



COURSE PLANNING 2022-2023

Current Grade 10 and 11
students



Going into Grade 11 and 12

Timeline for Course Planning

- ▶ **Jan. 10:** Course planning information letter emailed home.
- ▶ **Jan. 10, 14:** Counsellors visit ***Semester 1***, Gr. 10/11 classes to present Course Planning information via PowerPoint and FAQ's.
- ▶ **Feb. 3-8:** Counsellors visit ***Semester 2***, Gr. 10/11 classes.
- ▶ Parents/students review course planning information using NSS [Learning Guide](#) and NSS [Website](#).
- ▶ Use the **Course Planning Tool**
- ▶ **Feb 22:** [Deadline](#) to complete Course Selection in MyEdBC for current Grade 8-11 students.

Graduation Course Planning

What do I need to graduate?

- Ministry of Education Graduation Requirements

What do I need for post-secondary education?

- Where am I going?

Use this Time to EXPLORE

- 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
- Colleges/universities are designed for exploration: they allow you to switch programs of study/interest



Learning Guide 2022

- ▶ Please check out the NSS [Learning Guide](#) to read about all the courses that each NSS department has to offer.
- ▶ Base course planning on ***your*** interests, abilities and use for a potential future career.

Consider the following factors when requesting courses:

- ▶ What courses MUST I take for graduation?
- ▶ What courses MUST I take to meet post-secondary and/or apprenticeship entrance requirements?
- ▶ What courses MUST I take to prepare for the work place?
- ▶ Check out our Grade 10-12 Course Planning Tool ([*slide #10*](#)), which provides students/parents information to help students make the best choices for their future.



Post-Secondary Considerations

- ▶ Universities are now looking at grade 11 and 12 marks.
- ▶ Entrance requirements have changed: ensure you are looking at the requirements for your year of entry.
- ▶ Universities want to see students challenge themselves academically.
- ▶ Direct transition from high school to university is intense. You may wish to consider attending institutions that offer university transfer credits such as KPU, Douglas, Langara, UFR.

Post-Secondary Considerations

**What is
best for
me?**

- Direct entrance to university
- College 1st, then transfer to university
- College - complete degree/diploma/certificate there
- Work
- Travel

