

New Westminster Secondary School

2025 – 2026

Grade 11 Course Selection Presentation

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Graduation –Mandatory Courses

- To graduate, you require a minimum of 80 credits
- Each grade 10–12 course is worth 4 credits
- **52 credits are mandatory** (13 courses)

English 10	English 11
Science 10	Science 11 or 12
Math 10	Math 11 or 12
Social Studies 10	Social Studies 11 or 12
Physical Education 10	English 12
Careers 10	Careers 12
Fine Arts or ADST 10, 11, or 12	

- French Immersion Students must complete 12 more credits (3 courses) of Français Langue Seconde–Immersion courses taken in grades 10, 11, and 12
- Students must also complete one **Indigenous–Focused** English or Social Studies course to graduate

Graduation – Electives

- 28 credits (7 courses) of the 80 required credits are **electives**
- An elective is any course other than the 13 mandatory courses required for graduation
 - An elective can be an:
 - Academic course like an additional Science, English or Social Studies
 - Arts, ADST, Physical Education or Career-related course
 - Electives may help you meet Post-Secondary requirements



Mandatory Assessments

3 **ASSESSMENTS** are required for graduation

Numeracy 10
Literacy 10
Literacy 12

- French Immersion students must also complete the “Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année – Français langue seconde immersion”
- Assessments are graded on a scale of 1–4 (1=Lowest & 4 =highest)
- The assessment mark will **not** impact your English 10 or 12 final grade or your Math 10 final grade
- Currently, only UBC is considering the Literacy 12 assessment mark for admission – they want to see a 3 or 4

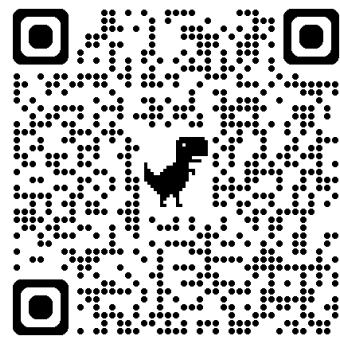
Indigenous-Focused Graduation Requirement

All students working toward a B.C. Certificate of Graduation, must successfully complete at least 4 credits (one course) in Indigenous-focused coursework

If you didn't take English First Peoples (EFP) 10 this year, you can take EFP 11 next year, EFP 12 or BC First Peoples 12 (a Socials class) in grade 12

Check out the
Course
Description
Booklet on
our school
website:

www.nwss.ca



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COURSE DESCRIPTION BOOKLET

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English 11 or English First Peoples 11

- Composition 11
- Creative Writing 11
- Literary Studies 11
- English First Peoples Literary Studies & Writing 11 (Indigenous-Focused course)
- English First Peoples Literary Studies & New Media 11 (Indigenous-Focused course)



Social Studies 11 or 12

Can be taken during your Grade 11 **OR** 12 year

- Explorations in Social Studies 11
- 20th Century World History 12
- Asian Studies 12 (1850 – Present)
- BC First Peoples 12
(Indigenous-Focused Course)
- Comparative Cultures 12
- Genocide Studies 12
- Human Geography 12
- Law Studies 12
- Philosophy 12
- Social Justice 12



