

COURSE PLANNING 2024-2025



Current Grade 9 students



going into Grade 10

Timeline for Course Planning

- ▶ **Feb. 1:** Course planning information letter emailed home.
- ▶ **Feb. 5-17:** Grade 9 Course Planning Assembly
- ▶ Parents/students review course planning information using Learning Guide and NSS Website.
- ▶ Use the **Course Planning Tool**.
- ▶ **Feb. 26:** **Deadline** to complete Course Selection in MyEdBC for current Grade 8-11 students.

Course Planning

- ▶ Welcome to the Graduation Program.
- ▶ You need to consider 3 things when selecting your classes:
 - ▶ Ministry Graduation Requirements
 - ▶ Post-Secondary Plans:
 - Working
 - Trades/ Vocational Training
 - College/ University
 - ▶ Your Passions and Interests

Students take 8 classes

- 6 required courses
- 2 elective courses (student's choice)

Required Courses

1. English 10 – pick an option (Creative Writing or Literary Studies)
2. Social Studies 10—pick an option (regular, PE Leadership or Band combos)
3. Science 10
4. A Math 10 – pick an option
5. Physical & Health Education 10—pick an option
6. Career Life Education 10

GRADUATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

80 CREDITS minimum (Gr 10 - 12) Each course = 4 credits

GRADE 10

English 10 (options)

Science 10

Math 10 (options)

Socials 10 (options)

Physical & Health Ed 10

Career Life Ed 10

Elective

Elective

GRADE 11

English 11 (options)

Science 11 (options)

Math 11 (options)

Socials 11 or 12 (options)

Elective or CLC

Elective

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GRADE 12

English First Peoples 12 (satisfies indigenous grad requirement)

Elective 12 or Socials 12

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Elective or Career Life Connections

Must have 4 Grade 12 Level Courses*

Provincial Assessments:

Numeracy Assessment Grade 10

Literacy Assessment Grade 10

Literacy Assessment Grade 12

Grade 10-12 Planning Tool (Download from website)

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 (counts as Indigenous Grad Requirement) Elective: • Creative Writing 12
	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) • Explorations in Social Studies 11 • Human Geography 12 • Law Studies 12 • Physical Geography 12 • Social Justice 12 • 20 th Century World History 12 • Economic Theory 12	
	Languages	Elective(s): • French 10 • Intensive French 10 • Spanish 10	Elective(s): • French 11 • Intensive French 11/12 • Spanish 11 • Introductory Spanish 11	Elective(s): • French 12 • Intensive French 11/12 • Spanish 12
	Fine Arts (one course requirement at Grade 10, 11 or 12)	Elective(s): • Concert Band 10/SS 10 • Concert Choir 10 • Vocal Jazz 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 "New" • Art Studio (Inquiry and Exploration) 10 "New" • Clay & 3D Arts 10 "New"	Elective(s): • Concert Band 11/CLC • Concert Choir 11 • Vocal Jazz 11 • Dance 11 (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced) • Dance Choreography 11 • Drama Acting 11 (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced) • Stagecraft 11 • Musical Theatre 11 • Intro to Art 11 "New" • Art Studio (Inquiry and Exploration) 11 "New" • Clay & 3D Arts 11 "New"	Elective(s): • Concert Band 12/Study • Concert Choir 12 • Vocal Jazz 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 "New" • Art Studio (Inquiry and Exploration) 12 "New" • Clay & 3D Arts 12 "New"
	8 th Course - Audition (these courses run before or after school)	Elective(s): • Jazz Band 10 • Polaris 10 • Theatre Company 10 • Dance Company 10	Elective(s): • Jazz Band 11 • Polaris 11 • Theatre Company 11 • Dance Company 11	Elective(s): • Jazz Band 12 • Polaris 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 "New"	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 "New"	Elective(s): • Foundations of Math 12 • Pre-Calculus 12 • Calculus 12 • Pre-Calc 12/AP Calculus AB "New"
	Physical & Health Education (PHE)	Requirement - Choose one: • Physical & Health Education 10 • Physical & Health Education 10 (Leadership) • Physical & Health Education 10 (Non-Competitive) "New" • Physical & Health Education 10 (Basketball) "New"	Elective(s): • Active Living 11 • Weight Training 11 • Physical & Health Education 11 (Basketball) "New"	Elective(s): • Active Living 12 • Weight Training 12 • Physical & Health Education 12 (Basketball) "New"
	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 • Marketing and Promotion 11 • E-Commerce 12 • Animation 11	Elective(s): • Culinary Arts 12 • Accounting 12 • Business Computer Applications 12 • E-Commerce 12 • Entrepreneurship 12 • Animation 12

