



**DAVID THOMPSON
SECONDARY SCHOOL
INVERMERE, B. C.**



**SENIOR COURSE SELECTION BOOKLET
2017 – 2018**

*Vision: DTSS is a learning community where we respect ourselves and others, and we strive to fulfill our potential.
 Mission: Our mission is to encourage learning by providing opportunity, challenge and guidance.
 Values: We are responsible, we are respectful and we aim high to reach our potential.*

SENIOR COURSE SELECTION HANDBOOK

The purpose of this handbook is to provide students and parents with information about courses and programs available at David Thompson Secondary School. Every effort will be made through the counselors and through this handbook to provide the required information for course selection. **It must be emphasized that the final responsibility for course selection remains with each student and his/her parents.**

For further information, please contact a school counselor (342-9213).

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MESSAGE TO SENIOR STUDENTS

The Graduation Program requires a minimum of 80 credits, in total, from grades 10, 11 and 12. The following credits are necessary:

<u>a) Foundation Studies</u>	<u>Credits</u>
English 10	4
Social Studies 10	4
Science 10	4
Math 10 (Foundations or Apprenticeship & Workplace)	4
Phys Ed. 10	4
Planning 10	4
Fine Art or Applied Skill 10, 11, or 12	4
English or Communications 11	4
Social Studies 11, Civics 11 or BC First Nations Studies 12	4
A Science 11 (Biology 11, Chemistry 11, Earth Science 11 or Physics 11)	4
Math 11 (Foundations, Pre-Calculus or Apprenticeship & Workplace)	4
Graduation Transitions	4
English or Communications 12	4 (Ministry exam 2017 Graduates only)
3 other Grade 12 Courses identified below	
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16 additional credits at any level to achieve 80 required credits for graduation	
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Course Load:	All students must fill all blocks for 32 credits per year except Grade 12 students who have successfully met the requirements for a spare.						
Class Size	Elective offerings are dependent upon sufficient enrollment and also upon availability of staff.						
Alternative Learning Options	Courses are available in most Grade 8–12 academic courses, and are free of charge for grades 10-12 courses. If you are behind in a course, want to get ahead in courses, or a course does not fit into your timetable, this may be the choice for you.						
External Credits	<p>The Ministry of Education is now recognizing students' achievements outside the regular school day. Students can possibly receive graduation credits, depending on the level of achievement, in the following areas: (NOTE: A few examples of possible courses are listed below and we encourage students to see a counselor for more information.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced placement courses (AP English Literature and Composition 12) • Music courses (Royal Conservatory Music, Victoria Conservatory Music, Western Board Music) • Post secondary courses (Adult Education Programs) • Involvement in a sport at a high level (Junior A and Provincial Team, National Team and Team B.C. Final Roster) • Youth development courses (Cadets, 4-H, Guides & Scouts) • External certification courses (Bronze Cross, National Life Guard Service, Occupational First Aid Level II) • Dance courses (Jazz, Cecchetti, Tap, Royal Academy of Dancing, Modern Theatre Dance) 						
Graduation Program Examinations	<p>These courses have a Provincial Examination component to be written by all students 2017 graduates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications 12 / English 12 <p>All Examinations are two hours long; however, students are permitted to have an additional 60 minutes to write their exams. Grade 12 Ministry exam is worth 40% of the final course grade.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sample Grade 12 examinable course:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>School Based Mark Worth 80 %</th> <th>Grad Program Exam Worth 20 %</th> <th>Final Blended Grade</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">70</td> <td style="text-align: center;">65</td> <td style="text-align: center;">68</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	School Based Mark Worth 80 %	Grad Program Exam Worth 20 %	Final Blended Grade	70	65	68
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Provincial Scholarships Program	<p>The Provincial Scholarships Program is intended to recognize student achievement and encourage students to pursue post-secondary education. The program includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BC Excellence Scholarship BC Achievement Scholarship District/Authority Scholarship Pathway To Teacher Education Scholarship <p>More information can be found at http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/provincial-scholarships</p>						
SAT	SAT test scores are required for entry to some American post-secondary institutions. For more information about times and places check out: www.collegeboard.com						

