



WELCOME TO VSS

Parent Meeting

February 2025



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT





WHO ARE WE

WHO ARE WE? **STAFF**



58 teachers

14 CEA / AEW / Library

6 Custodians

5 Secretaries

3 Principals/VPs

85 Staff on site at VSS



WHO ARE WE?
ADMIN



Principal – **Mr. Kirschner**

Vice Principal – **Ms. Gregg**

Vice Principal – **Mr. Horton**

LDP – **Mrs. Whitehouse**



WHO ARE WE?

SUPPORT TEAM



School Counsellors:

Ms. Barrett (secretary)
Mrs. Horsman (A-F)
Mrs. Hammonds (G-M)
Ms. Gavelin/Ewert (N-Z)

What can they help with?

- Academic concerns
- Timetable Issues
- Social/Emotional challenges
- Course & Post Sec. Planning

Aboriginal Education Workers:

M.J.
Steve

What can they help with?

- Academic concerns
- Personal challenges
- Connection and belonging

Learning Assistance:

Mrs. Harris
Ms. Martin
Mrs. Tanner
Mrs. Hoffer
CEAs

What can they help with?

- Academic support
- The Learning Centre (112)
 - TAB Room

PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME



- Who are We and What We Are About
- First Semester Review













FUTURE VIKES SCIENTISTS



WHO ARE WE? **VIKES**





GRADE 8-11 COURSE SELECTIONS

Course Selection Booklet (Scan QR Code)



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THE PROCESS



- February 11 – Grade Meetings
- February 13 – Parent Meeting
- February 18 - 21 – Student Course Selection Days
- February 24 - 28 – VSS Team Course Selection Clean Up
- February 28 - June – Schedule Construction & Student Scheduling
- June TBD – Student Schedules Released
- June TBD – Course Change Opportunity by Grade





WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION

[HTTP://VSS.SD73.BC.CA](http://vss.sd73.bc.ca)

Valleyview Secondary School

OUR SCHOOLS / PROGRAMS WHAT'S HAPPENING / NEWS PARENTS & STUDENTS / SUPPORT & HELP **PATH TO GRADUATION**

Home / Path to Graduation / Courses / Course Selection

Class of 2020 Graduation Trades and Transitions

Courses / Course Selection Scholarships/Bursaries Transcripts



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GRADE 9 COURSES

For students currently in Grade 8



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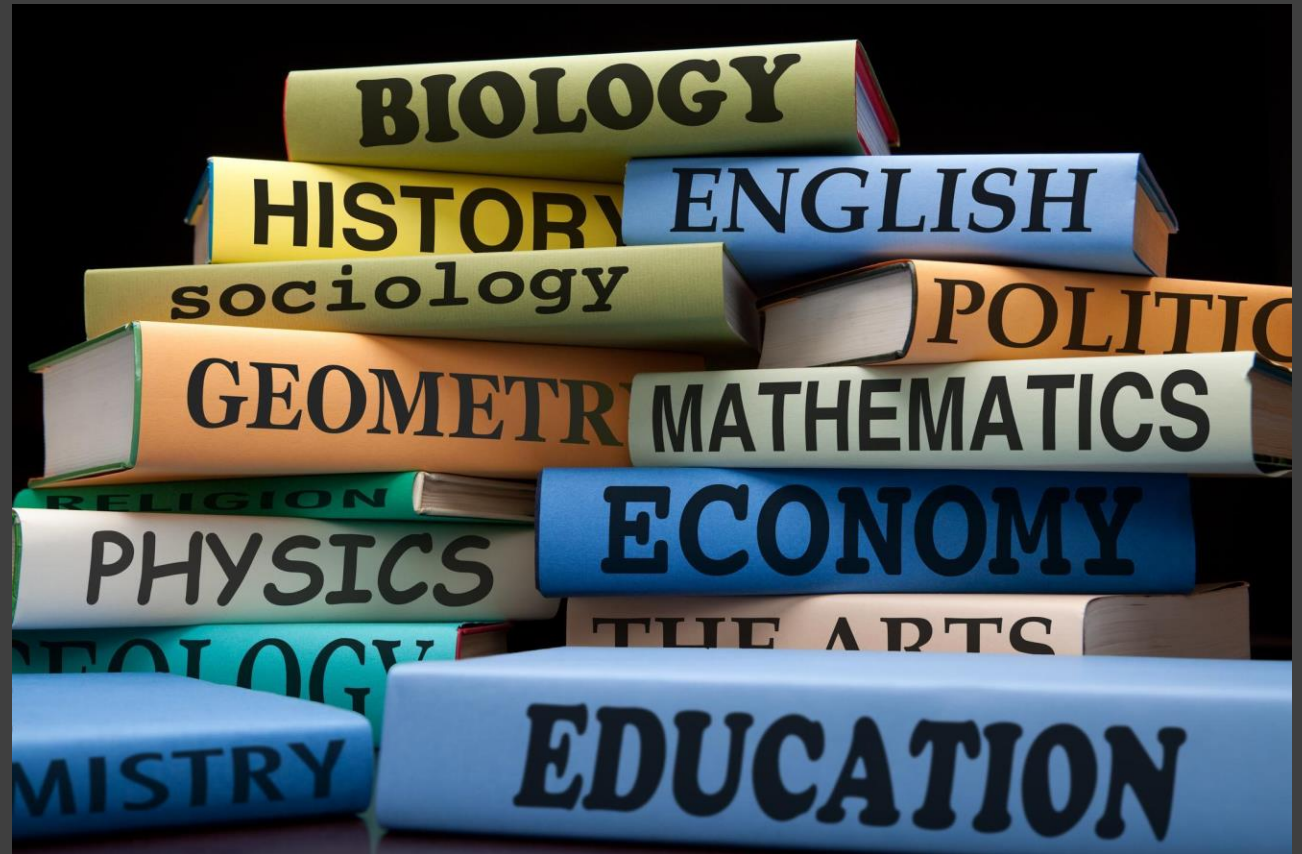
REQUIREMENTS



