

# SIR CHARLES TUPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL 2022-2023 COURSE OUTLINE

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#### **BIG IDEAS in Life Skills**

Expressing opinions, wants and needs.
Listening to others enables us to participate in the world with greater independence and efficacy

Learning to choose between positive and negative choices, through practice and with guidance, will build independence and reduce reliance on support

Developing an understanding of one's personal identity, connection to family and culture will support positive identity and ownership of a place in the world

Self-care, safety awareness, and selfregulation benefit a person's ability to access the world with greater independence Demonstrating respect for our 'people' and the environment will result in more meaningful participation in all areas of life

### First People's Principles of Learning

- I acknowledge that we live, work and play on the unceded and traditional territory of the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əẏəm (Musqueam), selílwitulh (Tsleil Waututh) and skwxwú7mesh (Squamish Coast Salish) peoples.
- Thereby recognizing that learning is holistic, reflexive, reflective, experiential, and relational (focused on connectedness, on reciprocal relationships, and a sense of place).

### **Core Competencies**

Communication	Thinking	Personal and Social
The communication competency encompasses the set of abilities that students use to impart and exchange information, experiences and ideas, to explore the world around them, and to understand and effectively engage in the use of digital communication and media	The thinking competency encompasses the knowledge, skills, and processes we associate with intellectual development and is demonstrated through:  Creative thinking Critical thinking	The personal and social competency includes
<ul> <li>Communicate feelings and choices</li> <li>Listen and respond to the communication of others</li> <li>Use alternative communication systems</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use information to make positive choices</li> <li>Problem-solve with decreasing need for support</li> <li>Use existing knowledge to learn new things</li> <li>Express knowledge in creative ways</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Personal identity and family background information</li> <li>Exploration and development of skills to take care of others, the classroom, school, and the environment</li> </ul>

## Senior Lifeskills Syllabus

Area of Emphasis	Understanding	Activities	
Self-Determination	Making choices and expressing preferences and dislikes	Daily academic work, classroom chores, using free time in a productive way	
Active Living	Understanding that healthy habits support good health and well-being	Cooking, menu planning, shopping, daily exercise	
Social Skills	Communication skills with peers and adults will build relationships and understanding	Conversation practice, locating important information, answering questions, applying social rules in daily practice, conflict resolution with peers and teachers	
Transit Training	Using public transportation will increase independence	Learning about bus fare, trip planning, using landmarks and maps	
Community Integration	Exercising safety in the community is important for everyone	Road/bus/classroom safety and problem- solving, requesting assistance when in the community (shops, rec. centres)	
Social Health-Relationships	Building and sustaining healthy relationships supports mental, social and emotional health	Reviewing social rules and practices that support healthy friendships, recognizing when we need to be alone, self-care practices	
Career Awareness and Exploration	Understanding our individual strengths and challenges supports valuable WEX experiences, leading to greater independence	Pre-WEX activities to determine each student's strength and suitable WEX placements	
Work Experience & Volunteerism	Listening to, learning from, and watching our leaders, allows us to build work skills and capacity Volunteering at multiple sites will help us to decide what we like and what we are good at	Yearly work experience placements (WEX) in the community (supported by the district WEX team) and school based WEX projects	

Student Assessment	Reporting	
FOR Learning: I can build on existing ability, skills and understanding (using information from testing and assessments)  AS Learning: I can use activities in my class to develop and maximize my learning opportunities  OF Learning: I can demonstrate my learning through progression and evaluation of goals outlined in my IEP	Report 1 Report 2 Report 3 IEP review (Fall) IEP review (Spring)	Dec. March June