

COURSE PLANNING 2024-2025

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. 5-15:** Grade 10/11 Course Planning Assemblies
- ► Parents/students review course planning information using Learning Guide and NSS Website.
- ► Use the **Course Planning Tool.**
- ► Feb. 12-20 Counsellors visit Gr. 10 and 11 classes
- ► Feb. 26: <u>Deadline</u> 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
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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

Required Provincial Assessments: Numeracy and Literacy 10 and Literacy 12

Indigenous Grad Requirement also needed

Indigenous Grad Requirement





Effective the 2023/24 school year, all students must successfully complete a minimum of 1 (4 credits) 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



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 <u>YOUR</u> responsibility to do 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
 - o 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 (alternates with Band 11)
- CLC Performing Arts Passion

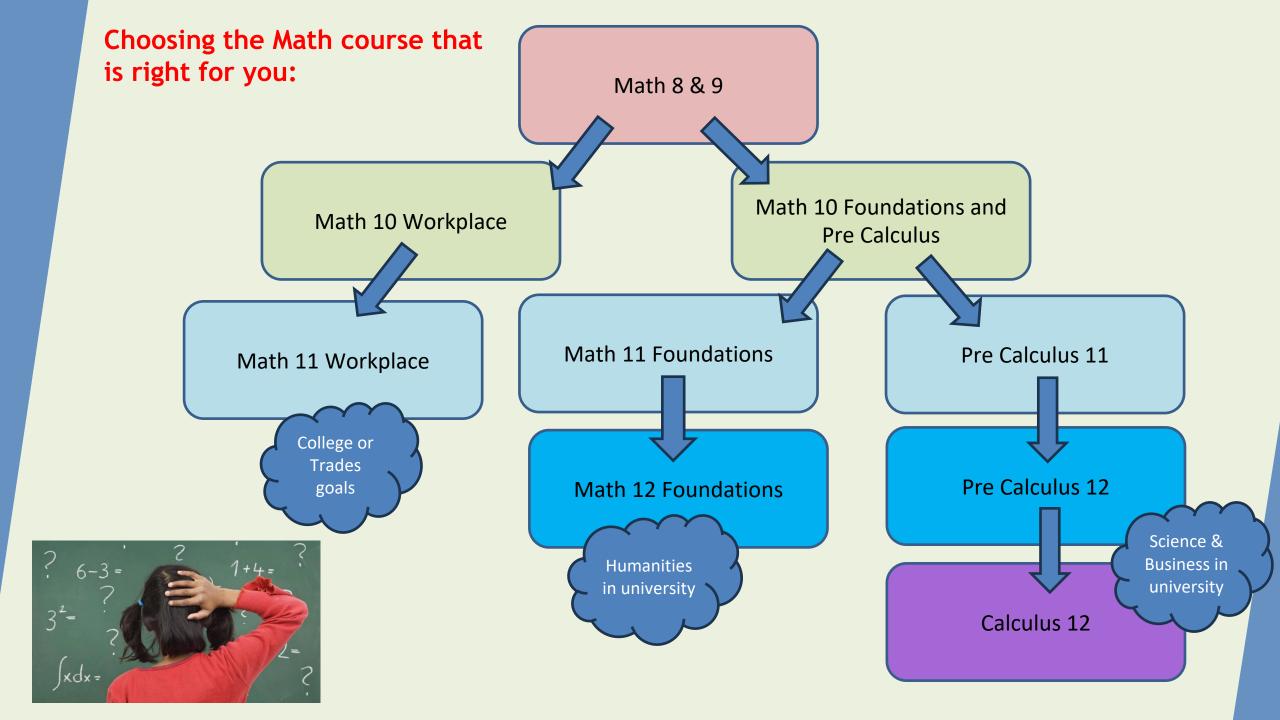
Choosing the Math course that is right for you:

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.



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
- Leadership 12

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

- Environmental Science 11, see the Learning Guide for details or talk to your science teacher
- PHE 10(non competitive), see the Learning Guide or speak to your teacher
- PHE 10-12 (basketball), see the Learning Guide or speak to Mr. Denson
- First Peoples Foods and Textiles, 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

Helpful Resources:

- Talk to teachers who teach the class to get more information.
- Read the NSS <u>Learning Guide</u> 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 **March 1, 2024 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

Bual 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'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.

When entering course requests in MYED PLEASE indicate in the Counsellor's Notes section if you are planning on taking a course online and what course you would want it to replace in your schedule

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 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?

