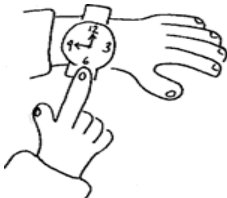




Transition to Schools in Canada

Code of Conduct	
Academic Students and their parents are expected to familiarize themselves with the school expectations and assume responsibility for their actions.	Expectations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in class to the best of their ability • Complete all work on time • Come to class with the appropriate supplies • Ask for assistance if you don't understand • Work to achieve the class goals
Attendance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be on time • Attend classes • If you are ill, please stay home until you are well, but call the school to inform them of your absence
Behaviour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect staff, students, their property and the school property • Ask people before using their belongings • No laughing when someone makes a mistake
Safe and Caring Schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a safe and inclusive space for everyone • Bullying/discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity is not tolerated • Counselling and resources are available for students and families who may need assistance with SOGI-related issues or questions

Serious Offences

The school is committed to provide a safe environment for students to learn in, thus certain actions will be dealt with severely by the school, School District or the law.

Failure to comply with the above-noted expectations may result in being referred to school administration, and other consequences such as referral for counselling, suspension, consultation with police or expulsion

- The use of offensive or racist language
- The use of physical violence, verbal or written threats
- Physical or sexual abuse
- The wilful disobedience to teachers
- Possession of weapons or replica weapons and fireworks
- The causing of a false fire alarm
- The wilful causing of damage to school property or the property of others
- Being under the influence/possession of alcohol or drugs at the school or on an outing
- Skipping classes (unwarranted and repeated)
- Smoking on school premises
- Theft
- Wearing inappropriate clothing (such as: short skirts/shorts, baggy pants below hips, rude or offensive language/slogans, and revealing too much skin/cleavage)

Technology



- Do not use cell phones and other electronic devices during class time – unless assigned by the teacher
- Use computers only with a teacher's consent, and according to school district policy
- **See: Top 10 rules for computer use**

Scent-free & Allergy Awareness



- Schools are **scent free**
- There are many students and staff with sensitivities and have **allergies** to nuts and their products
- **Do not bring food that contain peanuts**, nuts and/or their byproducts - some students and staff have severe allergic reactions to these foods

School Schedules and Routines

Bell Schedule (refer to school's website)

Lunch Break

- Students are permitted to leave the school during lunch hour
- Students can bring lunches and snacks from home
- Students must return to the school at least 15 minutes before classes start after lunch

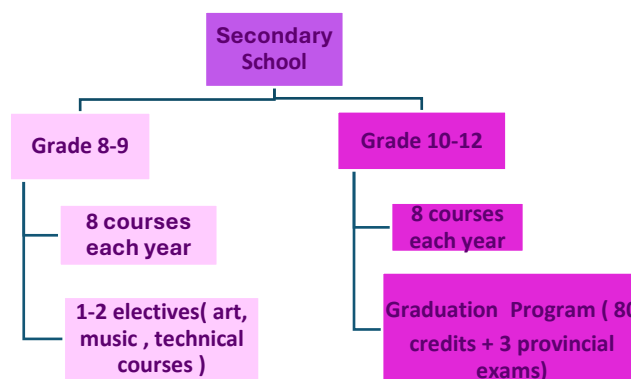
Student Timetables

2023-2024 Bell Schedule					
	Monday Day 1	Tuesday Day 2	Wednesday Day 3	Thursday Day 4	Friday
Warning Bell: 8:25					
8:30 – 9:49 (79 min.)	1	2	3	4	Friday
9:54 – 11:13 (79 min.)	2	1	4	3	Rotation Day
11:13 – 11:58 (45 min.)	LUNCH				
11:58 – 1:17 (79 min.)	3	4	1	2	
1:22 – 2:41 (79 min.)	4	3	2	1	

- Each secondary student is given a personal timetable of classes at the beginning of each school year or semester
- Schools divide the day into blocks of time called periods. Depending on the school, a period may be 60-90 minutes long
- Secondary students change rooms after each class and may have different classmates in each class

Grade 8 & 9 Courses

- English 8 & 9
- Social Studies 8 & 9
- Mathematics 8 & 9
- Science 8 & 9
- Physical Education 8 & 9
- Languages: French 8 & 9/Spanish 9
- Life Skills 8/Applied Skills courses 9
- Art 8 or Band 8 Art 9 or Band 9 or Drama 9



BC High School Graduations Programs

Students must earn the minimum of credits required to fulfill one of three ways to graduate in B.C.