MATHEMATICS COURSE

Each pathway is designed to provide students with the mathematical understandings, rigour and critical-thinking skills that have been identified for specific post-secondary programs of study and for direct entry into the work force. The content of each pathway has been based on the *Western and Northern Canadian Protocol (WNCP)* which governs curriculum in the Western Provinces and Northern Territories. There are three pathways of courses to consider:

Apprenticeship & Workplace Mathematics in grade 10, 11 and 12

This pathway is specifically designed to provide students with the mathematical understandings and critical-thinking skills identified for entry into the majority of trades at post secondary and for direct entry into the work force. Topics include algebra, geometry, measurement, number, statistics and probability. Students who experience considerable difficulty with Math 8 and 9 or are enrolled in Essentials of Math 8 or 9 should choose this pathway.

There is a mandatory provincial exam component for Apprenticeship and Workplace Math 10.

Foundations of Mathematics & Pre-Calculus 10

This pathway is designed to provide students with the mathematical understandings and critical thinking skills necessary for entry into the majority of university programs. Topics include financial mathematics, geometry, measurement, number, logical reasoning, relations and functions, and statistics and probability. Students who did not experience significant difficulty with Math 8 and 9 and are considering post-secondary programs in sciences or humanities should choose this pathway.

There is a mandatory provincial exam component for Foundations of Math 10.

Foundations of Mathematics in grade 11 and 12:

This pathway is designed to provide students with the mathematical understandings and critical-thinking skills identified for post-secondary studies in **programs that do not require the study of theoretical calculus** like Economics, Geography, Arts or Humanities. Topics include financial mathematics, geometry, measurement, number, logical reasoning, relations and functions, and statistics and probability.

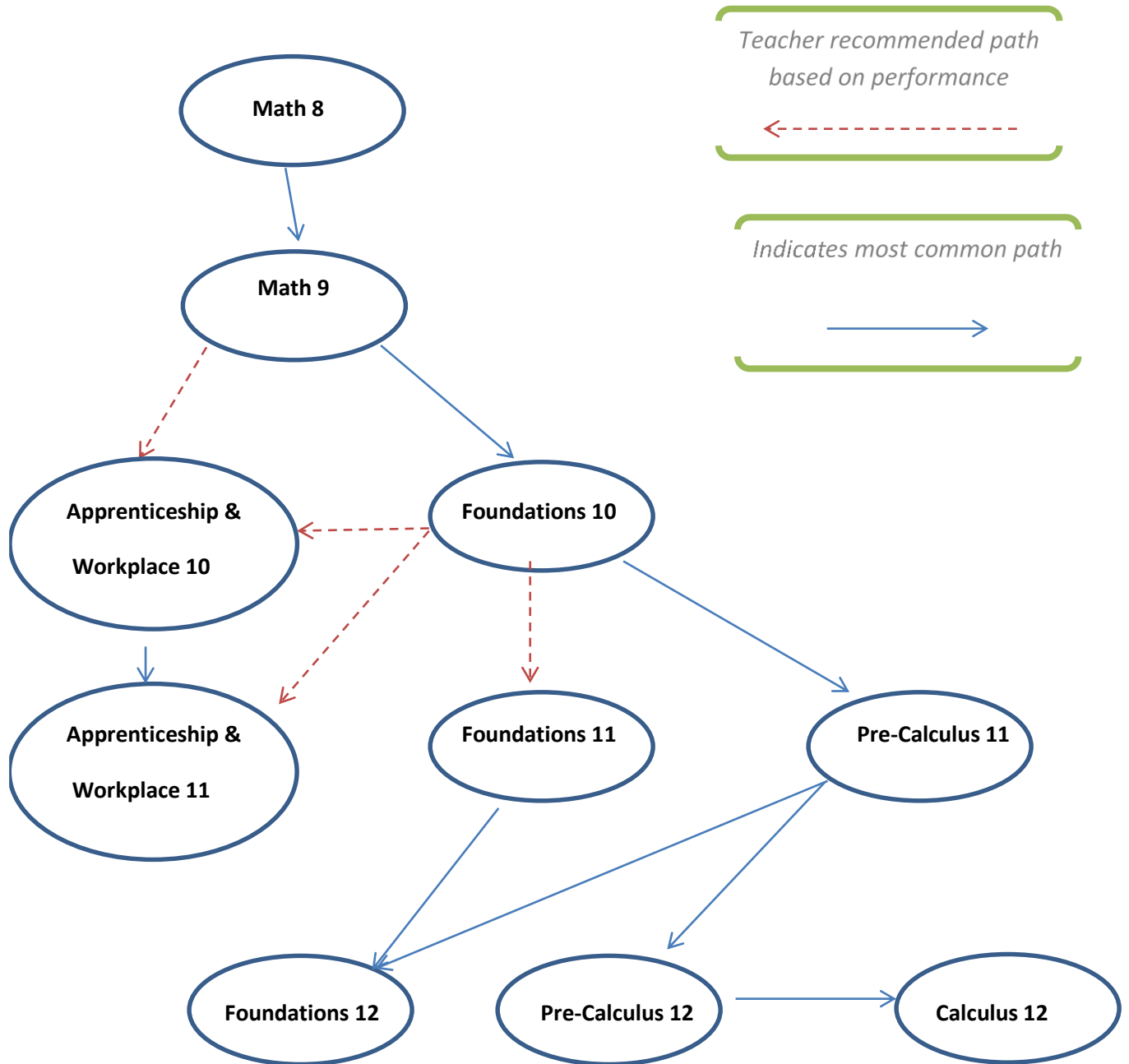
Pre-Calculus in grade 11 and 12:

