



# Course Planning Parent Information Evening

February 7  
6:00pm  
Theatre



**Welcome Parents!**

Mr. Stefan Stipp  
Principal





# Introductions

Ms. D. Christensen, Vice Principal

(student last names A-K and International)

Mr. M. Khaira, Vice Principal

(student last names L-Z)

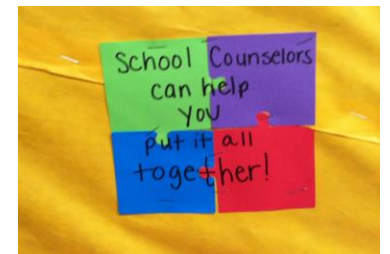
Mr. M. Orso, Counsellor

## Counsellors

- **Ms. Kirkpatrick** helps students with last names: **A-K**
- **Mr. Orso** helps students with last names: **F – K and International students**
- **Ms. Vairo** helps students with last names: **L – R**
- **Ms. Gill** helps students with last names: **S – Z**

If you have course planning questions, please connect with your counsellor through Teams Chat or via email.

Counsellor Contact information is also available on our [website](#)





## Purpose of the Evening

- ➡ Outline the Course Planning Process
- ➡ Explain what students need to know to make good choices
- ➡ Answer any questions you have

# Course Planning is 2 Step Process

## STEP ONE: COLLECTING STUDENT COURSE REQUESTS

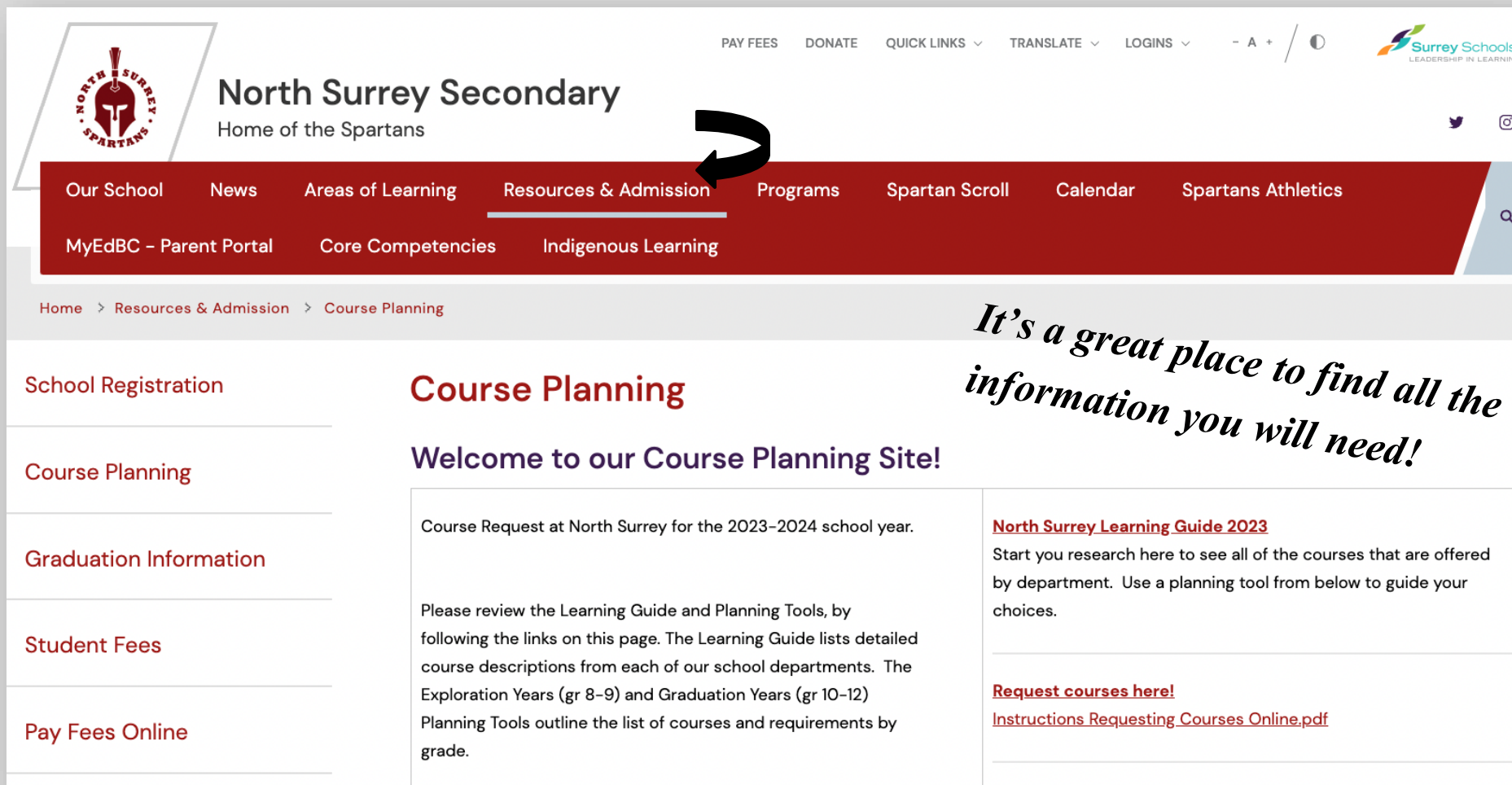
- ▶ **January 29** Parent course planning information letter sent home
- ▶ **Feb. 5-15** Student Assemblies
- ▶ **Feb. 5-20** Students explore info relevant to personal goals
- ▶ **Feb. 12-20** Individual student/counsellor meetings during class time for Gr. 10 and 11 students
- ▶ **Feb. 26 DEADLINE** for Students to enter course requests in MyEducation BC