- ► 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. 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 of 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 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
- 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

Grade 10-12 Planning Tool (<u>Download from website</u>)

NSS Graduation Years Course Planning 2024-2025									
		Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12					
	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 (oounts as Indigenous Grad Requirement) Elective: - Creative Writing 12					
ARTS	English Language Learning	* ELL	• ELL	• ELL					
	Social Studies	Requirement Social Studies 10 Social Studies 10PE Leadership 10 Social Studies 10PB Leadership 10	Requirement: Choose a Minimum of one Sooial Studies during Grade 11 or 12 BG First Peoples 12 (counts as Indigenous Grad Requirement) Explorations in Social Studies 11 Human Geography 12 Law Studies 12 Bools Justice 12 20° 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 4 credits (one course) regiment at Code 10, 11 or 12	Elective(s): Concert Band 10/93 10 Concert Choir 10 Vocal Jazz 10 Dance 10 (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced) Dance Choreography 10 Drama Acting 10 (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced) Stapecraft 10 Musical Theater 10 Infro to Art 10 "New" Art Studio (Inquiry and Exploration) 10 "New" Clay & 3/0 Arts 10 "New"	Elective(c): 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 b Art 11 "New" Art Studio (inquiry and Expioration) 11 "New" Clay & 3D Arts 11 "New"	Elective(s): Concert Band 12/93udy 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 Berjohavrilling 12 Stagecraft 12 Musical Theasire 12 Musical Theasire 12 Into Art 13 "New" Art Studio (Inquity and Expionation) 13 "New" Clay 8 3D Arts 12 "New"					
	8 th Course - Audition (these courses run before or after school)	Elective(c): Jazz Band 10 Polaris 10 Theatre Company 10 Dance Company 10	Eleothve(c):	Elective(c): Jazz Band 12 Polaris 12 Theaire Company 12 Dance Company 12					
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	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-Calculus 11	Elective(s): Foundations of Math 12 Pre-Calculus 12 Calculus 12 Pre-Caic 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(c): Active Living 12 Weight Training 12 Physical & Health Education 12 (Basketbal) New*					
	Applied Design, Skills & Technologies (ADST)	Elective(e): Entrepreneurship & Marketing 10 Animation 10 Computer Studies 10 Web Development 10	Elective(c): - 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					

	Other	Textles & Fashion 10 Textles Art & Design 10 First Peoples Foods & Textles 10 "New" Elective:	Electronics & Robotics 11 Metalwork 11 Woodwork 11 Woodwork 11 Food Studies 11 Interpersonal & Family Relationships 11 Textiles & Fashion 11 Textiles & Fashion 11 First Peoples Foods and Textiles 12 *New* Psychology 11 Electronics 11 Personal Relationships 12 *New* Personal Relationships 11 *New* *New* *New *New *New *New *New *New *New *New	Metalwork 12 Metal and Jewelin ymaking Woodwork 12 Founture & Cabinetry 12 Food Studies 12 Child Development & Careplying 12 Textiles & Fashion 12 Textiles & Fashion 12 Textiles 12 Near First Peoples Foods and Textiles 12 Near Psychology 12 Eleothyeig: People Titoring 12
	Electives		Leadership 11(9 th Course before school)	Leadership 12(9 th Course before school) Study
Careers	Career Education	Requirement: Career-Life Education (CLE)	 Leadership 11(9th Course 	Leadership 12(9th Course before school) Study LC) during Grade 11 or 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	4	Elective12	4
		(BC First Peoples 12 satisfies \$\$ and Indigenous Grad Requirement)			
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 \$\$ 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	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 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 80 Credits REQUIRED (average total is 98-100)

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English 10		4	English 11		4	English Studies 12 or ***English First Peoples 12***		4
Math 10		4	Math 11		4	Elective12		4
Science 10		4	Science 11		4	Elective12		4
Career Life Education 10		4	Elective or Career Life Connections 12		4	Career Life Connections 12 or Elective		4
Social Studies 10		4	Elective or *** Socials 11/12***		4	*** Socials 11/12*** or 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
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Please Know:

- Unfortunately, due to the nature of the system there is no GUARANTEE you will get these courses.
- 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)
- Priority is given to: Grade a student is in, grad requirements, postsecondary 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



Where do I find Course Planning Info?

- ► Talk to your Counsellor
- Check out the NSS website here
- Explore the 2024 Learning Guide

Do Not Forget...

- ▶ To review this PowerPoint.
- ► To review the course planning letter that was emailed home to parents.
- Complete the COURSE 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 26, 2024

Counsellors

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