**What else
is going on
in my life --
balance is
important?**

- Part-time job
- Sports, commitments
- Club involvement
- Personal concerns

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

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

NSS Graduation Years Course Planning 2022-2023

North Surrey Learning Guide

		Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Arts	English	Requirement - Choose one: <input type="checkbox"/> Composition & Creative Writing 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Composition & Literary Studies 10	Requirement - Choose one: <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Literary Studies 11	Requirement ▪ English Studies 12 Elective: <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing 12
	English Language Learning	<input type="checkbox"/> ELL	<input type="checkbox"/> ELL	<input type="checkbox"/> ELL
	Social Studies	Requirement ▪ Social Studies 10	Requirement: Choose a Minimum of one Social Studies during Grade 11 or 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Explorations in Social Studies 11 <input type="checkbox"/> BC First Peoples 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Human Geography 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Law Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Geography 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Social Justice 12 <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century World History 12	
	Languages	Elective(s): <input type="checkbox"/> French 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Intensive French 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Introductory Spanish 11	Elective(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Introductory French 11 <input type="checkbox"/> French 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Intensive French 11/12 <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Introductory Spanish 11	Elective(s): <input type="checkbox"/> French 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Intensive French 11/12 <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish 12
	Fine Arts 4 credits (one course) requirement at Grade 10, 11 or 12	Elective(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Concert Band 10/PHE 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Concert Choir 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Vocal Jazz 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Dance 10 (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced) <input type="checkbox"/> Dance Choreography 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Drama Acting 10 (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced) <input type="checkbox"/> Stagecraft 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Musical Theatre 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Art 10 Studio	Elective(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Concert Band 11/CLC <input type="checkbox"/> Concert Choir 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Vocal Jazz 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Dance 11 (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced) <input type="checkbox"/> Dance Choreography 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Drama Acting 11 (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced) <input type="checkbox"/> Drama Directing and Scriptwriting 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Stagecraft 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Musical Theatre 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Art 11 Studio <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Art 11 2D Drawing & Painting <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Art 11 3D Sculpture & Ceramics	Elective(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Concert Band 12/Study <input type="checkbox"/> Concert Choir 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Vocal Jazz 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Dance 12 (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced) <input type="checkbox"/> Dance Choreography 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Drama Acting 12 (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced) <input type="checkbox"/> Drama Directing and Scriptwriting 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Stagecraft 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Musical Theatre 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Art 12 Studio <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Art 12 2D Drawing & Painting <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Art 12 3D Sculpture & Ceramics
	9th Course - Audition (these courses run before or after school)	Elective(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Jazz Band 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Polaris 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Theatre Company 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Dance Company 10	Elective(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Jazz Band 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Polaris 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Theatre Company 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Dance Company 11	Elective(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Jazz Band 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Polaris 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Theatre Company 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Dance Company 12
Design	Science	Requirement - Choose one: <input type="checkbox"/> Science 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Science 10 Leadership	Requirement - Choose a MINIMUM of one required Science course: <input type="checkbox"/> Science for Citizens 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Life Sciences 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Science 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Physics 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Earth Science 11	Elective(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Anatomy & Physiology 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Geology 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Physics 12
	Math	Requirement - Choose one: <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Math & Pre-Calculus 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Math 10	Requirement - Choose one: <input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Math 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Math 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Calculus 11	Elective(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Math 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Calculus 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Calculus 12
	Physical & Health Education (PHE)	Requirement - Choose one: <input type="checkbox"/> Physical & Health Education 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Physical & Health Education 10 (Band) <input type="checkbox"/> Physical & Health Education 10 (Leadership)	Elective(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Active Living 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness & Conditioning 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Weight Training 11	Elective(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Active Living 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness & Conditioning 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Weight Training 12

	Applied Design, Skills & Technologies (ADST) 4 credit (one course) requirement at Grade 10, 11 or 12	Elective(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneurship & Marketing 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Animation 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Studies 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Web Development 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Production 10 (Yearbook) <input type="checkbox"/> Drafting 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Electronics & Robotics 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Metalwork 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Power Technology 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Woodwork 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Food Studies 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Textiles & Fashion 10	Elective(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Culinary Arts 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing and Promotion 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Animation 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Communications 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Programming 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Photography 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Video Production 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Production 11 (Yearbook) <input type="checkbox"/> Automotive Technology 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Drafting 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Electronics & Robotics 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Metalwork 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Woodwork 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Food Studies 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Interpersonal & Family Relationships 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Textiles & Fashion 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Textiles Art & Design 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology 11	Elective(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Culinary Arts 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Economics 12 <input type="checkbox"/> E-Commerce 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneurship 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Animation 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Business Computer Applications 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Programming 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Photography 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Video Production 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Production 12 (Yearbook) <input type="checkbox"/> Automotive Technology 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Drafting 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Electronics & Robotics 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Metalwork 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Metalwork 12 Metal and Jewelry <input type="checkbox"/> Woodwork 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Furniture & Cabinetry 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Food Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Child Development & Caregiving 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Textiles & Fashion 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Textiles Art & Design 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology 12
	Other Electives	Elective:	Elective(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Peer Tutoring 11	Elective(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Peer Tutoring 12
Careers	Career Education	Requirement: ▪ Career-Life Education (CLE 10)	Requirement: Choose one Career Life Connections (CLC) during Grade 11 or 12 <input type="checkbox"/> CLC - General <input type="checkbox"/> CLC - Business & Information Technology Passion <input type="checkbox"/> CLC - Band 11	
	9th Course - Application		Elective: <input type="checkbox"/> Work Experience 12	Elective: <input type="checkbox"/> Work Experience 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	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	Elective _____ 12	4
Physical Health Ed. 10	4	Elective or CLC _____	4	Socials 11/12 or Elective 10/11/12 _____	4
Career Life Education 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 or CLC _____	4
Total Credits Grade 10	32	Total Credits Grade 11	32	Total Credits Grade 12	32
Gr. 10 Numeracy Assessment				Gr. 12 Literacy Assessment	
Gr. 10 Literacy Assessment					

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)

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.