## STEP TWO: TIMETABLE CREATION

- ▶ Computer generated schedules are created based on student requests
- ▶ Complex system and sometimes due to course conflicts, singleton classes and space, students are not able to get their first choice
- ▶ Counsellors fix schedules that are incomplete - add alternate courses where possible
- ▶ Counsellors review student schedules and balance classes as much as possible

# The Course Planning Tab on our website...



The screenshot shows the North Surrey Secondary website. The header includes the school logo, name, and tagline "Home of the Spartans". A navigation menu is highlighted in red, with the "Resources & Admission" tab selected and indicated by a black arrow. Below the navigation menu, a breadcrumb trail shows the path: Home > Resources & Admission > Course Planning. The main content area is titled "Course Planning" and "Welcome to our Course Planning Site!". It contains information about the 2023-2024 school year, a link to the Learning Guide, and a link to request courses. A sidebar on the left lists various school services.

**North Surrey Secondary**  
Home of the Spartans

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## Course Planning

### Welcome to our Course Planning Site!

Course Request at North Surrey for the 2023–2024 school year.

Please review the Learning Guide and Planning Tools, by following the links on this page. The Learning Guide lists detailed course descriptions from each of our school departments. The Exploration Years (gr 8–9) and Graduation Years (gr 10–12) Planning Tools outline the list of courses and requirements by grade.

**[North Surrey Learning Guide 2023](#)**

Start your research here to see all of the courses that are offered by department. Use a planning tool from below to guide your choices.

**[Request courses here!](#)**

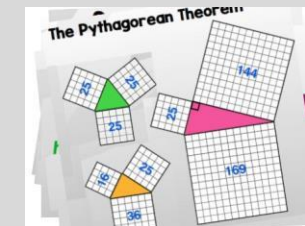
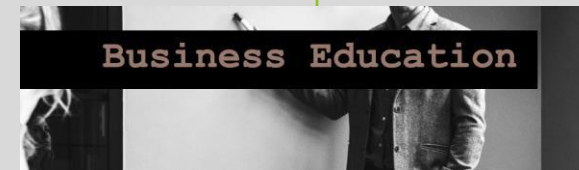
**[Instructions Requesting Courses Online.pdf](#)**

*It's a great place to find all the information you will need!*



# Don't Forget the Learning Guide 2024

Please review the NSS [Learning Guide](#) to highlight the opportunities for student learning that each of our departments has to offer.