- English 9
- Social Studies 9
- Math 9
- PHE 9
- Science 9

- NOTE: Hockey Academy 9 (takes spot of 1 elective & PHE)

- 3 Electives Choices + Alternates (or 1 Language + 2 Elective Choices)



MATH 9



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Foundations of Math & Pre-Calculus 10

Leads to:

- Foundations 11/12
- Pre-Calc 11/12
- Calc 12

Students who achieve at an EMG level in Math 9 are recommended to take:

Workplace Math 10

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- Apprenticeship 12

Counsellors will communicate regarding this again when students are choosing their Gr. 10 classes



ELECTIVES X3 CHOICES

Students pick 3 from the next 3 slides AND
Alternate options for each of one.

POSSIBLE LANGUAGE ELECTIVES



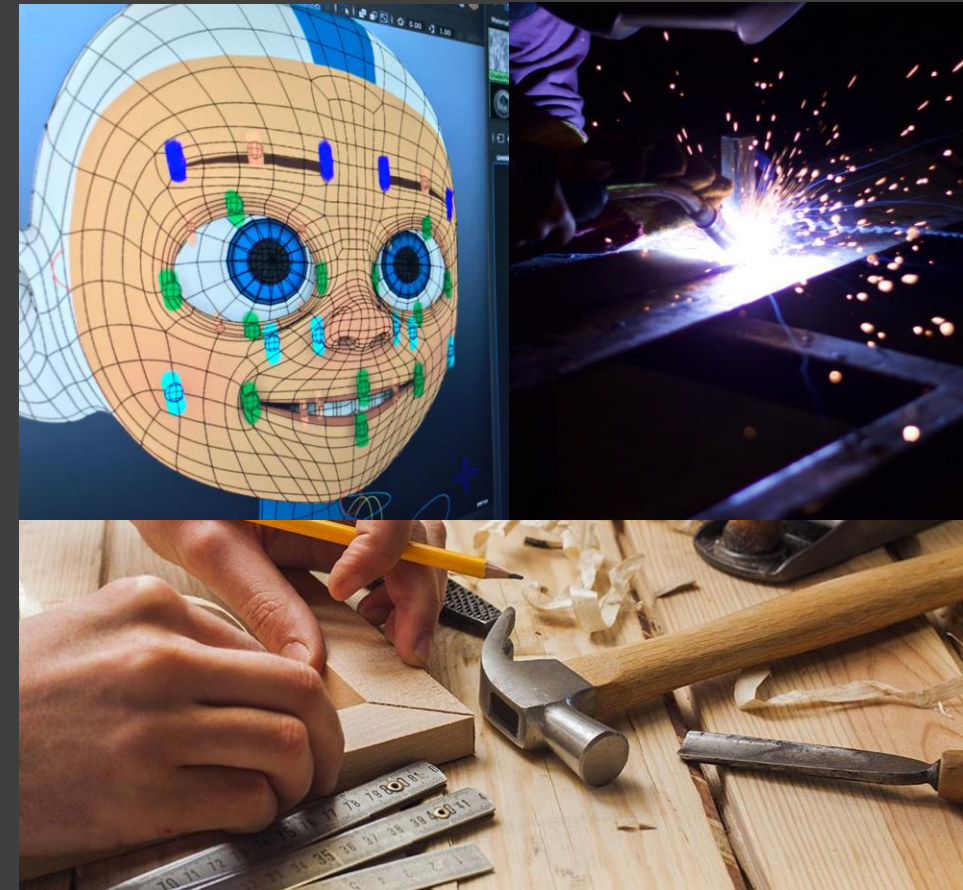
- French
- Spanish
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- Japanese



