



ENVER CREEK SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Ever Creek Grade 12 students and Parents/Guardians,

I know the last few weeks have been very unsettling for many of our grade 12 students and their families. I want you to know that the staff at Ever Creek and throughout the Surrey School District are committed to supporting all grade 12 students on your journey to meet graduation requirements and for a seamless transition to the next stage of your life.

Last week the Ministry of Education clarified their earlier statements with regards to grade 12 students and graduation. This information can be found in detail at: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/bc-ministry-of-education-questions-and-answers-continuity-of-learning-k-12-education_system.pdf

In summary:

- Students on track or “eligible to graduate” will be able to graduate provided the student has completed sufficient learning in their coursework.
- “Eligible to graduate” means a student will satisfy all graduation requirements upon successful completion of courses they currently have underway and are continuing through to June 2020. This does not mean that students will graduate no matter what.
- Sufficient learning will be determined by teachers using their professional judgement.
- Students are expected to continue their learning for each course they are enrolled in and to complete assignments set out by their teachers to finish their courses.
- All students will receive a final grade for each course.
- Final grade determined by:
 - Work completed to date &
 - Assessment of learning that will occur over the coming months.
 - Teachers will consider those students whose learning needs or circumstances may require unique approaches to assessment.

Over the next month, Ever Creek counsellors will be connecting with all grade 12 students to review their current status with respect to eligibility for graduation and their transition plan into their post-secondary life. This process will take time, thank you in advance for your patience. If you have an immediate concern about graduation, please email your counsellor.

There are many unknowns at this point and I will endeavor to continue to update students and families through our website and through direct email. Below are some links and some information for items specific to grade 12 students.

Graduation Requirements

- The graduation requirements have not changed for the 2020 Grads

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/legislation-policy/public-schools/graduation-requirements>

- Students can view their transcript through the Ministry Transcript Service

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates>

- The Ministry of Education has stated that the Numeracy 10 Assessment still needs to be completed as a graduation requirement. At this time, the Ministry of Education is working on a range of possible ways for those grade 12 students who have not completed the Numeracy 10 Assessment but are otherwise on track to graduate this school year
- Capstone and Career Life Connections remain courses that all Grade 12 students are required to complete to graduate



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Career Life Connections (CLC)/Capstone

- Detailed information from Ms. Donnelly will be emailed to students/parents
- Capstone presentations are scheduled for May 14th. More details on submission to come

Continuation of Learning

- Teachers are in contact with their students. They will continue to provide you with information about how learning will continue
- Teachers will work with parents/caregivers and students to ensure that students are engaged in appropriate learning opportunities during the suspension of in-class instruction. In doing so, teachers will take into account those students whose learning needs or circumstances may necessitate unique approaches and they will work with our inclusive learning team(s) to provide support
- Teachers will issue marks and report cards in June. This will be based on the assessment over the course of the whole school year

Grad activities

- At this time, no decisions on the Graduation Commencement Ceremony or the Grad Dinner/Dance have been made
- I would suggest that you do not put down non-refundable deposits for Grad activities. We hope to see the Grad events continue but we will have to wait and see how our current situation progresses. We are developing contingency plans to have a Commencement Ceremony once schools are open again
- A decision on how to move forward with Valedictorian selection will be made once we have more information
- Grad Hoodies have been ordered and will be distributed when they arrive

Post-Secondary

- The Ministry is also working with post-secondary institutions to ensure graduating students will transition successfully
- Grads should complete their PSI through the Ministry Transcript Services (create BCeID account with instructions attached). Contact post-secondary schools directly

Scholarships

- Please monitor the Career Centre page on our school website and the Career Centre Instagram page for information about scholarships
- For specific scholarship questions email Ms. van Dyk at vandyk_a@surreyschools.ca

Summer School

- No decision has been made regarding Summer School. If you were relying on summer school for upgrading or completion, please monitor www.surreysummer.ca for updates

Thank you for your ongoing support and patience. As always, please reach out directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards

Mike Kilpatrick
Principal