This pathway is designed to provide students with the mathematical understandings and critical-thinking skills identified for entry into post-secondary **programs that require the study of theoretical calculus** like Sciences or Engineering. Topics include algebra and number, measurement, relations and functions, trigonometry, permutations, combinations and binomial theorem.

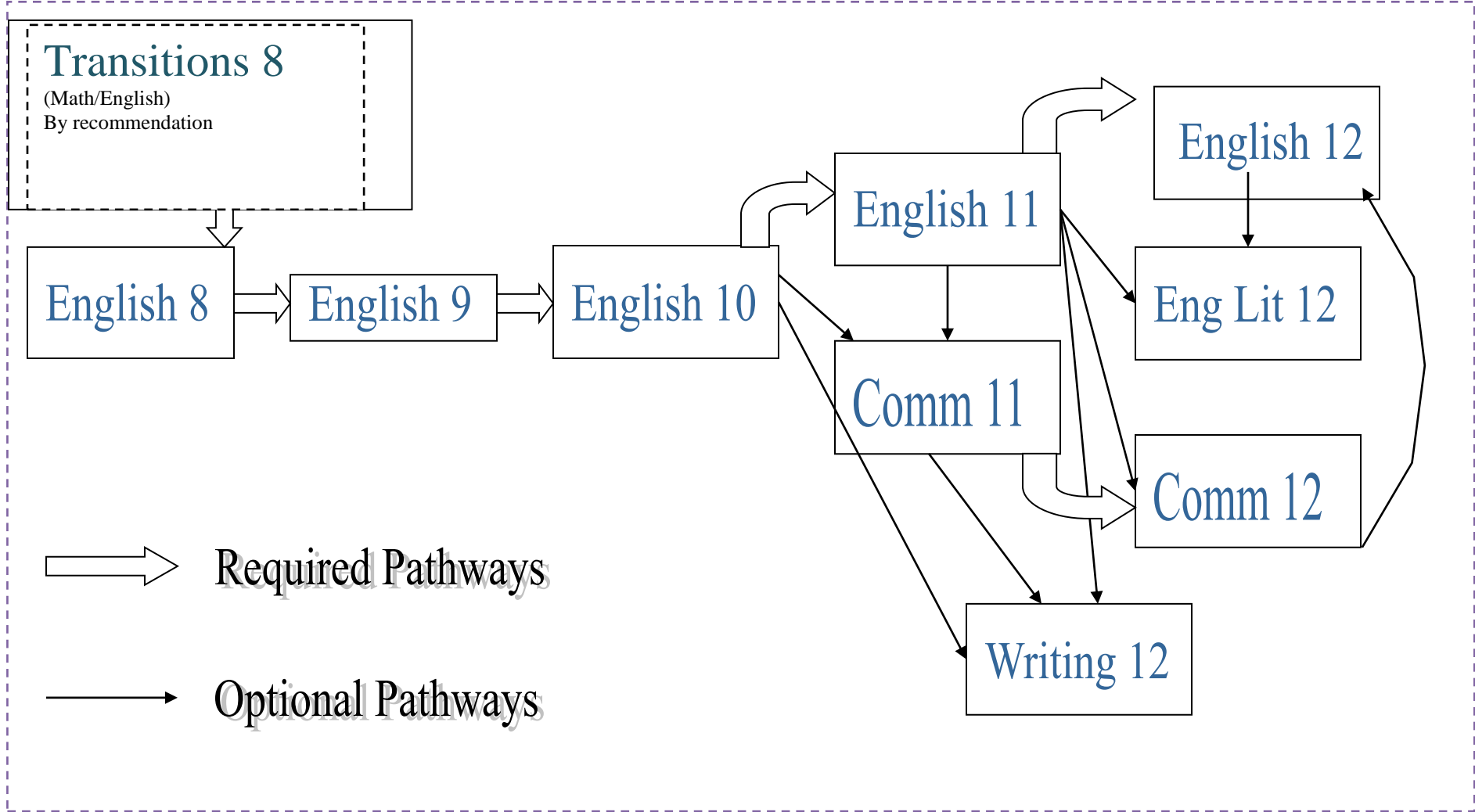
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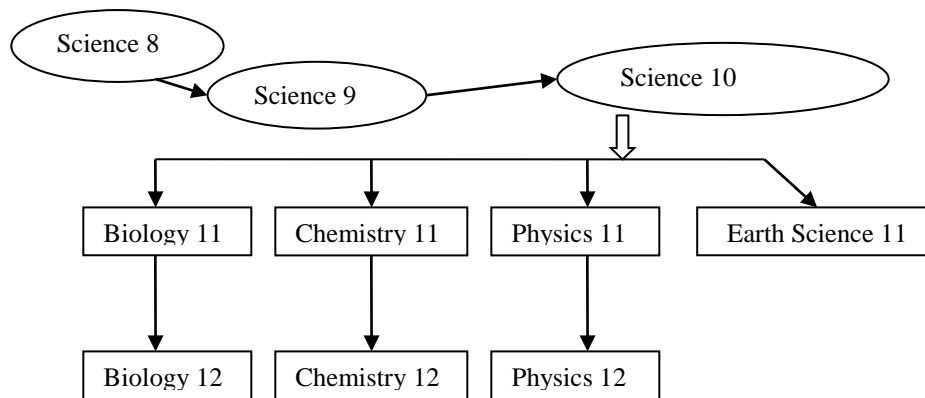


