



COURSE PLANNING 2023-2024

Current Grade 10 and 11
students



Going into Grade 11 and 12

Timeline for Course Planning

- ▶ **Feb. 1:** Course planning information letter emailed home.
- ▶ **Feb. 6-16:** Grade 9 Course Planning Assembly
- ▶ Parents/students review course planning information using [Learning Guide](#) and NSS [Website](#).
- ▶ Use the **Course Planning Tool**.
- ▶ **Feb. 13-21 Counsellors visit Gr. 10 and 11 classes**
- ▶ **Feb. 23:** **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 in order to 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
Elective
Elective

GRADE 11

English 11 (options)
Science 11 (options)
Math 11 (options)
Socials 11 or 12
(options)
Elective or CLC
Elective
Elective
Elective

GRADE 12

English Studies 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

NEW**Indigenous Grad Requirement****NEW**

BC First Peoples 12 (SS in your gr. 11 year) or English First
Peoples 12(Eng in your gr. 12 year)

Indigenous Grad Requirement



Effective the 2023/24 school year, all students must successfully complete a minimum of 1 course 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 (replaces English Studies 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:

Fulfilling work is found at the intersection of what you:

- ❖ love doing
- ❖ are naturally talented at
- ❖ care about and value

So let these points guide your decision making



Post-Secondary Considerations

- ▶ Post Secondaries have their OWN course requirements depending on what you want to study
- ▶ It is YOUR responsibility to do your research on this and it can be time consuming and overwhelming

Navigating Post-Secondary Websites

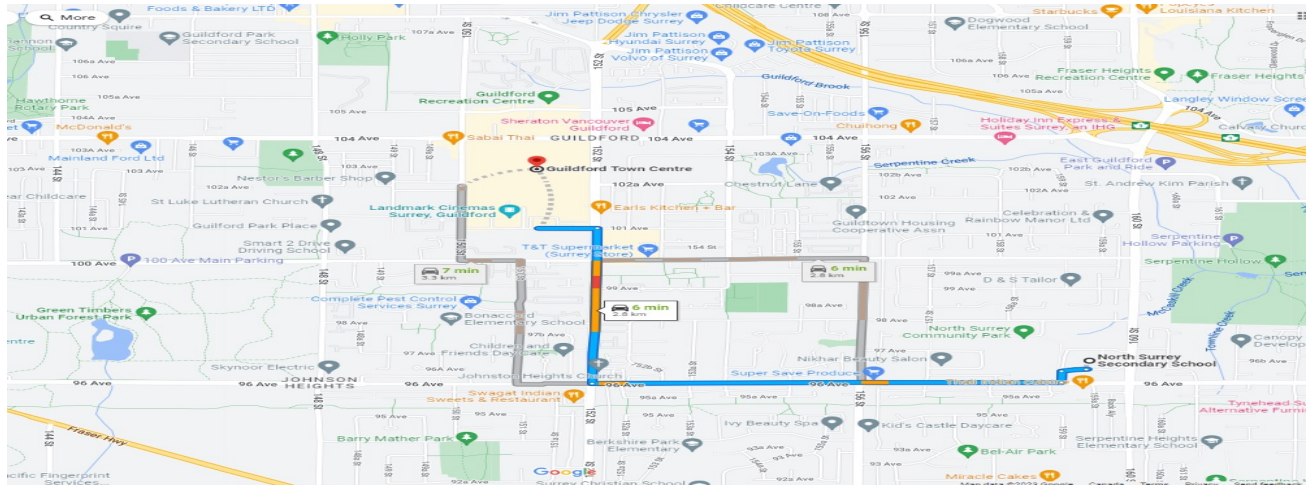
- Explore www.educationplannerbc.ca and <https://myblueprint.ca/>
- Google the Post-Secondary Institution of your choice
- Follow the link to *Admission* - it may state undergraduate admission, future students, or something similar
- There will be General Admission requirements and program (faculty)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

CONSIDER:

Direct transition from Highschool to University is intense;

You may wish to consider attending institutions that offer university transfer credits such as KPU, Douglas, Langara, UFV

There is more than 1 way to get to a destination



Options for Career Life Connections (CLC)

Requirement:

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

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

Choosing the Math course that is right for you:

There are 3 senior Math courses offered:

- *Math Foundations*
 - For students interested in University studies
- *Pre-Calculus*
 - For students interested in University studies
- *Math Workplace*
 - 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.