	4 credit one course requirement at Grade 10, 11 or 12	• Graphic Production 10 (Yearbook) • Animation 10 • Drafting 10 • Electronics & Robotics 10 • Metalwork 10 • Power Technology 10 • Woodwork 10 • Food Studies 10 • Textiles & Fashion 10 • Textiles Art & Design 10 • First Peoples Foods & Textiles 10 "New"	• Computer Programming 11 • Digital Communications 11 • Photography 11 • Media Design (Video) 11 • Graphic Production 11 (Yearbook) • Automotive Technology 12 • Drafting 12 • 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 • First Peoples Foods and Textiles 12 • Psychology 11	• Computer Programming 12 • Photography 12 • Media Design (Video) 12 • Graphic Production 12 (Yearbook) • Automotive Technology 12 • Drafting 12 • Electronics & Robotics 12 • Metalwork 12 • Metalwork 12 Metal and Jewelry making • Woodwork 12 • Furniture & Cabinetry 12 • Food Studies 12 • Child Development & Caregiving 12 • Textiles & Fashion 12 • Textiles Art & Design 12 • First Peoples Foods and Textiles 12 "New" • Psychology 12
	Other Electives	Elective:	Elective(s): • Peer Tutoring 11 • Leadership 11(9 th Course before school)	Elective(s): • Peer Tutoring 12 • Leadership 12(9 th Course before school) • Study
Careers	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	
	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 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 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 10/11/12 _____	4	Elective 10/11/12 _____	4
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Elective _____	4	Elective 10/11/12 _____	4	Elective or CLC _____	4
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)

Having trouble choosing your two Elective Courses?

- ▶ Think about courses you are interested in.
- ▶ Review the NSS Learning Guide to get a sense of what courses are about.
- ▶ Talk to teachers who teach the class to get more information.
- ▶ Note: **Many** electives may be taken in grade 10/11/12 without having taken the course in a previous year.

For example:

- if you don't take Robotics 9, you can still take Robotics 10

Choose wisely...elective changes may be difficult to accommodate.

Choosing the Math course that is right for you:

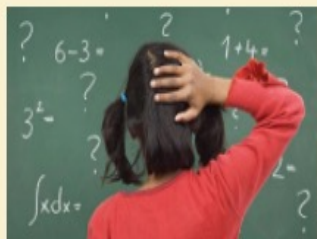
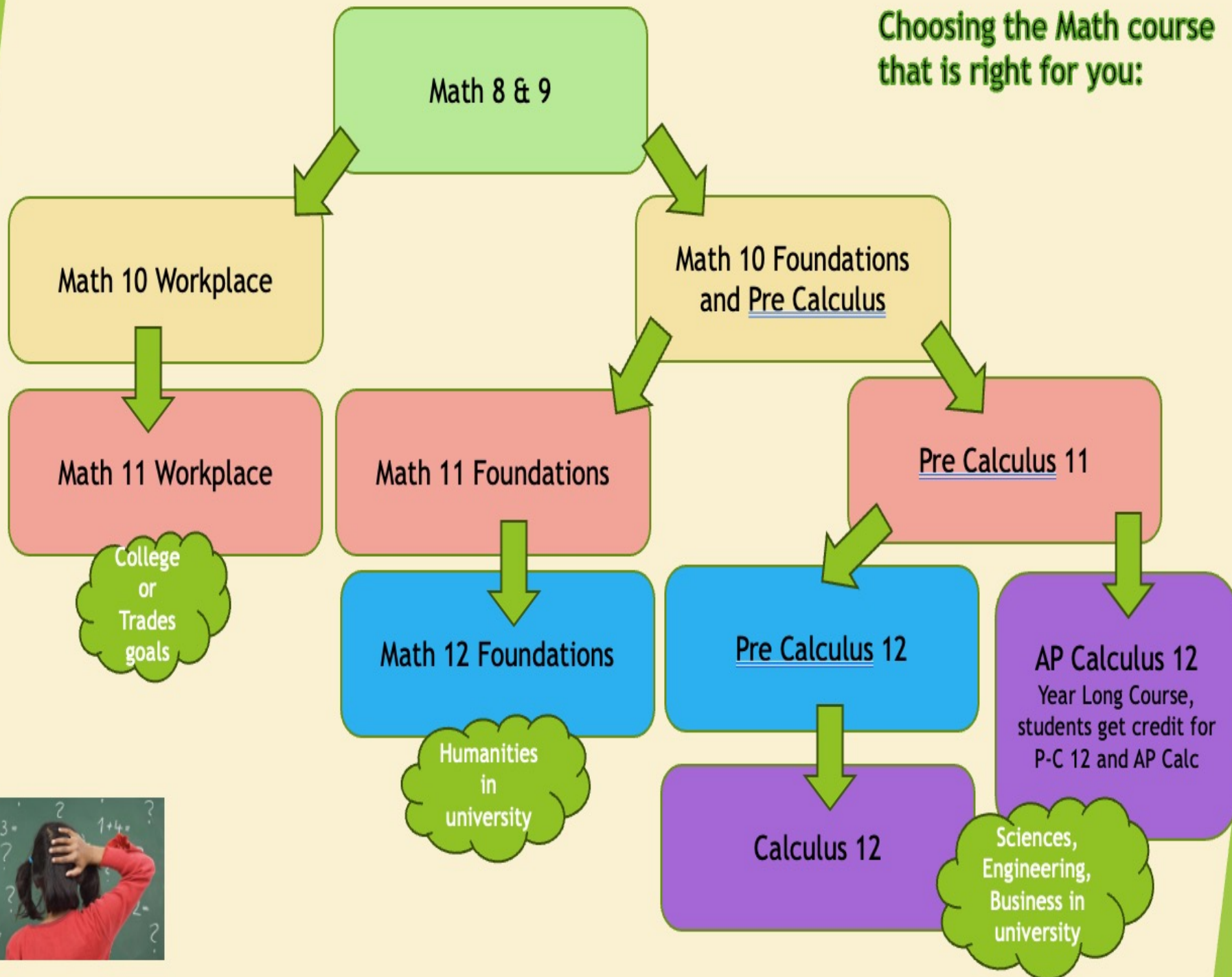
- **There are 2 Math classes offered at the grade 10 level:**