# How to Make Best Decisions Possible



- ▶ Be knowledgeable on the BC Ministry of Education Graduation Requirements
- ▶ Reflect on and explore plans for after high school
- ▶ Be open to the process that education is a journey - not a race and high school is designed to allow students to try new things

# Exploration and Graduation Years

- ▶ Grade 8 and 9 are **Exploration Years** at North Surrey where students take courses in both **Arts and Design**
- ▶ Students can explore different areas of the curriculum to prepare them for making choices during their **Graduation Years** (grades 10-12)





## North Surrey Secondary

### Exploration Years

2024-2025

The Exploration Years (Grades 8 & 9) provide students an opportunity to explore a variety of learning areas to help prepare them for different pathways, interests and passions as they approach the Graduation Years (Grades 10-12).

Courses are grouped into Learning Areas, as they share many of the same curricular competencies described in the [Ministry of Education Curriculum](#); however, students will be scheduled into courses across learning areas in a semester system.

Humanities 8 and 9 is a yearlong course and provides an opportunity for students to build positive relationships and a strong foundation in the Exploration Years. Check [Learning Guide 2024](#) or descriptions of courses in all Learning Areas. Students will receive the following courses (checks) and choose from the circles.

Grade 8	Grade 9
<b>Arts Learning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Humanities 8 (Yearlong course)</li><li>✓ Language 8 (choose one):<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ French 8 or</li><li>○ Intensive French 8</li></ul></li><li>✓ Arts Learning 8 (choose one):<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Band 8/PHE</li><li>or</li><li>○ Arts Learning 8 (4 modules)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Art 8</li><li>✓ Choir 8</li><li>✓ Dance 8</li><li>✓ Drama 8</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>	<b>Arts Learning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Humanities 9 (Yearlong course)</li><li>✓ Language 9 (choose one):<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ French 9 or</li><li>○ Intensive French 9 or</li><li>○ Spanish 9</li></ul></li><li>✓ Arts Learning 9 (choose one):<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Art 9</li><li>○ Band/PHE 9</li><li>○ Choir 9</li><li>○ Vocal Jazz 9</li><li>○ Dance 9</li><li>○ Drama 9</li><li>○ Musical Theatre 9</li><li>○ Stagecraft 9</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Design Learning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Math 8</li><li>Science 8</li><li>✓ PHE 8</li><li>✓ Design Learning 8 – (3 modules)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Intro to Tech Education</li><li>○ Intro to Home Economics</li><li>○ Intro to IT/Web 8 (Computers)</li></ul></li></ul>	<b>Design Learning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Math 9</li><li>✓ Science 9</li><li>✓ PHE 9 or PHE 9 (non-competitive)</li><li>✓ Design Learning 9 (choose one):<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Info Tech 9</li><li>○ Business Ed 9</li><li>○ Media Arts 9(Animation)</li><li>○ Robotics 9</li><li>○ Power Tech 9</li><li>○ Drafting 9</li><li>○ Woodwork 9</li><li>○ Metalwork 9</li><li>○ Foods 9</li><li>○ Textiles Fashion 9</li><li>○ Textiles Art &amp; Design 9</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Grade 9</b>	
Students in grade 9 who wish to participate in more in-depth study of the arts can also audition for an afterschool X-block as a 9th course:	
Theatre Company 9	Polaris 9
Jazz Band 9	

# Grade 8 and 9 Planning Tool from our Course Planning website

# Students have choices in Grade 9:

- ▶ Which language will I choose?
- ▶ Which Arts Learning course will I choose?
- ▶ Which Design Learning course will I choose?
  
- ▶ Make sure you are reading the course descriptions in the [Learning Guide 2024](#) to make an informed decision!





# 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 (options)  
Physical Health Ed 10  
Career Life Ed  
Elective  
Elective

## GRADE 11

English 11 (options)  
Science 11 (options)  
Math 11 (options)  
Socials 11 or 12 (options) \*  
Can take BC First Peoples 12  
Elective or CLC Elective  
Elective Elective

## GRADE 12

English Studies 12 or English First Peoples 12  
Elective 12 or Socials 11/12  
Elective 12  
Elective 12  
Elective  
Elective  
Elective  
Elective or Career Life Connections

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

**Provincial Assessments** Numeracy Assessment– Grade 10, Literacy Assessments – Grade 10 and 12

**Indigenous Grad Requirement:** BC First Peoples 12 (SS in your gr. 11 year) or English First Peoples 12 (Eng in your gr. 12 year)