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.
- ▶ **CHECK OUT THESE 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

Fashion and Textiles 12

If you are you thinking about pursuing a career in the fashion industry or want to master your design, pattern drafting and sewing skills as a hobby so you can “knock off” your favorite designer and brands then this class is for you! In this class you will learn about fashion sketching, trend forecasting, branding and marketing your own clothing line. Advanced sewing techniques, digital flat pattern drafting, draping and fabric dying will be included! You will have access to specialty equipment such as sewing machines, sergers, embroidery machines, cover stitching machines and scan/cut printers. What you design and construct will depend on your personal interests and current skill level so bring your ideas! Check out the video below!



Language Courses

You do not need a Language course to graduate.

Research institutions you're interested in attending for Grade 11 and 12 Language requirements. Check if an Intro 11 Language is approved for admission??

Verify whether universities require a Language 12 or a university equivalent to complete a degree in Arts.

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.

New Offerings

- Outdoor Ed Science Coop—24 credits; Spring 2024...see Learning Guide and/or Career Center or Ms. Jansen/Mr. Mattson
- Leadership 11/12...X block course, Wednesday mornings, see Ms. Mackie for details
- Textiles Art & Design...new Textiles option, see the Learning Guide for details or talk to Ms. Kokoszka
- Did you know that Economic Theory 12 fulfills your senior Socials requirement for graduation? Talk to Ms. Schutz

24 Credit Program



Outdoor Education - 4 credits

Environmental Science 11/12 - 4 credits

Geology 12 - 4 credits

CLC 11/12 - 4 credits

Work Experience #1 - 4 credits

Work Experience #2 - 4 credits

Are you
interested in
applying for
one of these
programs?
Come to 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!

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's 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



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 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 are looking for top marks, 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 oppose 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?

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

FAQ's continued...

3. 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

FAQ's continued...

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

- ▶ No, check admission requirements for each post-secondary

5. How do I know what math to take?

- ▶ You need to consider your ability level (how have you done in Math up until now) AND your work habits
- ▶ Check with your teacher to see what he/she would recommend
- ▶ Consider future plans of study and prerequisites required (note taking a class because it is “needed for a career path” shouldn’t supersede ability and work ethic)

6. 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)

FAQ's continued...

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

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

7. If I go to summer school or take an online class 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

8. 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

NSS Graduation Years Course Planning 2023-2024				
		Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Arts	English	Requirement - Choose one: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Composition & Creative Writing 10 Composition & Literary Studies 10 	Requirement - Choose one: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creative Writing 11 Literary Studies 11 	Requirement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Studies 12 or English First Peoples 12 (counts as Indigenous Grad Requirement) *NEW* Elective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creative Writing 12
	English Language Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ELL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ELL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ELL
	Social Studies	Requirement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Studies 10 Social Studies 10/Band 10 *NEW* 	Requirement: Choose a Minimum of one Social Studies during Grade 11 or 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BC First Peoples 12 (counts as Indigenous Grad Requirement) *NEW* Explorations in Social Studies 11 Human Geography 12 Law Studies 12 Physical Geography 12 Social Justice 12 20th Century World History 12 Economic Theory 12 	
	Languages	Elective(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> French 10 Intensive French 10 Spanish 10 	Elective(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introductory French 11 French 11 Intensive French 11/12 Spanish 11 Introductory Spanish 11 	Elective(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> French 12 Intensive French 11/12 Spanish 12
	Fine Arts 4 credits (one course) requirement at Grade 10, 11 or 12	Elective(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Visual Art 10 Studio 	Elective(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Visual Art 11 Studio Visual Art 11 2D Drawing & Painting Visual Art 11 3D Sculpture & Ceramics 	Elective(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Visual Art 12 Studio Visual Art 12 2D Drawing & Painting Visual Art 12 3D Sculpture & Ceramics
	9 th Course - Audition (these courses run before or after school)	Elective(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jazz Band 10 Polaris 10 Theatre Company 10 Dance Company 10 	Elective(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jazz Band 11 Polaris 11 Theatre Company 11 Dance Company 11 	Elective(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jazz Band 12 Polaris 12 Theatre Company 12 Dance Company 12

