

What is the Graduation Transition Plan?

The Graduation Transition Plan is a 4 credit program that is mandatory throughout Grades 10, 11, and 12. In this program, students work independently under the supervision of school staff to demonstrate that they have met the following requirements:

- in Personal Health, maintain a personal health plan and participate in 150 minutes per week of moderate to brisk physical exercise;
- in Community Connections, participate in at least 30 hours of work experience and/or community service and describe what was learned; and
- in Career and Life, complete a transition plan and present significant accomplishments.

For more information, please see brochure entitled **Graduation Transitions**.

Are graduation requirements the same as university/college entrance requirements?

No. Students must complete all graduation requirements to receive a 'Dogwood Certificate' or graduation certificate. However, post-secondary institutions set their own entry requirements. Each faculty within these institutions may also require specific courses. Students work with their teacher-counselor to create a plan that meets their individual needs.



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Important Information about Graduating from Secondary School

What are graduation requirements?

Graduation requirements are the specific secondary school courses that every student must take to get a “Dogwood Certificate” or graduation certificate. These requirements consist of:

- mandatory, or required courses, set by the Ministry of Education;
- elective courses chosen by individual students; and
- a Graduation Transition Plan.

Each course has a set number of credits. A student needs 80 credits to graduate. The 80 credits include:

- 48 credits of mandatory courses;
- 28 credits of elective courses; and
- 4 credits for the Graduation Transition Plan.

Which courses are mandatory at each grade level?

The following table shows which courses the Ministry of Education **requires** at each grade level.

COURSE	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
ENGLISH OR COMMUNICATIONS	Required	Required	Required
SOCIAL STUDIES	Required	Required	
SCIENCE	Required	Required	
MATHEMATICS	Required	Required	
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Required		
PLANNING 10/ GRADUATION TRANSITIONS	Required	Required	Required
OTHER:	Fine Arts 10 or Applied Arts 10	Fine Arts 11 or Applied Arts 11	Fine Arts 12 or Applied Arts 12 12 credits of other Grade 12 courses (most courses are 4 credits each)

What are elective courses?

These are courses chosen by students based on interest. The number and kind of elective courses available will vary from school to school. These courses may be developed by an individual board of education, but all are approved by the Ministry of Education.