English Department Course Paths



Science Course Path

Biology, Chemistry, and Physics are recognized as a Grade 11/12 science course by postsecondary institutions. Earth Science is accepted as credit towards graduation but MAY NOT be recognized as a Science requirement by post-secondary institutions.



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Senior Course Selection

Grades 10, 11, & 12

<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Preq</u>	<u>Course Description</u>
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English

English 10	EN 10	EN 9	Preparation for the Graduation Program in Language Arts and Literature.
Communications 11	COM 11	EN 10	Emphasis on practical language skills used in everyday life.
English 11	EN 11	EN 10	Promotion of the student's communication skills, analysis of literature and essay writing.
Communications 12	COM 12	COM 11/ EN11	Practical English skills used in everyday life.
English 12	EN 12	EN 11	Promote the student's competency in analysis of literature and advanced essay writing.
English 12 First Peoples	EFP 12	EN 11	English 12 First Peoples is the academic equivalent of English 12, with its own 40% provincial exam. The focus is on the experiences, values, beliefs, and lived realities of First Peoples. Study would feature authentic First Peoples' voices through oral story, speech, poetry, dramatic work, dance, song, film, and prose texts (fiction and non-fiction).
Writing 12	WR 12		Creative Workshop: experiments in written expression, from draft through to publication.

