 • Chemistry 12 • Geology 12 • Physics 12
	Math	Requirement - Choose one: • Foundations of Math & Pre-Calculus 10 • Workplace Math 10	Requirement - Choose one: • Workplace Math 11 • Foundations of Math 11 • Pre-Calculus 11 • Pre-Calc 12/AP Calculus AB	Elective(s): • Foundations of Math 12 • Pre-Calculus 12 • Calculus 12 • Pre-Calc 12/AP Calculus AB
	Physical & Health Education (PHE)	Requirement - Choose one: • Physical & Health Education 10 • Physical & Health Education 10 (Leadership) • Physical & Health Education 10 (Non-Competitive) • Physical & Health Education 10 (Basketball)	Elective(s): • Active Living 11 • Weight Training 11 • Physical & Health Education 11 (Basketball)	Elective(s): • Active Living 12 • Weight Training 12 • Physical & Health Education 12 (Basketball)
	Applied Design, Skills & Technologies (ADST)	Elective(s): • Entrepreneurship & Marketing 10 • Animation 10 • Computer Studies 10 • Web Development 10	Elective(s): • Culinary Arts 11 • Accounting 11 • Business Computer Applications 12 • Marketing and Promotion 11 • E-Commerce 12 • Entrepreneurship 12 • Animation 11	Elective(s): • Culinary Arts 12 • Accounting 11 • Accounting 12 • Business Computer Applications 12 • E-Commerce 12 • Entrepreneurship 12 • Marketing and Promotion 11

	4 credit one course requirement at Grade 10, 11 or 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graphic Production 10 (Yearbook) Aviation 11^{New} Drafting 10 Electronics & Robotics 10 Metalwork 10 Power Technology 10 Woodwork 10 Food Studies 10 Textiles & Fashion 10 Textiles Art & Design 10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computer Programming 11 Digital Communications 11 Photography 11 Media Design (Video) 11 Graphic Production 11 (Yearbook) Aviation 11^{New} Automotive Technology 11 Drafting 11 Electronics & Robotics 11 Metalwork 11 Woodwork 11 Food Studies 11 Interpersonal & Family Relationships 11 Textiles & Fashion 11 Textiles Art & Design 11 Psychology 11 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animation 12 Computer Programming 12 Photography 12 Media Design (Video) 12 Graphic Production 12 (Yearbook) Aviation 11^{New} Automotive Technology 12 Drafting 12 Electronics & Robotics 12 Metalwork 12 Metal and Jewelry Making 12 Woodwork 12 Furniture & Cabinetry 12 Food Studies 12 Child Development & Caregiving 12 Textiles & Fashion 12 Textiles Art & Design 12 Psychology 12
	Other Electives	Elective: • Leadership First Aid 11 ^{New}	Elective(s): • Peer Tutoring 11 • Leadership 11 (9 th Course before school) • Leadership First Aid 11 ^{New}	Elective(s): • Peer Tutoring 12 • Leadership 12 (9 th Course before school) • Leadership First Aid 12 ^{New} • Study block
	Careers	Requirement: • Career-Life Education (CLE)	Requirement: Choose one Career Life Connections (CLC) during Grade 11 or 12 • CLC - General • CLC - Business & Information Technology Passion • CLC - Band Passion 11 • CLC - Performing Arts Passion	
	9 th Course - Application		Elective: • Work Experience 12	Elective: • Work Experience 12

Course Planning Tool:

Grade 10 Year	credits	Grade 11 Year	credits	Grade 12 Year	credits
English 10 _____	4	English 11 _____	4	English First Peoples 12	4
Social Studies 10	4	Math 11 _____	4	Elective _____ 12	4
Math 10 _____	4	Science 11 _____	4	Elective _____ 12	4
Science 10	4	Elective or Socials 11 or 12	4	Elective _____ 12	4
Physical Health Ed. 10	4	Elective or Career Life Connections CLC	4	Socials 11/12 or Elective 10/11/12 (BC First Peoples 12 satisfies SS and Indigenous Grad Requirement)	4
Career Life Education 10	4	Elective _____ 10	4	Elective _____ 10/11/12	4
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Total Credits Grade 10	32	Total Credits Grade 11	32	Total Credits Grade 12	32
Gr. 10 Numeracy Exam Requirement		Indigenous Grad Requirement Met BC First Peoples 12 or English First Peoples 12		Gr. 12 Literacy Exam Requirement	

Note: One elective in grade 10, 11 or 12 must be either a Fine Arts or an Applied Skills course

Total Credits combined from Grades 10, 11 and 12 =

Minimum total of 80 Credits REQUIRED (average total is 96-100)

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Social Studies 10	4	Math 11 _____	4	Elective _____ 12	4
Math 10 _____	4	Science 11 _____	4	Elective _____ 12	4
Science 10	4	Elective or Socials 11 or 12	4	Elective _____ 12	4
Physical Health Ed. 10	4	Elective or Career Life Connections CLC _____	4	Socials 11/12 or Elective 10/11/12 (BC First Peoples 12 satisfies SS and Indigenous Grad Requirement)	4
Career Life Education 10	4	Elective _____ 10	4	Elective _____ 10/11/12	4
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Where do I find Course Planning Info?

- ▶ Talk to your Counsellor
- ▶ Come to the library for a lunch time Course Planning Q & A session (Fri. Feb. 7 or Mon. Feb. 24)
- ▶ Check out the NSS website [here](#)
- ▶ Explore the [2025 Learning Guide](#)



Where do I find Course Planning Info, cont'd...

- ▶ Grade 10 and 11 Teams have been created.
- ▶ Check the Team for links to the 2025 Learning Guide and Course Planning Tool.
- ▶ Dates of Counsellor class visits will be posted!

Do Not Forget...

- ▶ All of the information you need is on the **North Surrey Course Planning** section of the website!
- ▶ Make sure to go over this PowerPoint on your own time.
- ▶ Check out the course planning letter that was emailed home to parents.
- ▶ **Complete the COURSE PLANNING TOOL sheet and bring it to the Counsellor Class Visit - schedule will be posted in Grade Teams.**
- ▶ To go online into MyEdBC and enter your course selection information.
- ▶ *Check today* to see if you can get on your Myed account, counsellors **cannot change** your password, you need to e-mail northsurrey@surreyschools.ca with your name and student number for a password reset.
- ▶ **Course Selection DEADLINE February 28th, 2025**

Counsellors

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Ms. Vairo (L - R)

Ms. Spencer (S - Z)

If you have Course planning questions, come to a lunch time Q & A in the library on Feb 7th or Feb 24th!