POSSIBLE APPLIED DESIGN, SKILLS AND TECHNOLOGY (ADST)



- Textiles (Sewing) 9
- Metalwork 9
- Media Arts 9 (Computers)
- Woodwork 9
- Foods 9



POSSIBLE FINE ARTS & OTHER



- Drama 9
- Band 9 (Year long with PE)
- Art 9
- Concert Choir (off timetable)
- Jazz Band 9 (off timetable)
- Leadership 9



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Middle Years Program

- fosters intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, and personal development.
- Rooted in the IB's commitment to holistic education, the MYP emphasizes interdisciplinary learning, real-world application, and international-mindedness



Middle Years Zoom Info Session

- February 19 at 6:30pm - <https://bit.ly/4aYsdAk>



THE 2023 GRAD PROGRAM





Required courses for Dogwood Diploma	Credits
English 10 or First Peoples 10	4
English 11 or First Peoples 11	4
English 12 or First Peoples 12	4
A Social Studies 10 course	4
A Social Studies 11 or 12 course	4
A Math 10 course <small>(Workplace, or Foundations & PreCalculus)</small>	4
A Math 11 or 12 course	4
Science 10	4
A Science 11 or 12 course	4
Physical and Health Education 10	4
Arts OR Applied Design, Skills & Tech course grade 10, 11 or 12	4
Career Life Education	4
Career Life Connections	4
Total required course credits	52
Electives: 28 credits minimum	28
<small>*Note: locally developed courses do not count towards elective credits</small>	
Total credits to graduate (minimum)	80

- Required Ministry of Education Assessments
 - Literacy 10
 - Numeracy 10
 - Literacy 12
- Required 4 credits from an Indigenous Focused course (i.e. English 10 First Peoples)



GRADE 10 COURSES

For students currently in Grade 9



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GR 10 PICK SHEET

Use this to help you organize your choices before doing course selection on the computer.

PICK SHEET NEEDS TO COME WITH STUDENT TO COURSE SELECTION DAY

You will need to have alternates in mind for your electives – helpful to note/mark these on your pick sheet