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Mathematics

Apprenticeship & Workplace Math 10	AWM 10	MA 9	See Math explanation and chart.
Foundation of Mathematics & Pre-Calculus 10	FMP 10	MA 9	See Math explanation and chart.
Apprenticeship & Workplace Math 11	AWM 11	AWM 10	See Math explanation and chart.
Foundations of Mathematics 11	FOM 11	FMP 10	See Math explanation and chart.
Pre-Calculus 11	PREC 11	FMP 10	See Math explanation and chart. FMP 10 (65% or better recommended).
Foundations of Mathematics 12	FOM 12	FOM 11	See Math explanation and chart.
Pre-Calculus 12	PREC 12	PREC 11	See Math explanation and chart.
Calculus 12	CALC 12	PREC 12	See Math explanation and chart.

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Science

Science 10	SC 10		Ecosystems, Chemical Reactions, Geology, Motion
Biology 11	BI 11		Overview of the Five Kingdoms, Classification of Vertebrates and Invertebrates, Botany, Theory of Evolution. Students will be expected to do several dissections.
Chemistry 11	CH 11	FMP 10	Introduction to the Mole, Chemical Reactions, Matter, Atomic Theory, Organic Chemistry, Solutions.
Earth Science 11	ESC 11		Tectonics, Gradation, Weather, Climate, Astronomy, Biomes.
Physics 11	PH 11	FMP 10	Introduction to Motion, Forces, Energy, Waves, Relativity Co-requisite: PRE CALCULUS 11
Biology 12	BI 12	BI 11	Chemistry of Life, Human Anatomy, Systems of the Body. Ch 11 is recommended as a prerequisite.
Chemistry 12	CH 12	CH 11	Reaction Kinetics, Chemical Equilibrium, Acids, Bases and Salts, Solubility, Oxidation-reduction. Co-requisite: PRE CALCULUS 12
Physics 12	PH 12	PH 11	Vectors, Forces in 2 Dimensions, Gravitation, Electricity, Magnetism. Co-requisite: PRE CALCULUS 12

<u>Social Studies</u>			Changes pending for Senior Social Studies courses as new curriculum is implemented over the next couple of years.
Social Studies 10	SS 10		Canadian History, Geography, and the Economy.
B.C. First Nations Studies 12	FNS 12	SS 10	The history of First Nations people before and after European contact. (Possibly offered through Distributed Learning).
Social Studies 11	SS 11		Canada in the 20 th Century, Government, & Human Geography.
Geography 12	GEO 12	SS 11	Tectonics, Gradation, Weather, Climate, Biosphere, Resources, Impacts on Humans.
History 12	HI 12	SS 11	Significant world events of the 20 th century.
Law 12	LAW 12	SS 11	Overview of Law, Criminal Law, Police Powers, Court Proceedings, Lawsuits, Youth Justice, Family Law.

Business

Entrepreneurship 12	ENT 12		Learn how to start your own business and develop a business plan.
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Fine Arts, Design & Media

Drama 10	DR 10		Movement and Voice, Role, Context, Drama as a Metaphor, Character Exploration, Performance.
Theatre Perform 11: Acting	TPA 11	DR 10	Movement and Voice, Characterization, Drama Forms, Script Conventions and Structure and Performance. Course could include theatre aspects of: acting, directing, script work, technical theatre, and theatre management.
Theatre Perform 12: Acting	TPA 12	TPA 11	Extended exploration of dramatic skills and context for theatre performance. Develop production skills and knowledge.
Music 10: Concert Band	MCB 10	BA 9	Group instruction on various instruments. Concert band musical styles.
Instrumental Music 11: Concert Band	IMCB 11	MCB 10	Group instruction on various instruments. Concert band musical styles.
Instrumental Music 12: Concert Band	IMCB 12	MCB 11	Group instruction on various instruments. Concert band musical styles.
Music 10: Jazz Band	MJB 10	BA 9 & enrolled in MCB10	Group instruction in jazz and big band styles, dance focus. Extended day scheduling (Wed. night) must be taken concurrently with MCB 10.
Instrumental Music 11: Jazz Band	IMJB 11	Jazz 10 & enrolled in MCB10	Group instruction in jazz and big band styles, dance focus. Group instruction in jazz and big band styles, dance focus. Extended day scheduling (Wed. night) must be taken concurrently with MCB 11.
Instrumental Music 12: Jazz Band	IMJB 12	Jazz 11	Group instruction in jazz and big band styles, dance focus.
Music: Composition & Tech 11	MCT 11	Permission	Designed for students pursuing a career in music.
Music: Composition & Tech 12	MCT 12	MCT 11	Designed for students pursuing a career in music.