Things to consider when selecting Elective courses

➤ What are some reasons to take a course?

- Interested in the topic and need it for post-secondary and/or work after high school
- To learn an important life skill (cooking, accounting, how to change a tire, etc.)
- Further develop a passion (dance/art/computer/etc.) or learn a new hobby
- Something fun and a break from academic work

Remember courses are FREE at North Surrey so use the time to explore and try new things.

➤ Fulfilling work is found at the intersection of what you:

- Love doing (if they didn't pay you would you still do it)
- Are naturally good/talented at
- Care about and value

...Selecting Elective courses continued

- ▶ Read the NSS [Learning Guide](#) to get a sense of what courses are about.
- ▶ Talk to teachers who teach the class to get more information.
- ▶ **Many** electives can be taken in grade 10/11/12 without having taken the course in a previous year.
 - *For example, if you don't take Art 10, you can still take Art 11.*

Choose wisely.....elective changes may be difficult to accommodate.

Additional Information for Elective Courses

- Band 11/CLC (f2f with CLC teacher at NSS)
- ▶ Band 12/Study
- Graphic Production (Yearbook) 10/11/12:
 - Semester only; may take both grade 11 and 12 course
- Dance & Drama 10/11/12 courses are leveled:
 - Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced
 - Students should consult with teachers about appropriate course level before selecting one of these courses.
- Application/Approval Courses:
 - Peer Tutoring (see Ms. Hui for application)
 - Work Experience (see Ms. Cvitkovich)
 - Science Lab Tech (seek approval from Science teacher)



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.

Career Courses

You should have completed
Careers 8, 9 and 10.



Career Life Connections may be taken in
either Grade 11 or 12.

Options for Career Life Connections (CLC)

- ▶ 4 credits
- ▶ Choose one Career Life Connections (CLC):
 - CLC - General
 - CLC - Business & Information Technology Passion
 - CLC - Band 11 (backed yearlong, Day 1/2 rotation)
- ▶ CLC may be taken in grade 11 or grade 12

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.

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.
- ▶ Please complete this [Online-Summer-Study form \(O.S.S.\)](#) if you intend to take a summer school course.



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 complete the [Online-Summer-Study form \(O.S.S.\)](#) if you intend to take an online course.

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

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

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

9. Can I take a course online?

- ▶ There are many factors to consider taking a class on line
 - ▶ What is your current course load - taking an online course can add a 9th course to your schedule
 - ▶ Online is not the same as blended/covid online...it is self paced and you have one full year to complete the course so you must make your own deadlines for each unit and stick to them
 - ▶ Important to consider University requirements for course completion dates for online courses



Where do I find Course Planning Info?

- ▶ Talk to your Counsellor
- ▶ Check out the NSS website [here](#)
- ▶ Explore the 2022 [Learning Guide](#)
- ▶ [Online-Summer-Study form \(O.S.S.\)](#) for Summer School, Online Courses, or a Grade 12 second study request.

Counsellors

Ms. McLeod (A, S - Z)

Mr. Orso (C - K and International)

Ms. Vairo (B, L - R)

Ms. Alvaro (Academic advising)

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

Do Not Forget...

- ▶ To review this PowerPoint.
- ▶ To review the course planning letter that was emailed home to parents.
- ▶ To go online into *MyEdBC* and enter your course selection information.

Course Selection DEADLINE →
February 22, 2022