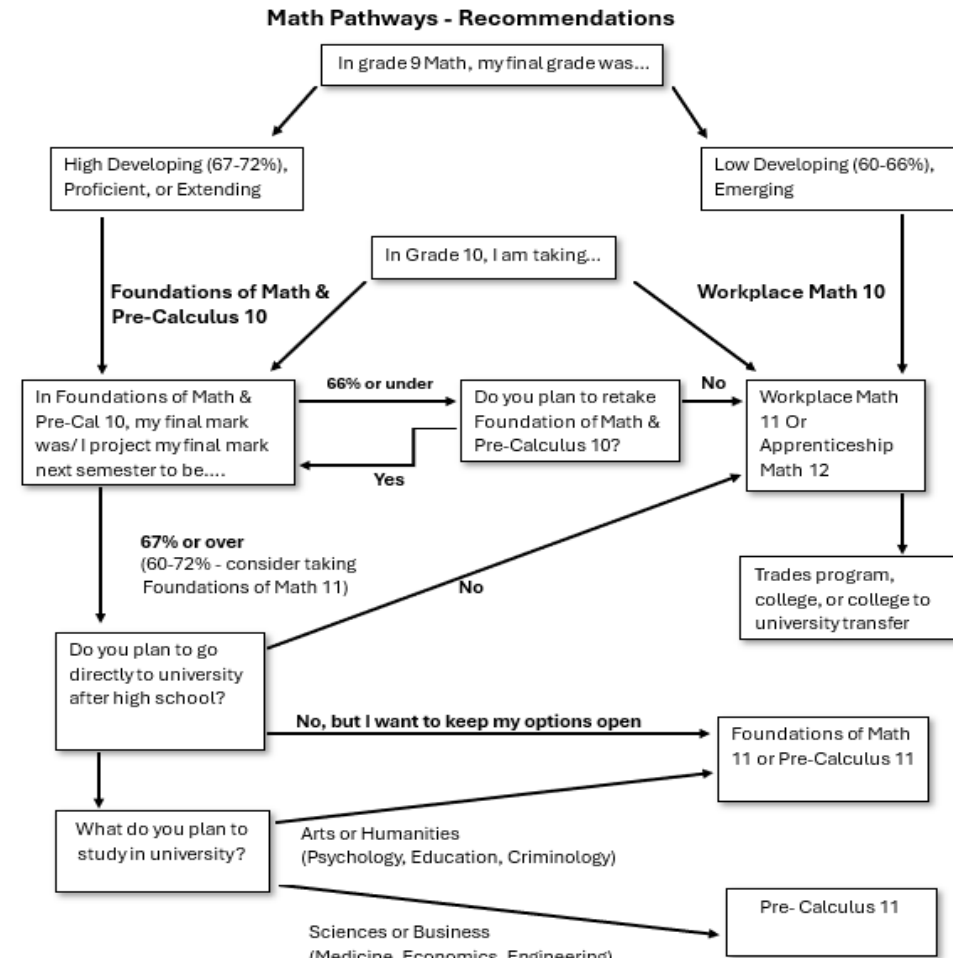
French Immersion Social Studies Options

- Exploration en Science Humaines et Sociales 11
- Justice Sociale 12
- Peuples Autochtones de la C.-B. 12

Mathematics 11 or 12

Can be taken during your Grade 11 or 12 year

- Workplace Mathematics 11
- Foundations Of Mathematics 11
- Pre-calculus 11
- Apprenticeship Mathematics 12
- Foundations Of Mathematics 12
- Pre-calculus 12
- Calculus 12



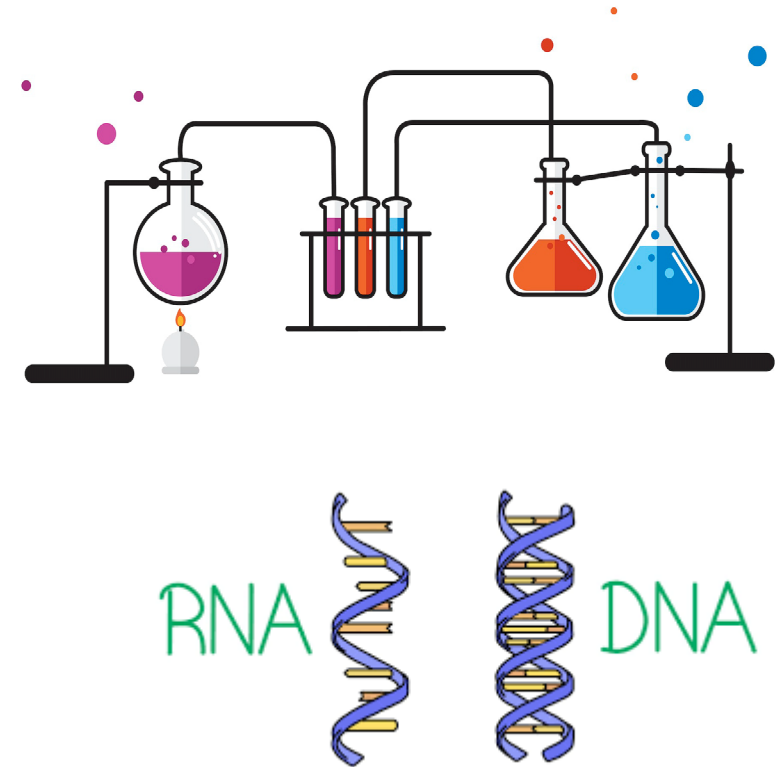
Note: Always check the specific requirements for the college/university program you are interested in applying to