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Fine Arts, Design & Media
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ICT: Digital Media Develop 11	ICTM 11		Overview of digital animation and Video Production
ICT: Computer Programming 11	ICTP 11		An introduction to programming using Java and other languages. Robot programming.
ICT: Modular Survey Course 11	ICTX 11		An introduction to a wide range of computer software including Adobe Creative Suite CS6 and graphic design, 3D animation, video production, web design, game design and robotics.
ICT: Digital Media Develop 12	ICTM 12	ICTM 11	Advanced digital media project work.
ICT: Computer Programming 12	ICTP 12	ICTP 11	Continued work with Java, robotics, and other programming languages.
ICT: Modular Survey Course 12	ICTX 12	ICTX 11	Advanced work with a wide range of Computer Software.
Information Technology 10	INT 10		Overview of computers including flash, graphic design, video production and 3D graphics.
Art Foundations 11	AF 11		Use the principles of design in a variety of 2D and 3D projects. Includes a Pottery unit.
Art Foundations 12	AF 12	AF 11	Further develop 2D and 3D techniques in drawing, painting and pottery. This is a self-directed studio course.
Visual Arts 10	VA 10		Explore 2D and 3D art Techniques: Pencils, Charcoal, Acrylic, Oil Pastels, Water Colours, Clay and a Pottery unit
Home Economics 10: Textiles	TXT 10		Continuation of study of textiles and sewing skills. Students will choose their own projects and purchase their own supplies.
Textiles Studies 11	TXT 11		Introduction to clothing construction and design, interior furnishings, and textiles. Students will choose their own projects and purchase their own supplies.
Textiles Studies 12	TXT 12	TXT 11	Advanced study of textiles, clothing construction and home textile products. Students will choose their own projects and purchase their own supplies.
Visual Arts: Photography 12	VAMT 12		SLR & Digital Camera Use, Creative Concepts, Adobe Photoshop.

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Fitness & Recreation

Physical Education 10 (Physical & Health Education 10)	PE 10		Expand upon the student's attitude for an active lifestyle.
Physical Education 11 (Active Living 11)	PE 11	PE 10	Enhance lifelong activities including, team sports, individual sports and outdoor pursuits. Spring session will have a greater emphasis on outdoor pursuits. The hours in this course may be used to complete your 80 hours of physical activity for your Graduation Transitions.
Physical Education 12 (Active Living 12)	PE 12	PE 11	Enhance lifelong activities including, team sports, individual sports and outdoor pursuits. Spring session will have a greater emphasis on outdoor pursuits. The hours in this course may be used to complete your 80 hours of physical activity for your Graduation Transitions.
Fitness & Conditioning 11	HRA-1A SFT		Students will learn: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How personal fitness can be maintained or enhanced through participation in a variety of activities at different intensity levels; 2. How our bodies move and function ensuring safety during exercise; 3. To follow proper training guidelines and techniques to reach health and fitness goals; 4. To make healthy choices can help us to reach our health and fitness goals.
Fitness & Conditioning 12	HRA-2A SFT	HRA-1A SFT	Students will learn: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How personal fitness can be maintained or enhanced through participation in a variety of activities at different intensity levels; 2. How our bodies move and function ensuring safety during exercise; 3. To follow proper training guidelines and techniques to reach health and fitness goals; 4. To make healthy choices can help us to reach our health and fitness goals.

Hockey Skills Development Grade 10	LRA-0A HCS		Participants will develop hockey skills, fitness, training knowledge and nutritional information. Instruction will take place during on-ice sessions, off-ice training sessions and in classroom settings. The hours in this course may be used to complete your 80 hours of physical activity for your Graduation Transitions. Course fee \$200.00
Hockey Skills Development Grade 11	LRA-1A HCS		Participants will develop hockey skills, fitness, training knowledge and nutritional information. Instruction will take place during on-ice sessions, off-ice training sessions and in classroom settings. The hours in this course may be used to complete your 80 hours of physical activity for your Graduation Transitions. Course fee \$200.00

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Fitness & Recreation continued

Hockey Skills Development Grade 12	LRA-2A HCS			Grade 12 students that have taken HCSA – Grade 10, or 11 can apply to take on an Independent Study 12 or Teacher Assistant 12.
Outdoor Education & Recreation 12	LRA-2D OUT			Classroom and outdoor activities.

