

"THINK ABOUT IT"

Common questions asked when going into Grade 11



What are the Grade 11 Required Courses that I must complete?

- ✓ a Language Arts 11 (Creative Writing, Literary Studies or New Media)
- ✓ a Math 11 (Pre-Calculus, Foundations of Math, or Workplace Math)
- ✓ a Science 11 (Chemistry, Life Sciences, Physics or Earth Science)
- ✓ a Social Studies 11/12 (BC First Peoples, History, Law, Social Justice)

How many total credits (Grade 10, 11 & 12) are required to graduate? How many credits is each course worth?

- ✓ 80 credits total (52 credits of Required Courses + 28 credits of Elective Courses)
- ✓ Every course is worth 4 credits
- ✓ KSS **STRONGLY** recommends that you go beyond 80 credits and push for 88 and beyond. This gives you the option to drop or change a course without jeopardizing your graduation status.

If I have failed any of my junior required courses (English, Science, Socials, Math, PE, Career Education), what are my options?

- ✓ You have the choice of going to summer school for the month of July or repeating the course. If you plan to repeat the course, you must register for it during the course selection process.

Which Math should I take if I want to go to university after high school?

- ✓ Pre-Calculus Math 11 will get you into all post-secondary program. (recommendation: C+ or higher in FMP 10)
- ✓ Foundations of Math 12 is accepted for some post-secondary programs.
- ✓ It is strongly recommended that you research post-secondary institutions, as well as programs, to ensure that you have the approved math course needed for entrance.

What about my Arts Education &/or Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies requirement (4 credits)?

- ✓ You are required to complete **ONE** Arts Education OR one Applied Design, Skills, & Technologies 10, 11 or 12 course during grades 10 to 12.
- ✓ Work Experience 12A will fulfill this requirement.

Do I need to continue with my second language?

- ✓ A second language is not a graduation requirement.
- ✓ We encourage students to continue with a second language if they are able.
- ✓ UBC-Vancouver and SFU are the only 2 universities who still require a second language 11 for direct entry into all faculties.

What is Career Life Connections? (4 credits)

- ✓ This is a requirement for graduation and will be completed over the grade 11 & 12 years.
- ✓ Personal Development: awareness that self-assessment and preparation are needed to achieve post-graduation goals and plans; cultivation and nurturing of interpersonal, intercultural, collaborative, and social skills; communication skills and how they are developed.
- ✓ Connections to Community: awareness of and respect for local and global cultural differences; transferable skills and how they are gained thru a variety of in-school and out-of-school experiences
- ✓ 2 credits will be completed in Grade 11 (Connections)
- ✓ 2 Credits in Gr. 12 for the Capstone project which you will be introduced to early in your Grade 12 year.

Can I start taking Grade 12 courses in Grade 11?

- ✓ Yes, but you need to ensure that you complete the prerequisite course(s), if applicable.
- ✓ Be careful about loading up your timetable with so many academics that you sacrifice your marks; it can have a significant impact when it comes to applying for post-secondary programs as well as scholarships & bursaries.

How many approved academic 12 courses must I take to graduate?

- ✓ You must complete English Studies 12
- ✓ In addition, you must also have a minimum of three (3) other grade 12 courses
- ✓ We **strongly recommend** more Gr. 12 courses. It can give you more options for post-secondary admissions

Can I receive credit for course work that I've completed outside of school?

- ✓ YES, but you must see your counselor for specific requirements and you will be required to provide proof of course completion.
- ✓ Examples: Cadets, Driver's Education, Lifeguard training, Royal Conservatory of Music, Dance, PADI certification, etc.

Is a Grade 11 student permitted to have a study block?

- ✓ NO. In some special circumstances, students may apply for a study block thru application to the School Based Team. This typically requires students to have a heavy academic load in a given semester (3 academic courses). Please speak to your grade counsellor.

TIDES 10-12:

- ✓ TIDES is a program for students who want their education to be cross-curricular and connected to themes such as sustainability, outdoor connection and core competency development. All academic subjects are taught in a single classroom with the same 25-27 students. Electives will be blended with KSS according to each student's needs. Students who apply for this program should be interested in inquiry and project-based learning opportunities. If you are interested, please get an application from the counselling office.

Why should I consider enrolling into a Work Experience program?

- ✓ It gives you an opportunity to receive four (4) Grade 12 credits or more for work experience in a field you may be considering as a career.
- ✓ It can start you working towards an apprenticeship program.
- ✓ It can have you taking a trades/career program or university transfer courses at Vancouver Island University, North Island College, or other BC post-secondary institutions in your grade 12 year.
- ✓ It can provide you with opportunities to participate in field trips, activities and work experience placements that can be funded by a particular career program.
- ✓ It allows you to connect your school studies to applications in a work setting.
- ✓ You can do anything! We have hundreds of employers who accept students for placements.
- ✓ For help with information on Work Experience or other career programs such as apprenticeships and Head Start, please contact Ms. Lana Rahn in the Career Centre: (250) 752-5651 (ext. 70123); lrahn@sd69.bc.ca

What does it mean to have a "balanced" timetable?

- ✓ It is recommended that students distribute their academic classes over the course of the school year (ex. SC & SS in Sem. 1; EN & MA in Sem. 2). Elective courses are added to balance the academic load.

Who should I see if I run into difficulties with my classes?

- ✓ Students occasionally run into difficulties with classes due to the course being too difficult, too easy, or sometimes there is a conflict with others in the class. If you ever find yourself in this position, it is important to let someone know what is happening. Please notify one of the following people so that your problem will be resolved in a short period of time:
 1. Grade 11 Counsellor Mr. M. Donkers (ext. 70649) mdonkers@sd69.bc.ca
 2. Vice- Principal Ms. J. Lunny (ext. 70060) jlunny@sd69.bc.ca
 3. Vice-Principal Ms. H. Deering (ext. 70055) hdeering@sd69.bc.ca
 4. Youth Care Worker Ms. L. Burton (ext. 70453) lburton@sd69.bc.ca
 5. First Nations Liaison Ms. D. Phillips (ext. 70261) dphillips@sd69.bc.ca
 6. Course Teacher
 7. Parent(s), who will notify one of the above people on your behalf

IMPORTANT NOTE: Plan your courses thoughtfully and wisely as course changes will be at a minimum and deadlines will be strictly observed.