- Chemistry 11
- Earth Sciences 11
- Life Sciences 11 (Biology 11)
- Physics 11
- Science For Citizens 11
- Anatomy & Physiology 12 (Biology 12)
- Environmental Sciences 12
- Geology 12
- Chemistry 12*
- Physics 12 *

*Require a Pre-requisite Course

Science 11 or 12

Can be taken during your Grade 11 or 12 year



Arts Education



MUSIC

- Concert Choir 11 (intro)
- Chamber Choir 11 (optional block)
- Vocal Jazz 11 (optional block)
- Concert Band 11 (advanced)
- Orchestra 11 (optional block)
- Jazz Band 11 (optional block)
- Music Composition & Production 11 (intro)
- Guitar 11 (intro)
- Performance Guitar (advanced)

ARTS

- Art Studio 11 (Intro to Visual Art)
- Studio Arts 2D 11 – Drawing & Painting (advanced)
- Studio Arts 3D 11 – Sculpture & Beyond (advanced)
- Graphic Arts 11
- Media Arts (Animation) 11
- Photography 11

DANCE

- Dance Company 11 (By Audition)
- Dance Technique & Performance 11

DRAMA

- Drama 11 (Intro)
- Theater Company 11 (advanced)
- Musical Theater Foundations 11
- Directing & Script Development 11
- Theater Production 11 (advanced)
- Musical Theater Program 9–12 (not offered in 2025–26)
- Hair & Makeup for the Stage 11 (optional block)

Applied Design, Skills & Technology (ADST) Electives

Technology Education	Business Education & Information & Communication Technology
Art Metal Jewelry 12	Accounting 11
Drafting 11	Marketing & Promotion 11
Electronics 11 & Robotics 11	Entrepreneurship 12
Engineering 11	Introduction to Investment 12
Traditional Trades & Toolmaking 11	Digital Communications 11
Machining & Welding 12	Digital Media Development 12
Furniture & Cabinetry 12	Computer Information Systems 11
Metalwork 11	Computer Programming 11
Woodwork 11	Desktop Publishing 11
Skills Explorations 12	Yearbook 12



Culinary Arts and Home Economics

Culinary Arts 11

Food Studies 11

Interpersonal & Family Relationships 11

Child Development & Caregiving 12

Fashion Industry 12

Textiles 11

Physical Education, Language & Work Experience Electives

Physical & Health Education

- Active Living 11
- Active Living 11 (Alternative)
- Fitness & Conditioning 11
- Basketball Skills 11 (optional block)
- Volleyball Skills 11 (optional block)
- Football Program 11 (optional block)
- Hockey Academy 11 (by application only)
- Lacrosse Academy 11 (optional block)



Work Experience

- Work Experience 12 A and 12 B (by application)
- Leadership 11 (optional block)

Modern Languages

- French 11
- Punjabi 11
- Introductory Japanese 11
- Japanese 11
- Introductory Spanish 11
- Spanish 11
- Introductory Korean 11
- Korean 11



French Immersion Options

- Communication Orale 11
- Medias et Communication Numerique 11
- Etudes du Cinema et de la Literature Francophone 11

What If I Do Not Pass A Course in Grade 10?