- Foundations of Math and Pre-Calculus 10
 - Majority of students will take this math
- Workplace Math 10
 - Designed for students who find math challenging/difficult
 - Designed for entry into many college or trades programs and the workplace

- **How to decide which to take:**

- If you have Math this *semester*, talk with your teacher.
- If you had Math last *semester*, think about your experience and read your teacher's report card comments.
- Math Workplace 10 is for any student who found Math 9 challenging and either had a final proficiency of EMG or was highly recommended for the course by their teacher.

Choosing the Math course that is right for you:



Language Courses

- You **DO NOT** need a Language course to graduate.
- Some universities require students to complete a language up to grade 11 for direct entry (you need to verify this).
- If you are registered in Intensive French 9 the natural progression is Intensive French 10.
- If you did not take a language in Grade 9 you may take Introductory Spanish 11 in Grades 10, 11 or 12.
- You are not able to take any other language course without taking the years prior. For example, you cannot take French 11 without French 8, 9 and 10.

Career Courses

- ▶ You have completed Careers 8 and 9
- ▶ Grade 10 – Career Life Education
- ▶ Grade 11 or 12 – Career Life Connections
- ▶ Explore www.educationplannerbc.ca and <https://myblueprint.ca/>

Audition 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

Listen to announcements for auditions taking place in the spring. Auditions will determine final class rosters. If you are accepted, the course will be added to your schedule.

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 under Notes for Counsellor

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

There are Other Ways to Get Credits

- ▶ Take a course during Summer School or Online.
- ▶ Submit documentation to your 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*

Online Courses

You may choose to cross enroll with an online school to take an additional course, 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 (under Notes for Counsellor) 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 written communication
- ▶ Able to set a schedule and keep it
- ▶ Able to meet deadlines

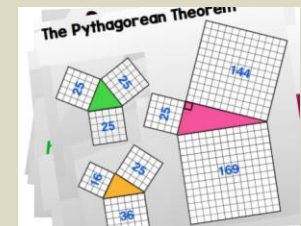
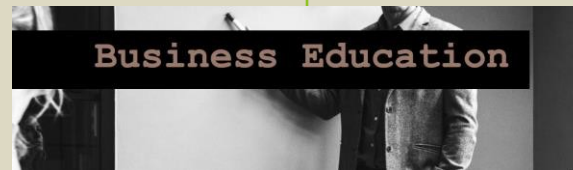
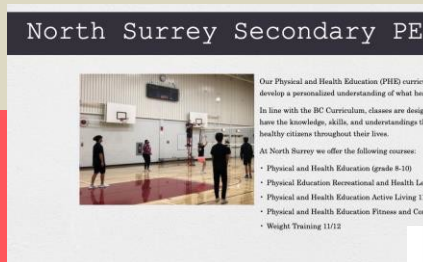


Where do I find Course Planning Info?

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

Learning Guide 2024

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



Do Not Forget...

- ▶ To review this PowerPoint.
- ▶ To review the course planning letter that was emailed home to parents.
- ▶ To go online into MyEdBC and enter your course selection information.

**Course Selection DEADLINE →
February 26, 2024**

Counsellors

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If you have Course planning questions, connect with your Counsellor through Teams Chat or via email.