Student Name:	Student Number
Current Grade: 10	Current School: Valleyview Secondary
You must have 8 courses selected and 2 alternatives.	
A	B
In this section you must select <u>one</u> required course in each category	In this section you must select 2 Elective courses
# 1: Language Arts Every student must choose: <input type="checkbox"/> Composition 10 MCMP510 AND one of: <input type="checkbox"/> English First Peoples Literary Studies MEFLS10 <input type="checkbox"/> English First Peoples Writing MEFCR10 <input type="checkbox"/> English First Peoples Spoken Language MEFSL10 <input type="checkbox"/> English First Peoples New Media MEFNM10 ***Make sure to choose alternate choices here in case you are unable to get into your first choice.	#7 Languages - electives <input type="checkbox"/> French MFR--10 <input type="checkbox"/> Secwepemcstn MSWP-10 <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish MSP--10 #8 ADST - electives <input type="checkbox"/> Computers MCSTU10 <input type="checkbox"/> Media Design MMEDD10 <input type="checkbox"/> Media MTMET10 <input type="checkbox"/> Art YIA--0A <input type="checkbox"/> Textiles MTXT-10 <input type="checkbox"/> Woodwork MWWW-10 <input type="checkbox"/> Drafting MTDRF10 <input type="checkbox"/> Power Technology 10 MTPOW10 <input type="checkbox"/> Foods MFOOD10 <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Production (Yearbook) MGRPR11
# 2: Social Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies 10 MSS--10	#9 Fine Arts -- electives <input type="checkbox"/> Drama MDRM-10 <input type="checkbox"/> Art MVA5T10 <input type="checkbox"/> Band MMUCB10 <input type="checkbox"/> Photography MVAPH10 <input type="checkbox"/> Dance MDNTP10 <input type="checkbox"/> Guitar MMUGT10 <input type="checkbox"/> Media Arts 10 (Video Production) MVAM-10
# 3: Science <input type="checkbox"/> Science 10 MSC--10	#10 Other Electives <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership 10 YIPS-0A <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology 11 YPSYC1A
Math - Please choose one <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations and Pre-Calculus Math 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Math 10 MFMP-10 <input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Math 10 MWPM-10 <i>Please reference the Math pathways to select the correct course depending on your future goals.</i>	OFF Timetable courses <input type="checkbox"/> Choir 10 MMUCC10 <i>*this course will run off timetable all year long.</i>
#5: Career Education <input type="checkbox"/> Career Life Education MCLE-10	
#6: Physical Health Education <input type="checkbox"/> PE 10 MPHED10 <input type="checkbox"/> Hockey Academy 10 MPHED10HKY <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Specific Training MPHED10SST <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness and Conditioning MPHED10EFL <input type="checkbox"/> Human Performance MPHED10-HP	
Total courses in column A =	Total courses in column B =
Total = _____	
(A+B = 8 Courses)	

REQUIREMENTS



- English 10 First People's
- Social Studies 10
- Math 10
- PHE 10
- Science 10
- Career Life Education 10 (CLE 10)

- 2 Electives Choices + Alternates



CHOOSE AN ENGLISH



- ALL STUDENTS

- English First Peoples Writing (2 credits)

AND

- CHOICE

- English First Peoples Literary Studies (2 credits) OR
- English First Peoples New Media (2 credits) OR
- English First Peoples Spoken Language (2 credits)



CHOOSE A PHE



- PHE 10
- Human Performance 10
- FITT for Life 10 Level One
- FITT for Life 10 Level Two
- Sport Specific Skills 10



CHOOSE A MATH



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If you are unsure of correct path based on career goals or have questions, please contact your student's counsellor.



ELECTIVES X2 CHOICES

Students pick 2 from the next 3 slides AND
Alternate options for each of one.