## NSS Graduation Years Course Planning 2024-2025

	NSS Graduation Years Course Planning 2024-2025		
	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 Studies 12 or • English First Peoples 12 (satisfies Indigenous Grad Requirement) Elective(s) • Creative Writing 12
	English Language (L20000) Social Studies Requirement • Social Studies 10 • Social Studies 10PB Leadership 10 • Social Studies 10Bland 10	Requirement Choose a MINIMUM of one Social Studies during Grade 11 or 12 • BC First Peoples 12 (satisfies an Indigenous Grad Requirement) • Explorations in Social Studies 11 • Human Geography 12 • Law Studies 12 • Physical Geography 12 • Social Justice 12 • 20 <sup>th</sup> Century World History 12 • Economic Theory 12	
	Languages Elective(s) • French 10 • Intermediate French 10 • Spanish 10	Elective(s) • French 11 • Intermediate French 11/12 • Spanish 11 • Introductory Spanish 11	Elective(s) • French 12 • Intermediate French 11/12 • Spanish 12
	Fine Arts (see course descriptions) Elective(s) • Concert Band 10MB 10 • Concert Choir 10 • Visual Arts 10 • Dance 10 (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced) • Dance Choreography 10 • Drama Acting 10 (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced) • Regisport 10 • Musical Theatre 10 • Intro to Art 10 <i>New!</i> • Art Studio (Inquiry and Exploration) 10 <i>New!</i> • Clay & 3D Arts 10 <i>New!</i>	Elective(s) • Concert Band 11CLC • Concert Choir 11 • Visual Arts 11 • Dance 11 (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced) • Dance Choreography 11 • Drama Acting 11 (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced) • Regisport 11 • Musical Theatre 11 • Intro to Art 11 <i>New!</i> • Art Studio (Inquiry and Exploration) 11 <i>New!</i> • Clay & 3D Arts 11 <i>New!</i>	Elective(s) • Concert Band 12MB 12 • Concert Choir 12 • Visual Arts 12 • Dance 12 (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced) • Dance Choreography 12 • Drama Acting 12 (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced) • Regisport 12 • Musical Theatre 12 • Intro to Art 12 <i>New!</i> • Art Studio (Inquiry and Exploration) 12 <i>New!</i> • Clay & 3D Arts 12 <i>New!</i>
	PE Courses - Athletics (see course descriptions or after school) Elective(s) • Jazz Band 10 • Public 10 • Theatre Company 10 • Dance Company 10	Elective(s) • Jazz Band 11 • Public 11 • Theatre Company 11 • Dance Company 11	Elective(s) • Jazz Band 12 • Public 12 • Theatre Company 12 • Dance Company 12
DESIGN	Science Requirement - Choose one • Science 10	Requirement Choose a MINIMUM of one required Science course • Science for Citizens 11 • Life Sciences 11 • Chemistry 11 • Physics 11 • Earth Science 11 • Environmental Science 11 <i>New!</i>	Elective(s) • Anatomy & Physiology 12 • Chemistry 12 • Design 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 10PB/Calculus 11 <i>New!</i>	Elective(s) • Foundations of Math 12 • Pre-Calculus 12 • Calculus 12 • Pre-Calc 10PB/Calculus 12 <i>New!</i>
	Physical & Health Education (PEH) Requirement - Choose one • Physical & Health Education 10 (Leadership) • Physical & Health Education 10 (Non-Competitive) <i>New!</i> • Physical & Health Education 10 (Recreational) <i>New!</i>	Elective(s) • Active Living 11 • Weight Training 11 • Physical & Health Education 11 (Recreational) <i>New!</i>	Elective(s) • Active Living 12 • Weight Training 12 • Physical & Health Education 12 (Recreational) <i>New!</i>
	Applied Design, Skills & Technologies (ADST) Requirement • Entrepreneurship & Marketing 10 • Animation 10 • Computer Studies 10 • Web Development 10	Elective(s) • Culinary Arts 11 • Accounting 11 • Marketing and Promotion 11 • E-Commerce 12 • Animation 11	Elective(s) • Culinary Arts 12 • Accounting 12 • Business Computer Applications 12 • Entrepreneurship 12 • Animation 12