Design	Science	Requirement – Choose one: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science 10 Science 10 Leadership 	Requirement: Choose a MINIMUM of one required Science course: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science for Citizens 11 Life Sciences 11 Chemistry 11 Physics 11 Earth Science 11 Outdoor Ed Science Coop*NEW* 	Elective(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anatomy & Physiology 12 Chemistry 12 Geology 12 Physics 12 Outdoor Ed Science Coop*NEW*
	Math	Requirement - Choose one: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foundations of Math & Pre-Calculus 10 Workplace Math 10 	Requirement - Choose one: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workplace Math 11 Foundations of Math 11 Pre-Calculus 11 	Elective(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foundations of Math 12 Pre-Calculus 12 Calculus 12
	Physical & Health Education (PHE)	Requirement – Choose one: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical & Health Education 10 Physical & Health Education 10 (Leadership) 	Elective(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active Living 11 Fitness & Conditioning 11 Weight Training 11 Outdoor Ed Science Coop*NEW* 	Elective(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active Living 12 Fitness & Conditioning 12 Weight Training 12 Outdoor Ed Science Coop*NEW*
	Applied Design, Skills & Technologies (ADST)	Elective(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entrepreneurship & Marketing 10 Animation 10 Computer Studies 10 Web Development 10 	Elective(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Culinary Arts 11 Accounting 11 Marketing and Promotion 11 E-Commerce 12 Animation 11 	Elective(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Culinary Arts 12 Accounting 12 E-Commerce 12 Entrepreneurship 12 Animation 12
	4 credit one course requirement at Grade 10, 11 or 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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*NEW* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computer Programming 11 Digital Communications 11 Photography 11 Media Design (Video) 11 Graphic Production 11 (Yearbook) Culinary Arts 11 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*NEW* Psychology 11 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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*NEW* Psychology 12
	Other Electives	Elective:	Elective(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peer Tutoring 11 Leadership 11(9th Course before school) *NEW* 	Elective(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peer Tutoring 12 Leadership 12(9th Course before school) *NEW* Study
Careers	Career Education	Requirement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Career-Life Education (CLE) 	Requirement: Choose one Career Life Connections (CLC) during Grade 11 or 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLC – General CLC – Business & Information Technology Passion CLC – Band Passion 11 CLC – Performing Arts Passion*NEW* 	
	9 th Course - Application		Elective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work Experience 12 	Elective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work Experience 12

Course Planning Tool



Grade 10 Year	Mark	credits	Grade 11 Year	Mark	credits	Grade 12 Year	Mark	credits
English 10 _____		4	English 11 _____		4	English Studies 12 or ***English First Peoples 12***		4
Math 10 _____		4	Math 11 _____		4	Elective _____ 12		4
Science 10		4	Science 11 _____		4	Elective _____ 12		4
Career Life Education 10		4	Elective or Career Life Connections 12 _____		4	Career Life Connections <u>12</u> or Elective _____ 12		4
Social Studies 10		4	Elective or ***Socials 11/12*** _____		4	***Socials 11/12*** <u>or</u> Elective 10/11/12 _____		4
Physical Health Ed. 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 _____ 10/11/12		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		
Gr. 10 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)



Where do I find Course Planning Info?

- ▶ Talk to your Counsellor
- ▶ Check out the NSS website [here](#)
- ▶ Explore the [2023 Learning Guide](#)

Do Not Forget...

- ▶ To review this PowerPoint.
- ▶ To review the course planning letter that was emailed home to parents.
- ▶ Complete the PLANNING TOOL sheet and bring it to the Counsellor Class Visit
- ▶ To go online into MyEdBC and enter your course selection information.

Course Selection DEADLINE →

February 23, 2023

Please Know:

Unfortunately due to the nature of the system there is no GUARANTEE you will get these courses.

North Surrey tries their very best to honour these REQUESTS but due to a number of factors unfortunately all students may not end up with all the classes they hoped for.

Priority is given to: Grade a student is in, grad requirements, post-secondary requirements, balance of schedule

If you are NOT able to get a course you NEED a counsellor will assist you in navigating options; please reach out to them

Counsellors

Ms. Konesky (A - E)

Mr. Orso (F - K and International)

Ms. Vairo (L - R)

Ms. McLeod (S - Z)

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