POSSIBLE LANGUAGE ELECTIVES



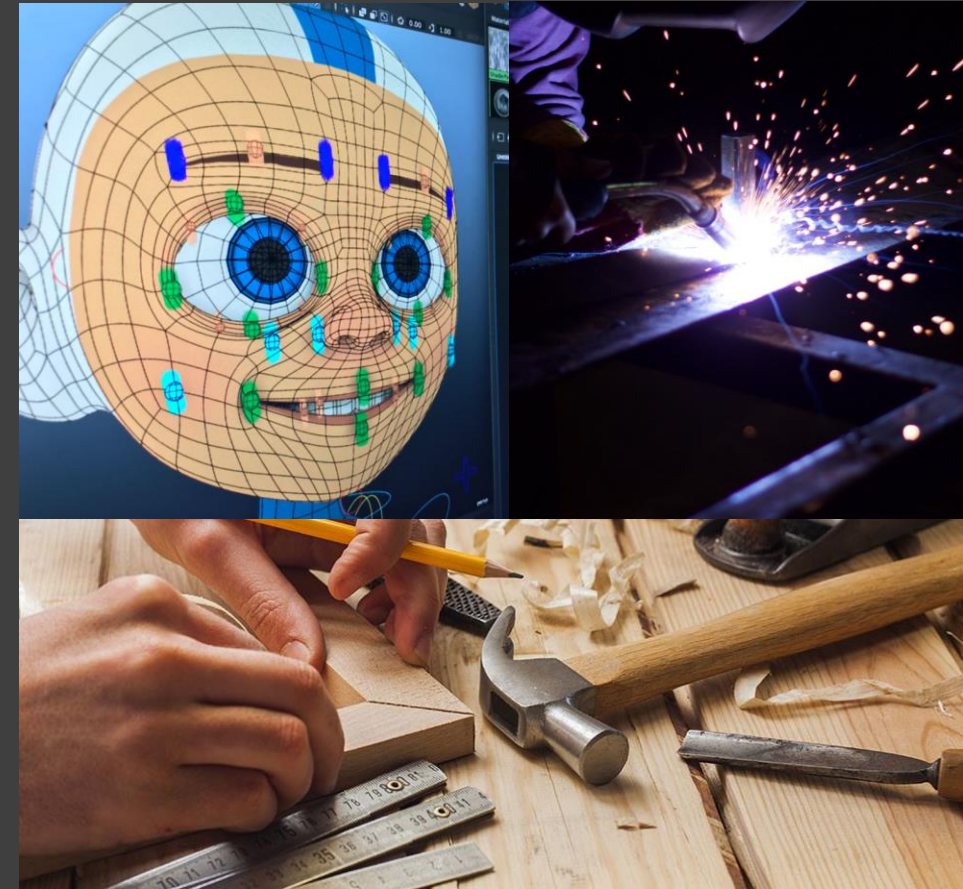
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POSSIBLE APPLIED DESIGN, SKILLS AND TECHNOLOGY (ADST)



- Textiles 10
- Computer Studies 10
- Media Design 10 - Blender Animation
- Metalwork 10
- Art Metal 10
- Woodwork 10
- Foods 10



POSSIBLE FINE ARTS & OTHER



- Drama
- Concert Band (YL with PE10)
- Jazz Band
- Art Studio
- Guitar
- Photography
- Concert Choir (off timetable)
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GRADE 11

For students currently in Grade 10

GRADE 12 (GRAD CLASS OF 2026)

For students currently in Grade 11



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GR 11/12 PICK SHEET

Use this to help you organize your choices before doing course selection on the computer.

PICK SHEET NEEDS TO COME WITH STUDENT TO COURSE SELECTION DAY

You will need to have alternates in mind for your electives – helpful to note/mark these on your pick sheet