Health & Human Services

Yearbook 11/12	CCT-2A			Planning & the production of the year book.
Planning 10 (Career Life Education 10)	PLAN 10	CE 9		Financing, Personal Development, Grad requirements, Personal Planning, Career Ed, Intro to Portfolios. (With new curriculum there will be adjustments in the topics).
BA Psychology 12	PSYC-2A			Covers topics on the Brain, Human Development, & Mental Disorders.
Work Experience 12A	WEX 12A			100 hours of non-paid work experience in an area of your choice.
Work Experience 12B	WEX 12B			An additional 100 hours of non-paid work experience.

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Liberal Arts & Humanities

French 10	FR 10	Fr 9	Using the Intensive French methodology students develop their language skills to a A2 DELF level.
French 11	FR 11	Fr 10	Class is taught in French with the expectation that students will read, speak and write using appropriate tenses to prepare for a B1 DELF
French 12	FR 12	Fr 11	Students will speak French as much as possible with the intention of obtaining a B1 DELF
Enhanced French 10	EFR 10	EFR 9	Course will follow the curriculum guidelines and expectations of the Intensive French program with the goal of obtaining the B1 DELF level.
Enhanced French 11	EFR 11	EFR 10	Course will follow the curriculum guidelines and expectations of the Intensive French program with the goal to improve upon the B1 DELF level.
Enhanced French 12	EFR 12	EFR 11	Course will follow the curriculum guidelines and expectations of the Intensive French program with the goal to challenge a B2 DELF exam.

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Tourism, Hospitality & Foods

Cook Training 11A	CKT 11A		Introductory training in professional cooking techniques. Emphasis on knife-handling techniques and basic cooking methods in a commercial kitchen.
Cook Training 11B	CKT 11B	CKT 11A	Professional cooking techniques and operations continued. Emphasis on Stocks, Sauces, Soups and Meat Cookery.
Cook Training 12A	CKT 12A	CKT 11B	Professional cooking techniques and operations continued. Emphasis on Egg and Breakfast Cooking, International Foods and Nutrition.
Cook Training 12B	CKT 12B	CKT 12A	Professional cooking techniques and operations continued. Emphasis on food costing, kitchen management, food systems and advanced pastry techniques.

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Trades & Technology

Apprenticeship 11A	SSA 11A		If you know the trade you want to go into, start your apprenticeship training in grade 11 or 12. You can get up to 16 credits, 8 at grade 11 level, 8 at grade 12 level, and receive an automatic \$1000.00 scholarship.
Apprenticeship 11B	SSA 11B		Course credits can be earned by participating in the SSA program. See SSA 11A for more information.
Apprenticeship 12A/12B	SSA 12A/12B		Course credits can be earned by participating in the SSA program. See SSA 11A for more information.
Carpentry & Joinery 11	CJ 11		Introduction to the basic theory and practical skills related to drafting, project layout, cutting, assembly and finishing of wood projects.
Carpentry & Joinery 12	CJ 12	CJ 11	Continuation of woodworking practices and procedures with emphasis on student-own project planning and completion.
CJ 12: Furniture Construction	CJF 12	CJ 12	Advanced furniture making and construction techniques.
CJ 12: Woodcraft Products	CJP 12	CJ 12	Advanced woodworking skills with emphasis on project production
MTL Fabrication & Machining 11	MFM 11		Introductions to the basic theory and practical skills related to machining, welding, fabrication, sheet metal and metal art.
MTL Fabrication & Machining 12	MFM 12	MFM 11	Continuation of metal fabrication and welding skills with emphasis on student-own project planning and completion.
MFM 12: Advanced Welding	MFMW 12	MFM 12	Advanced metal fabrication skills with emphasis on welding techniques and practices.
Tech Ed 10: Metalwork	TEM 10		Exploring basic metalworking and welding practices and procedures while completing assigned and student-choice projects.
Tech Ed 10: Woodwork	TEW 10		Exploring basic woodworking procedures and practices while completing assigned and student-choice projects.
Skills Exploration 10-12	STX		Will provide students with learning experiences in the areas of Carpentry, Small Engines, Electrical and Plumbing as well as other locally developed modules.

