

“THINK ABOUT IT”

Common questions asked when going into Grade 12

What are the Grade 10, 11 & 12 Required Courses that I must complete to be considered eligible for graduation?

- ✓ English 10 (4)
- ✓ English 11 (Lit. Studies, New Media or Creative Writing) (4)
- ✓ English Studies 12 (4)
- ✓ Social Studies 10 (4)
- ✓ A Social Studies 12 (Law, Social Justice, History, BC First Peoples) (4)
- ✓ Science 10 (4)
- ✓ Physical Education 10 (4)
- ✓ CLE (Career Life Education) 10 (4)
- ✓ a Science 11 (4)
- ✓ a Mathematics 10 (4)
- ✓ a Mathematics 11 (4)
- ✓ an Art Education or Applied Design, Skills or Technology 10, 11 or 12 (4)
- ✓ Career Life Connections/Capstone (4)

52 credits



What is the minimum number of elective courses that I need to graduate?

- ✓ Seven (7) courses = 28 credits
- ✓ Three (3) of these elective courses MUST be at the Grade 12 level

How many total credits (Grade 10, 11 & 12) are needed to graduate?

- ✓ 80 credits (52 Required Course credits + 28 Elective Course credits)
- ✓ All courses at KSS are 4 credits

What is Career Life Connections (CLC)?

- ✓ This is a requirement for graduation in British Columbia and is worth 4 credits
- ✓ Students complete 2 credits of this in grade 11 (Connections) and the remaining 2 credits in Grade 12 (Connections & Capstone)
- ✓ CLC is designed to identify and develop each student's personal interests, passions and goals. Students reflect on the learning experiences and competency development in school and community, and explore roles and possibilities in personal, education and work-life contexts

What is the Capstone Project?

- ✓ A culminating project or experience, or senior exhibition, that allows students to demonstrate their learning using an area(s) of interest as the basis for the project
- ✓ An opportunity for students to further develop and showcase their strengths, passions, and learning journey to a relevant audience. The capstone is a place where students are encouraged to share successes both in school and out of school, including their reflections on Core Competency development, their contributions and aspirations, and their plans for post-graduation.
- ✓ The capstone can take many different forms (video, poster, narrative, mural, performance, etc.)

If I failed any core Grade 10 or 11 Required Courses, do I have to schedule them onto my Grade 12 Course Selection Form?

- ✓ YES. Courses must be successfully completed prior to beginning the next level. It is YOUR responsibility to ensure that you have all the required grade 10 and 11 courses completed.

Have I completed my Art Education or Applied Design, Skills & Technology requirement?

- ✓ If YES, then schedule into other courses.
- ✓ If NO, make sure you program an Art Education or Applied Design, Skills & Technology course.

What if I'm interested in a School District 69 program?

- ✓ School District 69 offers programs in hockey and aquatics, along with ROAMS (Rivers, Oceans & Mountains School). Please note that the district programs have fees attached so any registration for them must be made thru an application process and consultation with your parent(s).

Can I get credit for course work that I've completed outside of school? (For example: Cadets, Driver Education, Lifeguard training, Royal Conservatory of Music, etc.)

- ✓ YES, but you must see a counselor for specific requirements and provide proof of course completion.

Can I get credit for activities that I am involved in outside of school?

- ✓ YES, but you must see a counselor. You can get IDS (Independent Directed Studies) credits for activity you do outside of school. (For example: workouts at a local fitness gym, mission work for the church, etc.)

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.

If I plan to go to university immediately following secondary school, how many approved academic courses do I need to take?

- ✓ It depends upon the specific post-secondary institution but for most universities, it is English 12 plus 3-4 approved academic grade 12 courses. Some Applied Science, Business and Fine Arts faculties may have further course or portfolio requirements. ***Some post-secondary institutions looking at Gr. 11 courses as well.***
- ✓ We strongly recommend that you research the specific universities of interest to you to determine university and program admission requirements.

If I plan to go to college immediately following secondary school, how many approved academic courses do I need to take?

- ✓ There is no specific number but you must have completed your Grade 12 graduation requirements and English 12 (recommended that ENG 12 be at a "C" level or higher).

What about Dual-Credit university transfer courses with Vancouver Island University (VIU) or North Island College (NIC)?

- ✓ Both VIU and NIC offer a number of dual-credit courses designed to support students as they transition into post-secondary programs. Students may apply one Foundations Program course towards a VIU degree as an unassigned elective. The NIC courses are transferable to a first year post-secondary program at most universities. Please see the Course Selection Handbook for more information and if interested, check the course offering(s) on the Course Selection Form. [Examples: English 115, Finite Mathematics (MAT 151), Writing for Success (FNFS 100)]

Is a Grade 12 student permitted to have a study block?

- ✓ YES, a Grade 12 student is entitled to one study block; you may request an In-School or Off-Campus study block.
- ✓ If registered in a course outside the regular timetable, a second Study Block may be requested. The administration and grade counselor will approve this request.

What is the difference between an In-School and an Off-Campus Study block?

- ✓ An In-School Study block requires the student to be in the library and using the block for formal study.
- ✓ An Off-Campus Study block requires the student to be off school grounds during that block.
- ✓ At no time are students to be loitering in the hallways, parking lot or disrupting classroom activity.
- ✓ Failure to abide by the guidelines of the in-school or off-campus study block will result in disciplinary action.

What if I'm interested in the Head Start/Dual Credit Programs?

- ✓ Meet with the Career Advisor (Ms. Mattice) to discuss these opportunities. His office is located in the Career Centre which is located in Room 270 (between Ms. Rowan's office and the Art Room).

What if I want to do Work Experience for credits or just out of interest?

- ✓ Meet with the Career Advisor (Ms. Matic) or the Career Centre Administrative Assistant (Ms. Donna Gibson) to discuss these opportunities. The office is located in the Career Centre which is located in Room 270.

How many courses must a Grade 12 student select when doing Course Selection?

- ✓ Grade 12 students must select a minimum of 6 classes. (Note: Study blocks, In-School or Off-Campus, must be chosen on the course selection form.)
- ✓ You must provide us with a minimum of 2 alternate courses in case of situations where courses are full or there is a conflict with another course.
- ✓ Students who are eligible to complete all graduation requirements in January should select a minimum of 4 courses (along with a minimum of two alternate courses) and discuss this plan with your grade 12 Counsellor.

Is it possible to go on a half-day schedule, if necessary, to accommodate employment?

- ✓ YES, but only if it works as an A/B or C/D schedule. Students will not be permitted to be on the school grounds during the half day when they do not have classes.

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 12 Counsellor	Mr. Mark Donkers	(ext. 70733)	mdonkers@sd69.bc.ca
2) Vice-Principal	Ms. Heather Deering	(ext. 70484)	hdeering@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.