



École Salish Secondary

Grade 12 Information & Resources

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Welcome to the September 2021 Newsletter!

Welcome back Grade 12s to your graduation year – It's an exciting year, and sometimes it can feel overwhelming with some of the decisions you may be faced with. There is a community of individuals in your network who can help, including family, counsellors, Career Centre staff, and teachers. This edition of Grad News reviews resources available to assist you with your year. There are hyperlinks throughout this document to connect you to related information.

TO DO IN YOUR GRADE 12 YEAR:

1. MEET GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

- The Ministry of Education site outlines all courses and assessments required for regular and French Immersion diplomas – please review to ensure you meet BC graduation requirements
- Gr 12 required courses/assessments include:
 - English 12
 - Career Life Connections & Capstone
 - 3 other grade 12 courses
- French Immersion / Dual Dogwood also require:
 - Français langue seconde-immersion 12
- Get help early if you are having challenges in your courses
- Carefully consider if you can be successful in the courses on your timetable. We want all grade 12s to graduate this year

2. PLANNING FOR YOUR FUTURE

- If you are unsure of what to do after graduation (post-secondary studies, work, volunteer, etc), you can meet with Career Centre staff and/or your Counsellor to review possibilities – there are also a lot of opportunities to take part in this year that may help you decide what you may want to pursue – check on the Career Centre Instagram account @salishcareercentre for these
- Admission requirements and dates can change from year to year. Post-secondary schools and programs across Canada vary in terms of requirements, with some (i.e. UBC and SFU) requiring five or six Grade 12 academic courses
- Some deadlines are earlier (i.e. Early Admission, some Nursing, Business programs) – verify all dates and deadlines for programs you are thinking of applying to via post-secondary school websites
- Double check that you have courses needed to pursue your post-secondary plans – you will need to check both the General and Specific Entrance Requirements on post-secondary sites

- If you are taking Distributed Learning courses (i.e. SAIL) please check with schools you are planning to apply to, for required completion dates of DL courses or Research post-secondary options via MyBlueprint, EducationPlanner BC and the Salish Career Centre Website
- In person and virtual recruitment workshops will be held this fall. Some of these events will be advertised through the Salish Career Centre Instagram but check specific schools and programs through their website for all offered sessions.
- Tours are available for most universities and colleges you are considering
- Post-Secondary Day is virtual this year, dates will be announced when available. Updated information will be posted on Instagram and newsletters.
- If you are potentially going to study in the USA or an NCAA school, you must have an SAT or ACT score when you submit your application – through CommonApps, or direct to the institution. Additional important information for students considering studying in the USA is in the Studying in the US section of the Career Centre website.

3. TRANSCRIPTS

- Grade 12s who are considering attending a post-secondary institution anywhere in the world need to create a BCeID account and register with the Student Transcript Service. Information about this is on the Ministry of Education Student Secured Web (link in Dates section below.)
- Registering with the STS will allow students to have their marks picked up electronically in the spring and May by some institutions and will provide final transcripts to all institutions in late July.
- Students considering the NCAA, NAIA, or any American or International institution have to specifically request their transcript be sent through the STS system as well.
- NCAA/NAI Athletes will also need a grade 9-12 transcript from Salish
- If you require a transcript, (e.g. for out-of-province applications, limited intake programs, or scholarship applications), please request one from the office, and allow 4 days to process

4. SCHOLARSHIPS

- Please review the scholarship resources available on the Surrey District Scholarship Site and the Salish Career Centre website. The Career Centre site has a searchable database of many awards.
- The District Scholarship site highlights a number of scholarships, including the Surrey District Scholarships open to all Surrey Grade 12 students. Deadlines for these will be in March/April at Salish
- You will need a S.I.N. number to receive some scholarships

5. YOUR NETWORK – PEOPLE TO HELP YOU

- Meet with Career Facilitator, Mr. Third or Career Centre Assistant, Ms. McGowan if you would like to discuss career possibilities, consider post-secondary options (including Trades Training opportunities), receive help with your resume or wish to investigate volunteer or other opportunities
- Meet with your Counsellor for questions about courses & timetabling
- Meet with Mr. Third if you worked in a trade area this summer and want to know more about how to be part of the Youth Work in Trades Apprenticeship Program
- [Salish Counsellors website](#)

IMPORTANT DATES FOR GRADS

Oct 2, 4, 5 & 6 Canadian Universities Events (50+ Cndn schools) [CUE website](#)

Oct 30 National Portfolio Day [NPDA site](#)

Oct 18-22 Grad Photos begin Artona

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Additional events will be posted/updated throughout the year

Post-secondary Applications

A reminder to– ensure you know your prospective school/s deadlines by checking on their website

Students who are planning to stay in BC for their future studies should begin the application process through:
apply.educationplannerbc.ca/*

* for BCIT, UBC, UVIC & Royal Roads – apply via their website

Once applications are complete, most schools send a notification/email to confirm and let you know what else is needed to complete the application. For most schools, this includes receiving your transcript via STS (see below)

Student Transcript Service / STS

All Grade 12 students must have an account with the Student Transcript Service (STS) in order to view their final transcripts in July and beyond.