- If you do not pass a **mandatory** grade 10 course, you **must** redo it either online, in the summer, or next year
- **MANDATORY COURSES ARE:**
 - Math 10
 - Science 10
 - Socials Studies 10
 - English 10
 - Career Life Education 10
 - Physical Education 10
- If you do not pass your language 10 course, you cannot do the language 11 course –you must redo the language 10 course first
- If you do not pass a course, you will not receive the credits for it



Potential IB Students – Both Diploma and Course (Partial) Options

- If you are planning to do the IB program, either the full Diploma or the Course (Partial) program, you will fill out the course selection Microsoft Form with the courses you intend to take in IB.
- If/when you are accepted into the IB program, Mr. Korczyk, the IB Coordinator, will be in contact to further discuss your IB courses and plan for next year.



Things to Consider for Course Selection



- It is important to choose your courses with your post-secondary plans in mind
- Consider your career goals – what type of job do you want?
 - Does it require post-secondary education?
- Are you planning to go to university or college?
 - What courses do you need to take to be eligible?
- If you are planning to do a Trade, such as Carpentry, Culinary, or Plumbing or a Dual-Credit University/College Program....

Dual Credit Youth Train in Trades Options

Applications for 2025-2026 are in the counselling office

DUAL Credit = Graduation + Post Secondary Credits

NWSS On Campus TRAIN in TRADES Options for Grade 11 or 12s:

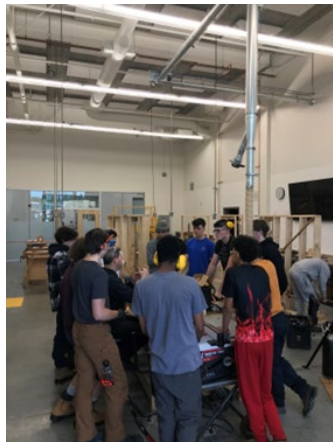
Carpentry Foundation (Partnership with BCIT) 16 seats Fulltime Semester 2

Professional Cook 1 (Partnership with VCC) 8 seats Fulltime Semester 2 + 4 weeks in summer @VCC

Plumbing Level 1 (Partnership with PIC) 16 seats in Fulltime Semester 1



Examples of Off Campus Programs (BCIT, KPU, PIC, VCC) During Grade 12 year:



- Automotive Collision & Refinishing
- Baker
- Electrician
- Security Systems Technician
- Metal Fabrication
- Millwright
- Motorcycle Tech.
- Automotive Service Technician
- Horticulture
- Welder
- CNC Machinist
- Aircraft Maintenance Engineer – Mechanical

- Hair Design
- Sheet Metal
- Appliance Repair Technician
- Heavy Mechanical Trades
- HVAC
- Refrigeration Technician
- Cabinetmaking (Joinery)

Please reach out to Mrs. McArthur ASAP for more information and applications for next year: tmcarthur@sd40.bc.ca



DUAL CREDIT Douglas College Healthcare Partnership

Pathways to Health Science at Douglas College:

- Medical Office Assistant
- Academic Foundations for Potential Nursing Applicants
- Academic Foundations for Potential Psychiatric Nursing Applicants
- Academic Foundations for Potential Health Information Management Applicants
- You take up to 6 university transferable courses Jan–Aug of your grade 12 year
- You will earn Post–Secondary credit and high school graduation credits
- Tuition is paid for by the school district!
- Please reach out to Mrs. McArthur ASAP for more information – tmcarthur@sd40.bc.ca – Digital Applications will be made available in February 2025



DUAL CREDIT SFU SIAT CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY MICRO-CERTIFICATE

