

## **Course Selection Frequently Asked Questions (2024-2025 School Year)**

See the following resources for more information about course planning:

- <http://www.educationplanner.bc.ca> (for post secondary planning)
- <https://www.surreyschools.ca/tweeds/page/9044/counselling> for Lord Tweedsmuir course selection instructions, information, and planning guides.

**Q) When can I request courses?**

A) *Each grade level will be able to choose courses during different dates. See the LTSS Counselling website and January Newsletter for course selection dates for each grade level. You must enter your course selections by the deadlines posted.*

**Q) Where do I get the Peer Tutoring application forms? Who do I give them to? Are they electronic forms? - Note: this question is for students entering grades 11 and 12 only.**

A) *All course application forms will be available at your one-to-one interview. You return them to the main office (or the teacher named on the form). Applications are paper only.*

**Q) What else needs an application form?**

A) See below for courses requiring applications and their corresponding teacher contacts:

- *Peer Tutoring: Classroom (see Ms. Mason), BASES (see Ms. Mason), PE (see Ms. J. Robinson)*
- *Library Learning Commons Inquiry – see Mr. Sexton*
- *Athletic Leadership – see Ms. J. Robinson*
- *Senior Leadership – see Ms. Smith*
- *Yearbook – see Mr. Tam*

**Q) How do I make a course change request?**

A) *You can make changes yourself as long as the portal is open – see the dates posted on the LTSS Counselling website. If you want to change a request after your portal closes, you will get an opportunity just prior to spring break.*

**Q) How do I make sure I've met the Indigenous-focused coursework graduation requirement?**

A) *See below for a breakdown of options available at each grade level for the 2024-2025 school year (note: grade levels refer to the student's next year grade level):*

- *Grade 8 – no action required*
- *Grade 9 – no action required*
- *Grade 10 – optional course available in the portal (English)*
- *Grade 11 – optional courses available in the portal (English and Social Studies)*
- *Grade 12 – optional courses available in the portal (English and Social Studies)*
- *See <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/indigenous-focused-graduation-requirements> for more information about this requirement.*

**Q) Who is the contact if I have questions about the Hockey Academy?**

A) *Mr. Bailey*

**Q) I already speak Spanish. Can I take Spanish 11 even though I haven't had Spanish 10?**

A) *Possibly. You need to see one of the language teachers and arrange an assessment to ensure you are properly placed.*

**Q) I already took a course online or at summer school and the portal won't let me keep going unless I choose this course. What do I do?**

A) *Choose the course, then send your counsellor a message on TEAMS or an email. Counsellors have the ability to enter courses that are not available on your portal (e.g. courses from a different grade level)*

**Q) I am moving... do I have to do this? What do I do?**

A) *Complete course selection as if you are staying at Lord Tweedsmuir. Often your new school can see your selections which gives the counsellor at your new school a great start. If things change and you do not move, you are set for next year. Your parents need to notify the school when they know for certain you are not returning.*

**Q) Can I take a course that is a grade above what I am presently in?**

A) *Only if you have completed the prerequisite course. (e.g. Science 10 must be completed prior to any Science 11 course). Grade 10s have access to some grade 11 electives on their portal.*

**Q) What do I do if I don't see the course I need/want to take on the portal?**

A) *Send your counsellor a message on TEAMS or an email. Counsellors have the ability to enter courses that are not available on your portal (e.g. courses from a different grade level)*

**Q) Can I have a study block?**

A) *Only grade 12 students are eligible for study blocks. Students from all other grade levels must have a minimum of 8 courses in their schedule.*

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A) *You can make changes yourself as long as the portal is open – see the dates posted on the LTSS Counselling website. If you want to change a request after your portal closes, you will get an opportunity just prior to spring break on your course verification form.*

**Q) What do I do if I can't remember my MyEdBC login?**

A) *Contact the office and they can reset your password for you.*

**Q) What if I need help choosing my courses in the student portal?**

A) *Drop-in support for course selection will be available every Tuesday in B201 (all grade levels). Additional drop-in support sessions may be added later – stay tuned for further announcements.*