Elective(s) (Choose one) Grade 10, 11 or 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graphic Production 10 (Yearbook)</li> <li>Animation 10</li> <li>Crafting 10</li> <li>Electronics &amp; Robotics 10</li> <li>Metalsmith 10</li> <li>Power Technology 10</li> <li>Woodwork 10</li> <li>Textiles &amp; Fashion 10</li> <li>Textiles Art &amp; Design 10</li> <li>First Peoples Foods &amp; Textiles 10 <i>New!</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Computer Programming 11</li> <li>Digital Communications 11</li> <li>Photography 11</li> <li>Media Design (Video) 11</li> <li>Graphic Production 11 (Yearbook)</li> <li>Culinary Arts 11</li> <li>Automotive Technology 11</li> <li>Drafting 11</li> <li>Electronics &amp; Robotics 11</li> <li>Metalsmith 11</li> <li>Woodwork 11</li> <li>Pool Studies 11</li> <li>Interpersonal &amp; Family Relationships 11</li> <li>Textiles &amp; Fashion 11</li> <li>Textiles Art &amp; Design 11</li> <li>First Peoples Foods and Textiles 12 <i>New!</i></li> <li>Psychology 11</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Computer Programming 12</li> <li>Photography 12</li> <li>Media Design (Video) 12</li> <li>Graphic Production 12 (Yearbook)</li> <li>Automotive Technology 12</li> <li>Drafting 12</li> <li>Electronics &amp; Robotics 12</li> <li>Metalsmith 12</li> <li>Metalsmith 12 Metal and Jewelry Making</li> <li>Woodwork 12</li> <li>Furniture &amp; Cabinetry 12</li> <li>Pool Studies 12</li> <li>Child Development &amp; Caregiving 12</li> <li>Textiles &amp; Fashion 12</li> <li>Textiles Art &amp; Design 12</li> <li>First Peoples Foods and Textiles 12 <i>New!</i></li> <li>Psychology 12</li> </ul>
	Other Electives Elective(s)	Elective(s) • Peer Tutoring 11 • Leadership 11PB Course (before school)	Elective(s) • Peer Tutoring 12 • Leadership 12PB Course (before school) • Study
	Career Education 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	
	PE Course Application Elective(s)	Elective(s) • Work Experience 12	Elective(s) • 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 Studies 12 or 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 (BC First Peoples 12 satisfies SS and Indigenous Grad Requirement)	4	Elective _____ 12	4
Physical Health Ed. 10 _____	4	Elective or Career Life Connections OLO _____	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 10/11/12 _____	4	Elective 10/11/12 _____	4
Elective _____	4	Elective 10/11/12 _____	4	Elective 10/11/12 _____	4
Elective _____	4	Elective 10/11/12 _____	4	Elective or OLO _____	4
<b>Total Credits Grade 10</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>Total Credits Grade 11</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>Total Credits Grade 12</b>	<b>32</b>
Gr. 10 Literacy 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 90 Credits REQUIRED (average total is 90-100)**

# New Indigenous Grad Requirement



## New Indigenous-Focused Graduation Requirement



- Effective the 2023/24 school year, all students must successfully complete at least 4 credits in Indigenous-focused coursework.
- At North Surrey, students can satisfy this requirement by **choosing at least one** of the following courses:
  - **BC First Peoples 12** (also satisfies your senior socials studies requirement) in either grade 11 or 12; or,
  - **English First Peoples 12 in grade 12**
- Starting in the 2025-2026 school year, all students\* will take **English First Peoples 12** in grade 12 as their mandatory English course and will therefore satisfy the Indigenous Grad Requirement.

\*(Gr. 10 students and younger)