- These three dual-studies courses are open to Grade 12 students interested in exploring digital creativity
- You can apply to all or any of the courses, though all three would need to be completed to receive the Creative Technology Micro-Certificate
- These courses are offered by the School of Interactive Arts & Technology (SIAT) at SFU
- You have the potential to receive both high school and university credits
 - The credits are applicable at SFU or transferrable to other local university programs



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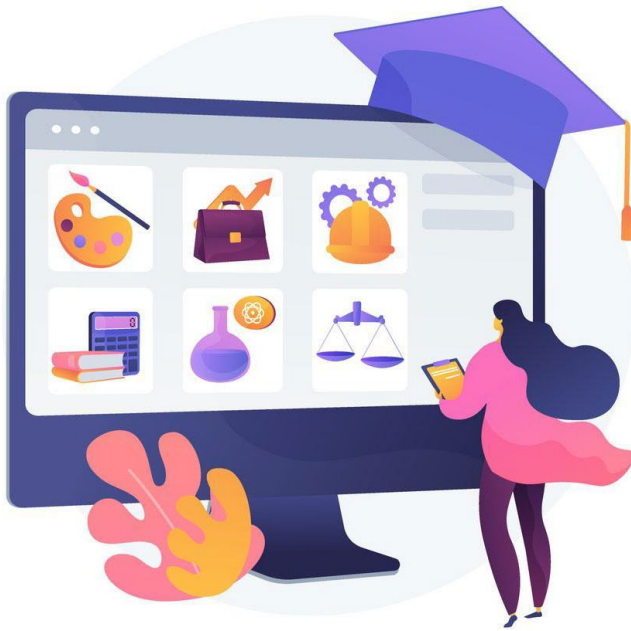
Considerations Related to Post-Secondary

- Post-Secondary Institutions (PSIs) will be looking at **both** your grade 11 & 12 marks when considering you for admission
- PSIs value a well-rounded course load
 - Take a mix of academics and electives
 - Take courses from various subject areas
- It is possible to attend college first and then transfer to university



- Evidence of school and community involvement and volunteer work reflects well on your applications
- Also, you need 30 hours of volunteer or paid work experience to graduate

Considerations Related to Post-Secondary



- Keep up to date on post-secondary requirements for the program you want to attend
 - You must ensure that you meet the general university requirements **AND** program-specific requirements
 - SFU recommends 5 grade 12-level “approved” courses
 - UBC recommends 6 grade 12-level “approved” courses
- **NEW THIS YEAR**
 - As of **September 2025**, SFU no longer requires a language 11 for admission into any of their programs – however, UBC still requires it for September 2025 admission
 - For students entering **UBC** in **September 2026**, a language 11 will not be required

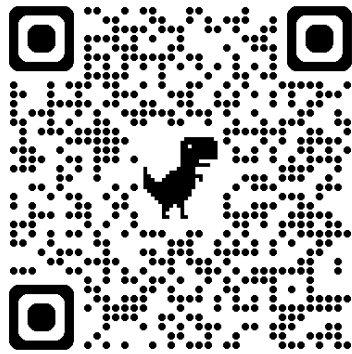
Step 1: Request Courses on Microsoft Forms



- At the end of this presentation, you will be able to begin the process of choosing your courses via a Microsoft Form
- The Microsoft Form **replaces** the paper course selection form we have used in years past
- The Form will be open until **Feb 20**
- The Microsoft Form (formerly the paper course selection form) is your counsellors copy of your course selections

Step 2: Request Courses on MyEducation BC

- Choosing courses on **MyEducation BC** ensures that your courses have been entered into the scheduling system
- Skipping this step means that you have **NOT** actually requested any of your courses, which means that you may not get any of the courses you want next year
- Please ensure you have entered your courses by **February 20**



| MyEducationBC

Entering Your Selections on My Ed

1) Log into MyEducation account (<https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/home.do>)

2) Click on the tab "My Info"



3) Select "Requests" on the left-hand side tab. Make sure you are in Entry Mode.

