



## Adult Education and Pathways to High School Graduation



Surrey Schools' Adult Education department offers a variety of services, programs, and schedules to assist students in identifying their educational and career goals.

There are opportunities to improve literacy skills, complete a graduation certificate, upgrade courses, and earn a career certificate or diploma at Surrey College.

For information, the education centre links are below, or visit: [Continuous Learning \(surreyschools.ca\)](https://www.surreyschools.ca/continuous-learning)

### [Invergarry Adult Education Centre \(surreyschools.ca\)](https://www.surreyschools.ca/invergarry-adult-education-centre)

12772 88 Ave., Surrey. V3W 3J9

Phone: 604-595-8218

### [Queen Elizabeth Continuing Education](https://www.surreyschools.ca/queen-elizabeth-continuing-education)

[\(surreyschools.ca\)](https://www.surreyschools.ca)

9457 King George Blvd., Surrey. V3V 5W4

Phone: 604-581-1413

## Literacy Courses

### Literacy Foundation Courses

If you're an English language learner, we're here to help.

The Literacy Foundation program is a great option for students who wish to attain their high school completion and first language is not English.

The Literacy Foundation curriculum addresses the needs of adult students who have significant skill and knowledge gaps and need to upgrade skills to be successful at the Grade 10, 11 and 12 courses leading to graduation.

New students are assessed prior to registering for a class to determine their level of English.

[Literacy Foundation courses](#) offered are:

- Computer studies
- English
- Math
- Science
- Social studies

Day and evening classes are available at the [Invergarry Adult Education Centre](https://www.surreyschools.ca/invergarry-adult-education-centre).

*Foundations of Literacy is formerly the English Language Development and Adult Basic Education programs.*

# High School Completion



It's never too late to complete high school. Surrey Schools offers a variety of options for students of all ages to complete secondary school or its equivalent and to meet their individual needs. Students can take academic courses to:

- Complete the requirements for a BC Adult or High School Completion Diploma
- Meet post-secondary entrance requirements
- Spend extra time on a difficult course
- Improve marks or repeat a failed course

Contact your nearest adult education centre or Surrey Academy of Innovative Learning for more information.

## High School Completion Programs

Grades 10, 11 and 12

- Courses are offered in a variety of subject areas, including English, humanities, mathematics, business education and sciences. Students take these courses to complete a Graduation Diploma, to prepare for post-secondary studies or to upgrade current marks.

Grades 10, 11 and 12 courses are offered at [Adult Education \(surreyschools.ca\)](http://surreyschools.ca)

Grades 11 and 12 courses are offered at [Queen Elizabeth Continuing Education \(surreyschools.ca\)](http://surreyschools.ca)

## Graduation diplomas

- **Dogwood Diploma**

British Columbia Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma). To graduate with a Dogwood Diploma, students must earn a minimum of 80 credits in Grades 10, 11, and 12, and take one provincial assessment in numeracy and two in literacy.

- **Dual Dogwood Diploma**

Students in Francophone school or in French Immersion programs in BC can earn two certificates: one in French (Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires en Colombie-Britannique) and one in English (Dogwood Diploma). To earn both certificates, students must:

- meet all the graduation requirements for the Dogwood Diploma
- take additional Francophone or French Immersion courses in each of Grades 10, 11, and 12
- earn at least 12 more credits toward graduation in courses that are taught in French

- take provincial assessments in numeracy and literacy that are specific to their program

- **Adult Graduation Diploma**

BC offers an alternative pathway for adults seeking to obtain their Diploma. The British Columbia Adult Graduation Diploma (BCAGD) requires 20 credits of study instead of the 80 credits required for the Dogwood Diploma. Students must be at least 18 years old to enter the Adult Graduation Program. If a school-aged student (aged 18 or 19) is contemplating switching from the BC Graduation Program to the Adult Graduation Program, the school must ensure the student and their parent or caregiver are fully informed of the implications and potential limitations of the BCAGD, including the differences between the Dogwood and the Adult Dogwood credentials and the prerequisites needed for post-secondary.

- **Evergreen Certificate**

The School Completion Certificate (Evergreen Certificate) is a recognition and celebration of successful learning, but it is not a graduation diploma. It's important that students and their parents or caregivers understand that the Evergreen represents the completion of personal learning goals but does not represent graduation. They also need to understand the impact this decision could have on a student's future.

The decision to put a child on an Evergreen pathway should not be made before Grade 10 and should

include the student's parent or caregiver's informed consent.

- **Provincial Assessments**

A student's graduation requirement will include taking 3 provincial assessments in literacy and numeracy and may include additional assessments in French for the Dual Dogwood. The specific assessments they need to take will be listed on their Graduation Status update. Students in the Adult Graduation Diploma or Evergreen programs do not need to take these assessments.

### **Online Study Option (SAIL Academy)**

Surrey Academy of Innovative Learning offers adult students the ability to either upgrade their regular Dogwood Diploma, or to complete their Adult Dogwood Diploma online. There are more than 100 online and text-based courses offered, including advanced placement sciences and math. All courses have online teacher support as well as face-to-face teacher tutorials. There is also online conferencing, lab work, group study and personalized instruction. For more information visit: [Welcome to SAIL \(sailacademy.ca\)](http://www.sailacademy.ca)

*For more information on Adult Education Programs: [Adult Education \(surreyschools.ca\)](http://www.surreyschools.ca)*

*The information in the brochure is based on a variety of Surrey School District resources. This resource is intended to provide general information to newcomer families in the district. For more comprehensive information, please use the links and resources shared in this brochure. This resource is a guide only, if you have questions or concerns, please contact school staff. The Surrey School District provides many resources to support your child's learning journey. For more information visit : [Certificates of Graduation - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](http://www.gov.bc.ca)*

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