# What are your Plans After North Surrey?

**What is  
best for  
me?**

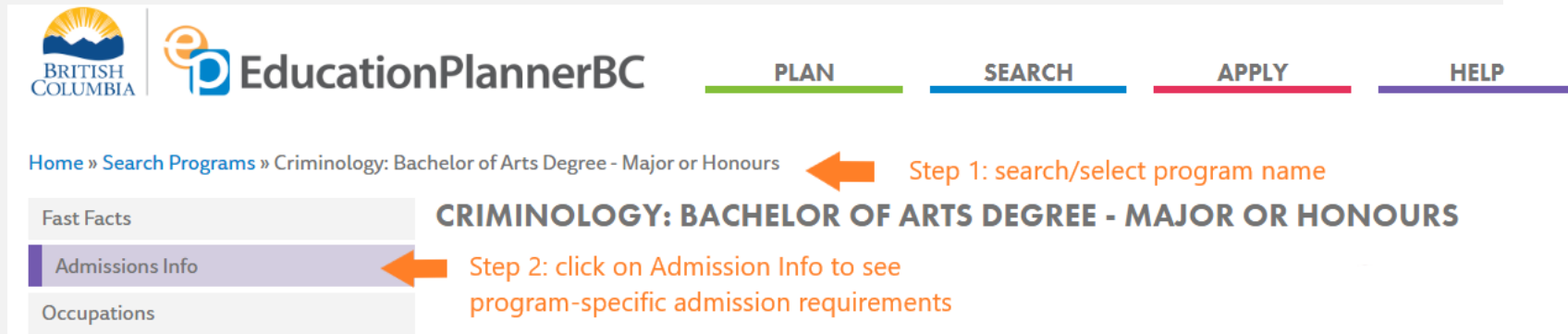
- Travel
- Work (employability skills)
- College (certificate/diploma)
- College - University transfer
- Direct entry University

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

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

# Post-Secondary Info

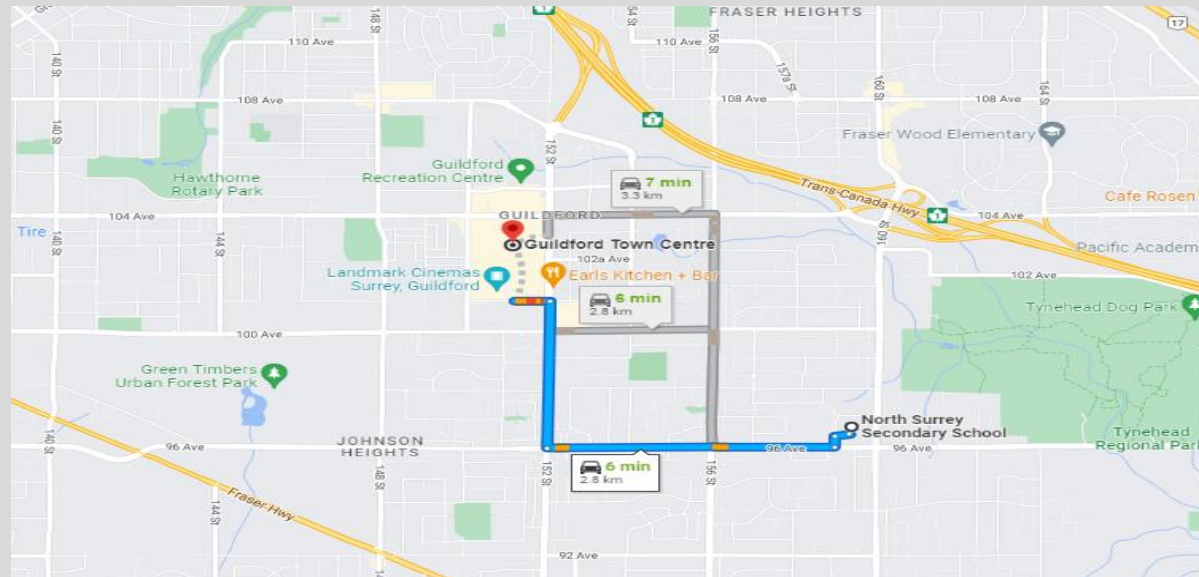
- Explore [www.educationplannerbc.ca](http://www.educationplannerbc.ca) and <https://myblueprint.ca/>
- Search Admissions information or Information Sessions on your post-secondary institutions of choice





# Post-Secondary Considerations

- ▶ Universities are now looking at grade 11 and 12 marks.
- ▶ Universities want to see students who challenge themselves academically.
- ▶ Direct transition from high school to university is intense. You may wish to consider attending institutions that offer university transfer credits such as KPU, Douglas, Langara, UFR.



# District Partnership Programs

You may earn post-secondary credits while still in high school.

The following programs are available to grade 11/12 students. If you're interested, please inquire at the **Career Centre**.