Requests

My Details

Transcript

Current
Schedule

Contacts

Options ▾

Reports ▾

Help ▾

Search on CrsNo

<< Exit entry mode

2023-2024 - Requests: 0 primary, 0 alternate - Scheduled: 0% - Credits: 0.0

Instructions

Grade 10: Course Selection Options 2023 - 2024

2023 - 2024 Course Handbook Link <https://nwss.ca/tuesday-january-10th-2023-new-westminster-secondary-school-course-planning-parent-information-evening/>

Grade 10 students are on the 2019 Graduation Program

To graduate, students need 80 credits in total, with a minimum of 16 credits at the Grade 12 level and 28 elective course credits. The 52 credits of required courses are:

- Career Life Education (4 credits)
- Career Life Connections (4 credits), including a Capstone Project
- Physical and Health Education 10 (4 credits)
- Science 10- (4 credits)
- Science 11 or 12- (4 credits)
- Social Studies 10- (4 credits),
- Social Studies 11 or 12- (4 credits)
- Math 10- (4 credits)
- Math 11 or 12- (4 credits)
- Language Arts 10 (4 credits)
- Language Arts 11, and 12 - (8 credits)
- Arts Education 10, 11, or 12 and/or an Applied Design, Skills & Technologies (ADST) 10, 11, or 12- 4 credits)

Grade 10	Required Courses
1	English Language Arts 10 options (Choose 1 course):
	• Composition 10 and Literary Studies 10 (4 credits) MCMP510 & MLTST10 • Creative Writing 10 and Literary Studies 10 (4 credits) MCTWR10? & MLTST10 • New Media 10 and Literary Studies 10 (4 credits) MNMD-10 & MLTST10 • English First Peoples Writing 10 & English First Peoples Literary Studies 10 (4 credits) MEFWR10 & MEFLS10 • English First Peoples Spoken Language 10 and English First Peoples Literary Studies 10 (4 credits)? MEFSL10 & MEFLS10 • English First Peoples 10 Honours MEN--10H

4) Scroll to the bottom of the screen until you see the section “Primary requests”

Primary requests

	Subject area	SchoolCourse + CrsNo	SchoolCourse + Description	Alternate?	Credit
Select...	Physical Health Education				
Select...	Social Studies				
Select...	Math				
Select...	Science				
Select...	Career Life Education				
Select...	Elective				
Select...	2 Block Options				
Select...	English Language Arts				

Alternate requests

	Subject area	SchoolCourse + CrsNo	SchoolCourse + Description	Alternate?	Credit
Select...	ALTERNATES				

Final Step in the My Ed Process

Please ensure to click on “Post” to submit your requests



Last posted time:

Approved time:



Your Responsibility for Course Selection

1. Consult the Course Description Booklet on the school website (NWSS.ca)
2. Complete the course selection **Microsoft Form** (formerly paper form)
3. Enter selections into **MyEducation BC**



PLEASE NOTE...



- Your MyEducation BC course selections **MUST** match your course selections on the Microsoft Form
 - If you change your selections on your Microsoft Form, you **MUST** also change them on MyEducation BC
- Due to the school being extremely full, Please do **NOT** expect to be able to switch into courses next year that you didn't choose during the course selection process this year
- Indicating on your Microsoft Form that you want to take an online course does **NOT** mean that you are signed up for it
 - You must see your counsellor to officially enroll

If You Have Questions, You Should...

- Speak to your teachers for subject-specific questions and/or recommendations
- Speak to your Counsellor
- If you have university/college program-specific questions, you should:
 - Contact an academic advisor within the post-secondary program you are applying to



Grade 11 Course Selection Microsoft Form



OR CLICK [HERE](#) FOR THE DESKTOP VERSION

You can access your Microsoft Form until Feb 20

Thank you!

THIS CONCLUDES OUR PRESENTATION