Dual Credit Programs

What are Dual Credit Programs?

Dual Credit programs allow students the opportunity get a head start on a career while earning both high-school credits and post-secondary credentials while in high school. Dual Credit programs can be divided into three categories:

School Based Programs

In partnership with the College of the Rockies, some of the courses previous students have taken for dual credit are: Knutaxa 101 & 102, Business oriented courses like Accounting and programs like the Discovery Trades and Hair Dressing.

Secondary School Apprenticeship

What is Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA)?

The Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA) program is a work-based training program that gives students the opportunity to earn secondary school credits for their on-the-job work experience in an apprentice-able trade. This requires a student to be working with a certified tradesperson who is willing to sponsor the student as an apprentice. All work-based training hours accumulated through this program can be reported to the Industry Training Authority (ITA) for apprenticeship hours.

Jump Start your career and your graduation

By participating in a Secondary School Apprenticeship program a student may commence working in the trade, earn up to 16 high school credits when they have a formal Industry Training Authority (ITA) agreement signed by their employer and receive a Secondary School Apprenticeship certificate upon graduation. Many students elect to devote one entire semester in grade twelve to their apprenticeship. Students get "hands on" learning and experience in their chosen field. Student may be eligible for a \$1000 Scholarship once they complete the full 480 hours during high school, stay active in the trade for up to 5 months past graduation, and have at least 900 hours reported to the ITA within 5 months of graduation.

How does the SSA Program work?

- a) Students complete work hours at their afternoon, evening and/or weekend positions with their employer sponsor.**
- b) Students learn trade-specific skills from their sponsor on-the-job.**
- c) The student and sponsor track and report hours and progress throughout the program.**
- d) The SSA Coordinator will work with the sponsor to evaluate the student's progress and assign secondary school credits as required.**

How do I apply?

Students must have an employer who is willing to sponsor you as an apprentice before applying. If you have a sponsor, the next step is to see Mr. Danyluk who will provide information regarding the necessary steps.

SSA Scholarship

Students who successfully complete the SSA program may be eligible for a \$1000 scholarship from the Ministry of Education, in cooperation with the Industry Training Authority (ITA). Students must meet the following criteria to be eligible:

- a) Have graduated with a Grade 12 Dogwood or Adult Dogwood.**
- b) Successfully complete the full 480 work-based training hours**
- c) Received credits for SSA 11A, 11B, 12A and 12B.**
- d) Maintain a C+ average on all Grade 12 numbered courses.**
- e) Reported a total of at least 900 hours to the ITA within six months of graduation.**

ACE-IT Programs

What is ACE-IT? (Accelerated Credit Enrollment in Industry Training)

ACE IT programs are Entry Level Trades Training (ELTT) programs. Through an ACE IT program, students can learn a trade that will give them both high school graduation credits and a head start towards completion of a recognized apprenticeship program. Examples of ELTT programs are Carpentry, Plumbing, Welding, Electrical and Culinary Arts to name only a few.

Program Format

ACE IT programs are developed and offered as partnerships between school districts and post-secondary institutions, and classes are often taught at college campuses. Local employers also get involved in the development of ACE IT programs, and students who complete these programs typically have very good success in finding employment.

Student Eligibility

When determining the eligibility of a student for the ACE IT program, the following eligibility criteria must be met:

- a) Students must be aged 19 and under and not yet achieved Ministry of Education graduation;**
- b) Students must complete the ACE-IT program prior to reaching the age of 20;**
- c) Students must be registered for an approved ACE IT program prior to graduation; and**
- d) Students must complete the ACE IT program within 3 months after their grade 12 graduation date.**

ACE-IT Work Experience

Work experience placements are usually (but not always) a part of an ACE-IT program – for more information about specific ACE-IT programs, check with Student Services or Mr. Danyluk. If students participate in ACE-IT Work Experience, they will get credit towards the on-the-job component of their Technical Training program as well.

Certification

Students that successfully complete an ACE -IT program typically get credit for their level one technical training (in-class) component of their chosen trades training program prior to graduating from high school. Each training level is composed of technical training (in school) and work based training (hours on the job). For a list of trades training requirements see the ITA Red Seal Trades.