All Grade 12 students must have an STS account to view and print their final transcript in July 2022. It is also how students who are applying to post-secondary education for the fall of 2022, will allow institutions to pick-up their marks electronically (or be mailed a final transcript in late July). Very few post-secondary institutions want a transcript at this time. The majority of them will ask students to self-report their Grade 11 and completed Grade 12 marks when they have been given an account with the post-secondary institutions.

These two videos will help students in setting up their account and releasing their transcripts:

1. [Creating a BCeID & STS account](#)
2. [How to order and send transcripts](#)

Self-Reporting / Transcript Information for specific post-secondary schools

EXAMPLES OF POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION (PSI) DEADLINES:

BC PSI Examples			
Institution	Application Opens*	Early Admission Deadline	Scholarship Deadline
<u>BCIT</u>	Oct 1, 9am	Open until program is filled; then name put on waitlist	Aug 5
<u>Cap U</u>	Aug 15	Limited Enrolment Programs fill before the deadline Mar 31	Mar 1
<u>Douglas</u>	Oct 1, 8:30am	Limited intake programs offer seats to qualified applicants before the application deadline of May 1	Mar 2
<u>Emily Carr</u>	Sep 15	Jan 15: Application, Documents & Portfolio Deadline	Jan 15 <small>No separate application</small>
<u>KPU</u>	Oct. 1, 9am	Limited Intake programs fill quickly; plan to apply Oct 1	Apr 6
<u>LANGARA</u>			May 31
<u>SFU</u>	Oct. 1	Jan 31	Dec 15
<u>TRU</u>	Oct. 1	Mar 1 <small>(Check program specific deadlines, e.g. Nursing + Social Work – Jan. 31; Education Feb. 15)</small>	Mar 1
<u>TWU</u>	Oct. 1	Feb 27 (for Nursing)	Feb. 28
<u>UBC</u>	Sep 1	Dec 1	Dec 1
<u>UFV</u>	Oct 1	Popular programs fill before the deadline. Apply early! Jan 31	Mar 1
<u>UVIC</u>	Sep 1	Jan 31	Mar 31

*BC students should be using <https://apply.educationplannerbc.ca/> when applying to BC institutions

Out of Province PSI Examples			
<u>McGill</u>	Sep 15 - <u>McGill</u>	Recommend: before Jan 15	Feb 7
<u>Queen's</u>	Sep 15 - <u>OUAC</u>	Recommend: Nov 15	Dec 1
<u>U of Alberta</u>	Oct. 1 - <u>ApplyAlberta</u>	Dec 11	Dec 11
<u>U of Toronto</u>	Sept 15 - <u>OUAC</u>	Spaces fill quickly and programs may close before the application deadlines listed on the OUAC Site. Your application will be cancelled with no refund if you apply after the program has closed. Nov 1	Feb 1
<u>U of Waterloo</u>	Fall - <u>OUAC</u>	Offers begin in December	April 15
<u>US Institutions</u>	Aug. 1 - <u>CommonApp.org</u>	(<u>SAT score</u> required for Dec application deadlines)	December

Check the institutions website for up-to-date information

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Residency Information

Students who want to live on campus are reminded that they should be submitting their application early to secure housing for the fall. In many cases, residency is guaranteed for first year students, but it is best to apply early.

Learning Opportunities

Know Before You Go

Know Before You Go is an 82-page resource that is intended for Grade 12 students, as they transition from high school to post-secondary studies and/or employment. This life skills resource, published by Teen Mental Health, helps students anticipate, identify and navigate situations they will encounter when entering the realm of post secondary education. It contains information on many topics including paying bills, study skills, roommate issues, identity questions and embedded throughout is how to maintain good mental health and seek help as needed.

Visit: teenmentalhealth.org/product/know-before-you-go/

Language Challenge Exam – Any students interested in taking the Language Challenge Exam please see Ms. Black.
Deadline to apply is October 29th

Scholarships

The [Salish Career Centre Webpage](#) links students and families to scholarship info, tips, and resources, including a searchable Scholarship Directory and links to Surrey District's Post-Secondary/Scholarships resource page.

TD Scholarships for Community Leadership – Deadline to apply: Nov. 15, 2021.

Apply at: portal.scholarshippartners.ca/welcome/td_en

Loran Scholarship – Deadline to apply: Oct. 13th, 2021 8pm ET

Apply at: loranscholar.ca

Follow @salishcarecentre on Instagram for the most current updates and opportunities!