Student Name:	Student Number
Current Grade: 11	Current School: Valleyview Secondary
A	B
In this section you must select <u>one</u> required course in each category	In this section you must select 4 Elective courses ***You must have one elective in ADST or Fine Arts to graduate.
# 1: Language Arts – required <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing 11 MCRWR11 <input type="checkbox"/> New Media 11 MNMD11 <input type="checkbox"/> Literary Studies 11 MLTST11 <input type="checkbox"/> English First People Literary Studies MEFLS11 <input type="checkbox"/> English 11 for band students MNMD-11VSS <input type="checkbox"/> English 12 MENST12	ADST – electives <input type="checkbox"/> Woodwork 11 MWWK-11 <input type="checkbox"/> Metalwork 11 MTMET11 <input type="checkbox"/> Art Metal and Jewellery 11 YIA--1A <input type="checkbox"/> Computer programming 11 MCMPR11 <input type="checkbox"/> Media Design 11 MMEDD11 <input type="checkbox"/> Foods 11 MFOOD11 <input type="checkbox"/> Textiles 11 MTXT-11 <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing and Promotion 11 MMAP-11 <input type="checkbox"/> Housing and Living Environments 12 MHL12 <input type="checkbox"/> Specialized Skills in Food Studies 12 MSF12
# 2: Social Studies - required <input type="checkbox"/> Law Studies MLST-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Social Justice MSJ--12 <input type="checkbox"/> Genocide studies MGENO12 <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy MPHIL12 <input type="checkbox"/> 20 th Century World History MWH--12 <input type="checkbox"/> Comparative Cultures MCMCL12 <input type="checkbox"/> BC First Peoples MBCFP12	Fine Arts – electives <input type="checkbox"/> Theatre Production MDRP11 <input type="checkbox"/> Art Studio MAST11 <input type="checkbox"/> Studio Arts 2D YRAD-11 <input type="checkbox"/> Studio Arts 3D MVAC-11 <input type="checkbox"/> Media Arts (video production) MVAMT11 <input type="checkbox"/> Photography MVAPH11 <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Production MGRPR11 <input type="checkbox"/> Design Foundations MDNTP11 <input type="checkbox"/> Ceramics MIMG-11 <input type="checkbox"/> Barbering MIMCB11
# 3: Science - required <input type="checkbox"/> Science for Citizens 11 MSCCT11 <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry 11 MCH--11 <input type="checkbox"/> Life Sciences 11 MLFSC11 <input type="checkbox"/> Physics 11 MPH--11 <input type="checkbox"/> Earth Sciences 11 MESC-11 <input type="checkbox"/> Anatomy and Physiology12 MATPH12 <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Science 12 MEVSC12	Language - electives <input type="checkbox"/> French 11 MFR--11 <input type="checkbox"/> Second Language 11 MSWP-11 <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish 11 MSP--11
# 4: Math - required <input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Math 11 MWPM-11 <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Math 11 MFOM-11 <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Calculus Math 11 MPREC11	Social Studies – electives <input type="checkbox"/> Law Studies MLST-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Social Justice MSJ--12 <input type="checkbox"/> Genocide studies MGENO12 <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy MPHIL12 <input type="checkbox"/> 20 th Century World History MWH--12 <input type="checkbox"/> Comparative Cultures MCMCL12 <input type="checkbox"/> BC First Peoples MBCFP12
#5: Career – required <input type="checkbox"/> Career Life Explorations 10 (you did not complete in grade 10) MCLC-10 <input type="checkbox"/> Career Life Connections (you can do this either in grade 11 or 12) MCLC-12	Science - electives <input type="checkbox"/> Science for Citizens 11 MSCCT11 <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry 11 MCH--11 <input type="checkbox"/> Life Sciences 11 MLFSC11 <input type="checkbox"/> Physics 11 MPH--11 <input type="checkbox"/> Earth Sciences 11 MESC-11 <input type="checkbox"/> Anatomy and Physiology12 MATPH12 <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Science 12 MEVSC12
I have: <input type="checkbox"/> Completed my course selection online <input type="checkbox"/> Not completed my course selection online	Physical Health Education - electives <input type="checkbox"/> Active Living 11 MACLV11 <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness and Conditioning11 MFTCD11 <input type="checkbox"/> Human Performance 12 YHRA-2C <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Education 11 MOCED11 <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Specific Training 11 YHRA-1DSST
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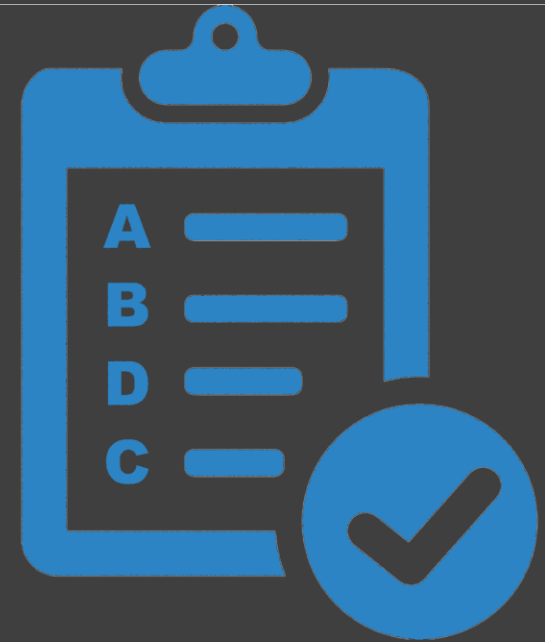


EXAMPLE ONLY

REQUIREMENTS BETWEEN GR 11 & 12



- An English 11 AND 12
- A Math 11 or 12
- A Science 11 or 12
- A Social Studies 11 or 12
- Career Life Education 10 and Career Life Connections 12
- 4 other Grade 11 or 12 electives
(can include Math, Science, Social Studies courses)
- Indigenous Focus Course
(English 10 First Peoples, BC First Peoples 12, English 12 First Peoples)