## District Partnership Programs

**The following programs are offered with the Surrey District**

- Auto Collision & Refinishing
- Automotive Service Technician
- Baking & Pastry Arts
- Carpentry
- Culinary Arts
- Drafting/CADD
- Education Assistant
- Electrician
- Explorations in Aviation - at NS!!!
- Hairstylist
- Head start in Art
- Heavy Mechanical Trades
- Horticulture
- Metal Fabrication
- Millwright
- Painter
- Piping (plumbing)
- Tah-tul-ut Indigenous Education Pathway
- Welding

# Dual Credit Courses

Available to  
students in  
grade 11  
only!

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

- **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** (KPU) - for students interested in pursuing a career in Health Sciences

Interested? Come  
to the Career  
Centre!





Some course  
considerations:

# Math Guidelines

- ▶ Math 8 and 9 build the foundation to prepare students for senior math
- ▶ If a student is struggling in Math 9 (proficiencies are emerging or developing), most likely they should enroll in Math 10 Workplace but this choice can close doors to direct university entrance
- ▶ Read teachers final comments on report card: they will make a recommendation for which math pathway is best for the student
- ▶ If students choose not to follow the recommendation, be prepared that extra support (eg. Tutoring) may be required
- ▶ Please consult with a counsellor for more advice



# Choosing the Math course that is right for you:

Math 8 & 9

Math 10 Workplace

Math 10 Foundations  
and Pre Calculus

Math 11 Workplace

Math 11 Foundations

Pre Calculus 11

College  
or  
Trades  
goals

Math 12 Foundations

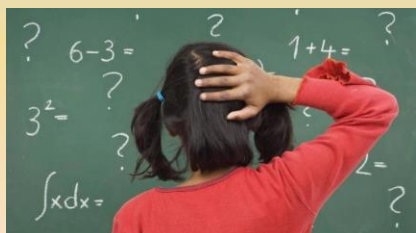
Humanities  
in  
university

Pre Calculus 12

Calculus 12

AP Calculus 12  
Year Long Course,  
students get credit for  
P-C 12 and AP Calc

Sciences,  
Engineering,  
Business in  
university



# Career Courses

- ▶ Careers 8 and 9 are not-enrolling but incorporated into other courses and presentations throughout the year
- ▶ Grade 10 - Career Life Education
- ▶ Grade 11 or 12 - Career Life Connections



- CLC - General
- CLC - Business & Information Technology Passion
- CLC - Band Passion 11 (backed with Band 11)
- CLC - Performing Arts Passion \*NEW\*

# Language Courses

- You **DO NOT** need a Language course to graduate.
- However, some universities require students to complete a language up to grade 11 for direct entry (you need to verify this).
- Some universities require students to complete a language 12 or the university equivalent to complete a degree.
- If you do not to take a language in Grade 9 you may take Introductory Spanish 11 in Grades 10, 11 or 12.
- You must have a language in the previous year in order to take the next course. Eg. You must be successful in French 10 to take French 11.



# There are Other Ways to Get Credits

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

*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's recommended that you speak with your counsellor to review options. One option may be summer school.
- ▶ Summer school is a **BIG** decision because it condenses 5 months of school work into 5 weeks.
- ▶ If you decide to attend summer school, please send a note to your counsellor through the course request portal

Please note: taking a summer school course may not guarantee you a seat in the next level of that academic course.

[www.surreysummer.ca](http://www.surreysummer.ca)



# Online Courses

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

Please send a note to your counsellor through the course request portal if you intend to take an online course.

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

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



SAIL Academy

# Frequently Asked Question

Can I drop a class after a month if I don't like it or don't like the mark I am getting?

- ▶ It is ok to take a course that you are not interested in or ends up not being what you thought it would be
- ▶ Focus on doing the best you can
- ▶ You may be learning what you don't want to do in the future - crossing things off the list of potential job/careers helps narrow things down
- ▶ Focus on some other skill/knowledge you can take out of the class (i.e. public speaking skills, computer skills, perseverance, working in a group, etc.)
- ▶ Universities have started to focus more on the marks students get in the COURSES in the field you are applying for rather than a total GPA approach



# Where do I find more Course Planning Info?

- ▶ Talk to your Counsellor
- ▶ Check out the NSS website [here](#)
- ▶ [Explore the 2024 Learning Guide](#)



# Question Period