

"THINK ABOUT IT"

Common questions asked when going into Grade 10



What are the Grade 10 Core Courses that I must complete?

- ✓ English 10
- ✓ Science 10
- ✓ Social Studies 10
- ✓ Foundations of Math & Pre-Calculus 10 or Workplace Math 10
- ✓ Physical & Health Education 10
- ✓ Career Life Education (Connections)

How many credits do I need to graduate?

- ✓ You need 80 credits over Grades 10, 11 and 12 in order to graduate.

What math class should I take?

- ✓ If a Developing/Proficient or higher in Math 9, you should consider Foundations & Pre-Calculus Math 10
- ✓ If an Emerging/Developing in Math 9 then you should consider Apprenticeship & Workplace Math 10. If you wish to take the higher level math, it is strongly recommended that you repeat Math 9 and you'll likely also require the support of a tutor.
- ✓ It is vital that you select your math class wisely as it can be difficult to change math courses part-way thru the semester; as well your only option may be to complete the course thru CEAP.
- ✓ Talk to your teacher and see what they think may be the best fit for you!

What about Arts Education &/or Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies course requirements?

- ✓ You are required to complete one Art Education OR one Applied Design, Skills & Tech course sometime during Grades 10, 11 or 12. Students are encouraged to complete more courses in these areas in order to create a balanced timetable and to enhance career and post-secondary options.

If I do not meet the learning outcomes any of my Grade 9 core courses, do I have to reschedule them into my Grade 10 course selections? (English 9, Science 9, Socials 9, Math 9, PE 9)

- ✓ Yes! You will be required to repeat the full course next year; another option is to repeat it at summer school (July) to avoid having to lose an elective in grade 10.
- ✓ You will be programmed to repeat the course until verification of course completion is received.

Do I need to continue with a second language?

- ✓ Some universities still require a second language up thru the grade 11 level as part of their admission requirements. In British Columbia, UBC and SFU still require it for entrance but others do not.
- ✓ In order to keep all post-secondary options open, we recommend that you complete a second language.
- ✓ If you plan to go to Vancouver Island University, a regional college or a technical/trades school after high school, a second language is not required.

What is Career Life Education?

- ✓ Students are required to complete Career Life Education over grades 9 & 10 as part of their graduation requirements. Career Life Education will be delivered throughout the year. This course is designed to help students:
 - Explore skills, passions and determine possible routes to individual goals.
 - Refine one's understanding of the links between personal development and career decisions.
 - Further develop and refine career possibilities thru planning, practice, and application of competencies and knowledge.
 - Discover an appropriate and meaningful path as one transitions out of high school, whether it involves a direct path to further education or to a world of work.

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

Can I move forward into senior academic classes as electives?

- ✓ Yes, but remember to consider your academic course load. Loading up the grade 11 year with a heavy academic load can come at the cost of marks and can bring about unnecessary stress. Homework levels increase significantly in senior academic classes. It is not necessary to make the grade 11 year overly difficult as there are enough blocks over the grade 11 & 12 years to maintain a balanced timetable and complete academic courses needed for post-secondary entrance.

Is a Grade 10 student permitted to have a study block?

- ✓ NO.

What about Work Experience?

- ✓ If you have a job then you can use the hours that you work towards Work Experience 12 credits.
- ✓ It's important to complete the paperwork as soon as you obtain a job as you may not claim hours retroactively.
- ✓ If you are interested in getting some work experience in potential career areas of interest then opportunities can be set up for you
- ✓ Please contact Ms. Rahn in the Career Centre (Room 270) for more information

What if I need some support with my grade 10 academic subjects especially math &/or science?

- ✓ Learning Support may be an option to support a student's learning if the student is struggling with the course material; Students should consult with their guidance counsellor; Learning Supports are NOT for those wanting time to complete their homework.
- ✓ Community &/or student tutors are available to support student learning. Fees can range from \$15 - \$40/hour. Please contact your grade counsellor for further information if needed.

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

- ✓ Every effort is made to schedule courses so that a student has two core academic courses in each term (ex. Science & Math in Semester 1; Socials & English in Semester 2). Physical Education, along with electives such as languages, Art Education, &/or Applied Design, Skills & Technologies are added to balance the academic load. We do not recommend students take 4 academic courses in one semester.

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

- ✓ Students occasionally run into difficulties with classes due to a course being too difficult, too easy, or because of conflict with others in the class. If you ever find yourself in this position, it's 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:

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| 1) Grade 10 Counsellor | Mr. Tannis Trevor-Smith | (ext. 71062) | ttrevorsmith@sd69.bc.ca |
| 2) Vice-Principal | Ms. Jen Lunny | (ext. 70060) | jlunny@sd69.bc.ca |
| 3) Youth Care Worker | Ms. Lynda Burton | (ext. 70453) | lburton@sd69.bc.ca |
| 4) First Nations Liaison | Ms. Dallas Phillips | (ext. 70261) | dphillips@sd69.bc.ca |
| 5) Course Teacher | | | |
| 6) 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.