CHOOSE AN ENGLISH



- Grade 11 English Options
 - New Media 11
 - Creative Writing 11
 - Literary Studies 11
- Grade 12 English Options
 - English 12
 - English 12 First Peoples



CHOOSE SCIENCE II (OR 12)



- Life Sciences II
- Anatomy and Physiology 12
(Chemistry II & Life Science II are recommended prior)
- Chemistry II
- Physics II
- Science for Citizens II
- Earth Science II
- Environmental Science 12

(you may also choose more as an elective)



CHOOSE A SOCIAL STUDIES



- Genocide Studies
- 20th Century World History
- Social Justice
- Philosophy
- Comparative Cultures
- BC First Peoples
- Law Studies
- Political Studies

(you may also choose more as an elective)

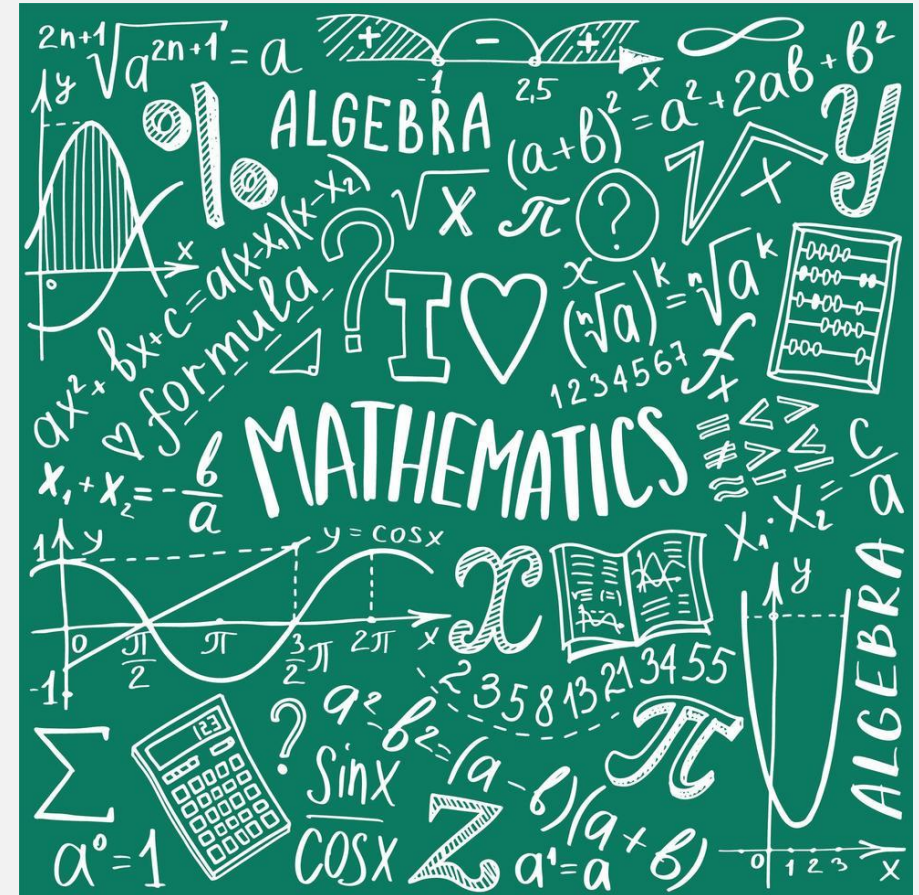


CHOOSE A MATH



- Foundations I I
- Pre-Calculus I I
- Workplace Math I I
- History of Math I I
(meets Gr. I I grad requirement)

- Foundations I 2
- Pre-Calculus I 2
- Calculus I 2 (PreCalc I 2 required)





ELECTIVES CHOICES

Students are **REQUIRED** to select 8 courses and alternates for any elective choices.