- B.C. Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma)
- French Immersion/Francophone Dual Dogwood
- B.C. School Completion Certificate (Evergreen Certificate)

Graduation Requirements

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

Language Arts

- English 10 4 credits
- English 11 4 credits
- English 12 4 credits

Social Studies

- Social Studies 10 4 credits
- A Social Studies 11/12 4 credits

Science

- Science 10 4 credits
- A Science 11/12 4 credits



7 Elective Courses 28 credits

Indigenous-focused Course 4 credits

Math

- A Math 10 4 credits
- A Math 11/12 4 credits

Physical Health Education

- PHE 10 4 credits

Career Education

- Career and Life Education 10 4 credits
- Career Life Connections 12 4 credits

Fine Arts/Applied Skills

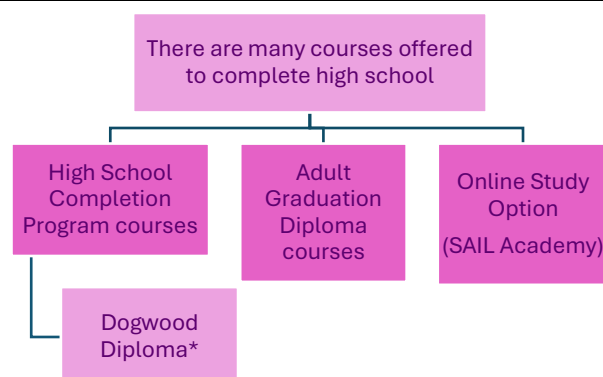
- Fine Arts or Applied Skills 10, 11 or 12 4 credits

TOTAL: 80 CREDITS

In addition to 3 provincial Graduation Assessments

High School Completion

* for students who are just a few credits short of graduation



BC Adult Graduation Diploma Program



This is for Adult Learners (18 years of age and older) who want to take courses to complete high school and obtain their adult high school diploma.

Online study option (SAIL Academy)

You can either upgrade the regular Dogwood Diploma or complete the Adult Dogwood Diploma. Adults can benefit from the flexibility of online education.

Visit SAIL Academy website.

Study Habits

Set Good Study Habits

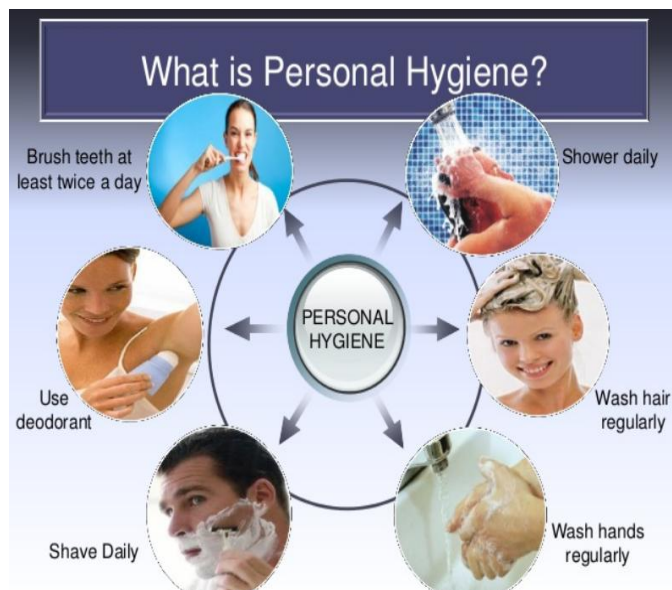
- Find a quiet place to study.
- Give yourself enough time to study - start early.

- Take breaks.
- Set goals, take notes and practice regularly.
- Break down the material into manageable parts, stay organized.
- When studying, start with what you know the least. Study the concepts you don't know first.
- Take care of yourself

Hygiene/ Personal Health

Personal Hygiene

- involves properly caring for your body by keeping it clean and healthy
- a highly effective way to protect yourself from illness and infection



Hand Washing

Always use soap and wash for at least 15 seconds before rinsing.

- Sing Happy Birthday Song 2 times
- Wash hands after using the washroom

Cover Sneezes and Coughs

- Germs can travel far and wide on a sneeze or a cough
- Germs can enter the body through the eyes, nose and mouth
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue, OR
- Use your arm if you don't have a tissue when you sneeze or cough
- Do not touch your eyes or mouth or pick your nose

Dental Health and Hygiene

- Brush and floss at least 2 times a day (morning and evening)
- Gently scrape the back of your tongue with your toothbrush to prevent bad breath
- Change your toothbrush every 2-3 months
- Visit the dentist regularly for a dental check up

Regular Bath Time

- Take a bath or shower every day in the morning before coming to school or at night before going to bed.
- Use deodorant
- Avoid colognes and smelly perfumes (scent-free)

Clothes and Hygiene

- Change your clothes every day

- Must change underwear and socks every day
- Wash your clothes regularly

Resources to Support Students

Getting Help – School and Settlement-related

- Career Centre – employment and volunteering opportunities
- Student Clubs
- Counsellor, including academic advising
- After-school Youth Activities
- Tutoring Services
- Teachers (Classroom and ELL)
- Youth Care Workers
- Safe School Liaisons
- Multicultural Workers/Settlement Workers

Surrey Public Libraries



- 10 branches of public libraries in Surrey
- Free drop-in programs for all ages
- Summer Reading Programs for all ages
- Reading Buddies Program in the spring and fall for elementary age kids

Library Card

- Apply your library card free of charge
- Able to use the same card in all the libraries
- Age 12 and over have option to apply online

Surrey Recreation Centres (City of Surrey)



- 14 recreation & community centres in Surrey - Free drop-in activities for all ages
- Yearly/monthly passes available on affordable prices
- Summer fun passes available to purchase from June 1
- Leisure Access Pass (LAP) – if you meet the eligibility criteria, you can join Surrey recreation activities for 75% off.
- Recreational guide available online
- Option to register online, by phone and in person