POSSIBLE LANGUAGES



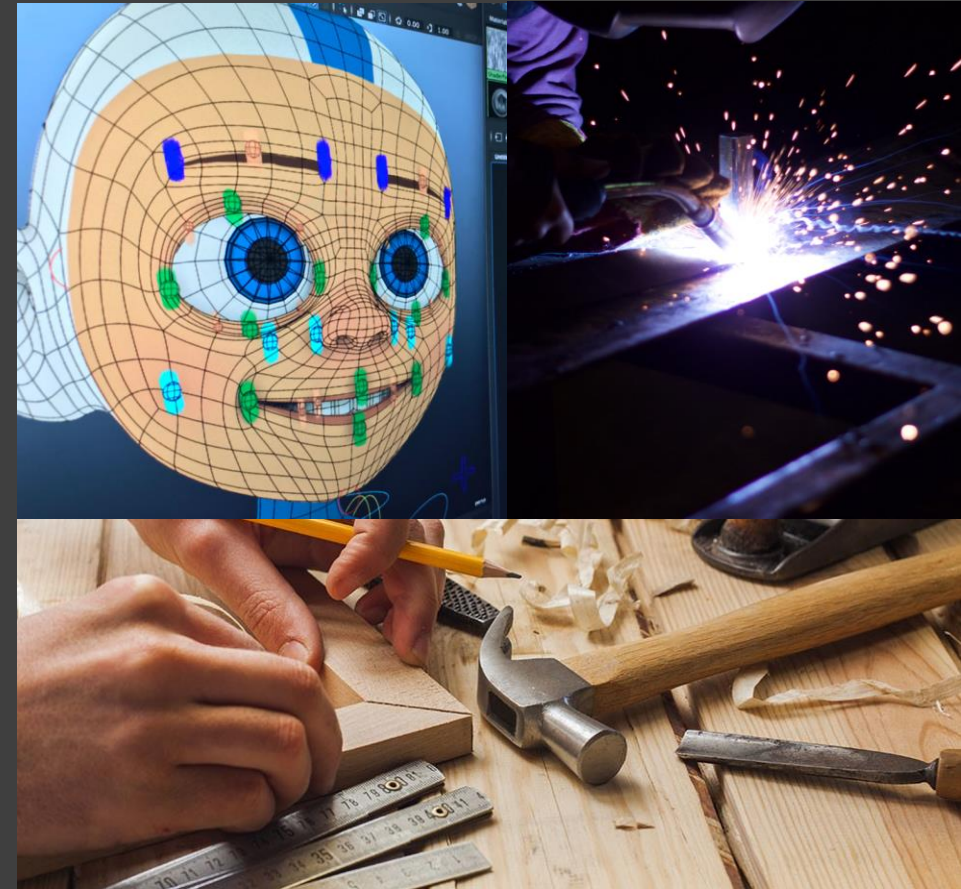
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- Metalwork I I/12
- Art Metal & Jewelry I I/12
- Woodwork I I/12
- Foods I I/12
- Specialized Skills in Foods I I/12 - Baking



POSSIBLE FINE ARTS



- Theatre Performance
- Concert Band (YL with English)
- Jazz Band
- Art Studio
- Studio Arts 2D
- Studio Arts 3D
- Photography
- Guitar
- Choir (Tues/Thurs mornings)
- Yearbook (off timetable)





BUSINESS COURSES

- Economics 12
- Entrepreneurship 12
(can be taken by Gr. 11's)

OTHER

- Leadership 11/12
- Psychology 11/12

PHE 11/12 COURSES

- FITT 4 Life Level One
- FITT 4 Life Level Two
- Active Living
- Human Performance
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Contact NorKam Secondary for more information & registration

SCHOLARSHIPS



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- <http://www.EducationPlannerBC.ca>
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Click Path to Graduation →
Scholarships/Bursaries
- VSS Student Services Website

A screenshot of the SCHOLARSHIPS CANADA.com website. The header includes the site name and navigation links: 'Alternate Financing | Tips | FAQ | Featured Scholarships | Award Winners'. The main content area features a promotional banner with the text 'SCHOLARSHIPS AREN'T JUST FOR BRAINIACS' and '9 out of 10 scholarships don't EVEN require grades!'. Below the banner is a 'GET STARTED' button. The bottom of the screenshot shows a group of four young people jumping joyfully against a blue sky background.

STUDENT COURSE SELECTION
ENTRY DEADLINE



FEBRUARY 21, 2025

QUESTIONS? CONTACT YOUR COUNSELLOR



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