

GR 8 & 9 VIRTUAL COURSE PLANNING SESSION



PLEASE KEEP CAMERA AND MICROPHONE TURNED OFF



PLEASE ASK QUESTIONS IN THE CHAT



FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT INDIVIDUAL STUDENT COURSE PLANNING,
PLEASE EMAIL COUNSELLOR



THIS PRESENTATION WILL BE RECORDED





COURSE PLANNING

2025/2026

Grade 8s and 9s



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Sk_wxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).



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(Tsleil-Waututh Nation)

COUNSELLORS 2024/2025

- Grade 8-12 (Last Names A-Ki);Strategies

❖ Ms. Chen

- Grade 8-12 (Last Names Kl-T)

❖ Ms. Hornby

- Grade 8-12 (Last Names U-Z);
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❖ Ms. Watanabe

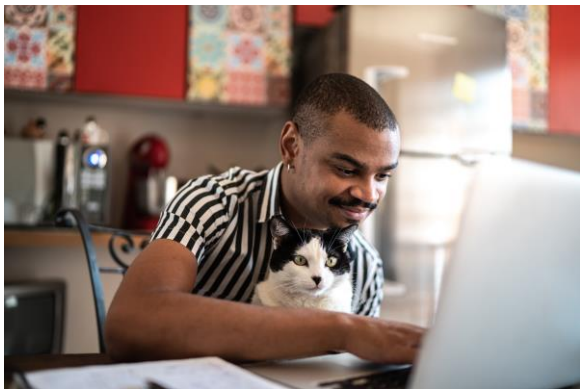


****Continue to contact your counsellor for this year's schedule, personal support, etc.****

Note: Alpha Groups will be finalized in September 2025



TAKING CARE OF YOURSELVES!



English 9

Math 9

Social Studies 9

Science 9

Physical Education 9

French 9 or ELC or Learning Strategies

Elective 9 (Applied Skills)

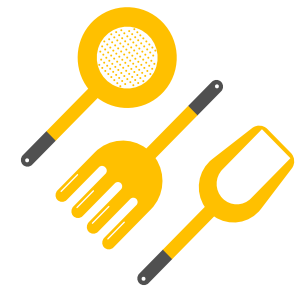
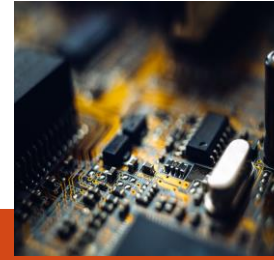
Elective 9 (Fine Arts)

Career Education 9 (outside of timetable)

GRADE 9 COURSE OVERVIEW



GRADE 9 ELECTIVES



Applied Skills

- Information & Communications Technologies 9
- Food Studies 9
- General Explorations 9



Fine Arts

- Music 9: Concert Choir
- Music 9: Chamber Choir 9* (audition required)
- Music 9: Junior Orchestra*
- Music 9: Senior Orchestra* (audition required)
- Music 9: Junior Concert Band*
- Music 9: Senior Concert Band* (audition required)
- Drama 9 (Acting)
- Theatre Company 9 - Junior
- Theatre Production 9 (Stagecraft)
- Visual Arts 9: Drawing & Painting
- Visual Arts 9: Ceramics



*Full Year & Off Timetable (Concert Choir may be on or off timetable)



BC GRADUATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- **Grade 10 to 12 courses only**
- **Courses vs. Credits 1 Course = 4 Credits**
- **Minimum to graduate = 80 Credits**

- Required courses 52 Credits
- Elective courses 28 Credits
- **(Grade 12 level 16 Credits)**

- <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca>



GRADE 10 REQUIRED COURSES

An English Language Arts 10 (bundled)** 4 credits

Social Studies 10 4 credits

A Math 10** 4 credits

Science 10 4 credits

Physical Education 10 4 credits

Career Life Education 10 4 credits

**Courses that have two options.



GRADE 11 & 12 REQUIRED COURSES

An English Language Arts 11	4 credits
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A Social Studies 11 or 12	4 credits
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A Math 11 or 12	4 credits
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A Science 11 or 12	4 credits
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An English Language Arts 12	4 credits
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An Applied Skills or Fine Arts (10-12)	4 credits
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Career Life Connections & Capstone 12	4 credits
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Total Required Credits: 52 (grade 10-12)	
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****An Indigenous Focus Course (10-12) Required for Graduation****



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

3 PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENTS

1

Grade 10
Numeracy Assessment

2

Grade 10 Literacy
Assessment

3

***Grade 12 Literacy
Assessment***



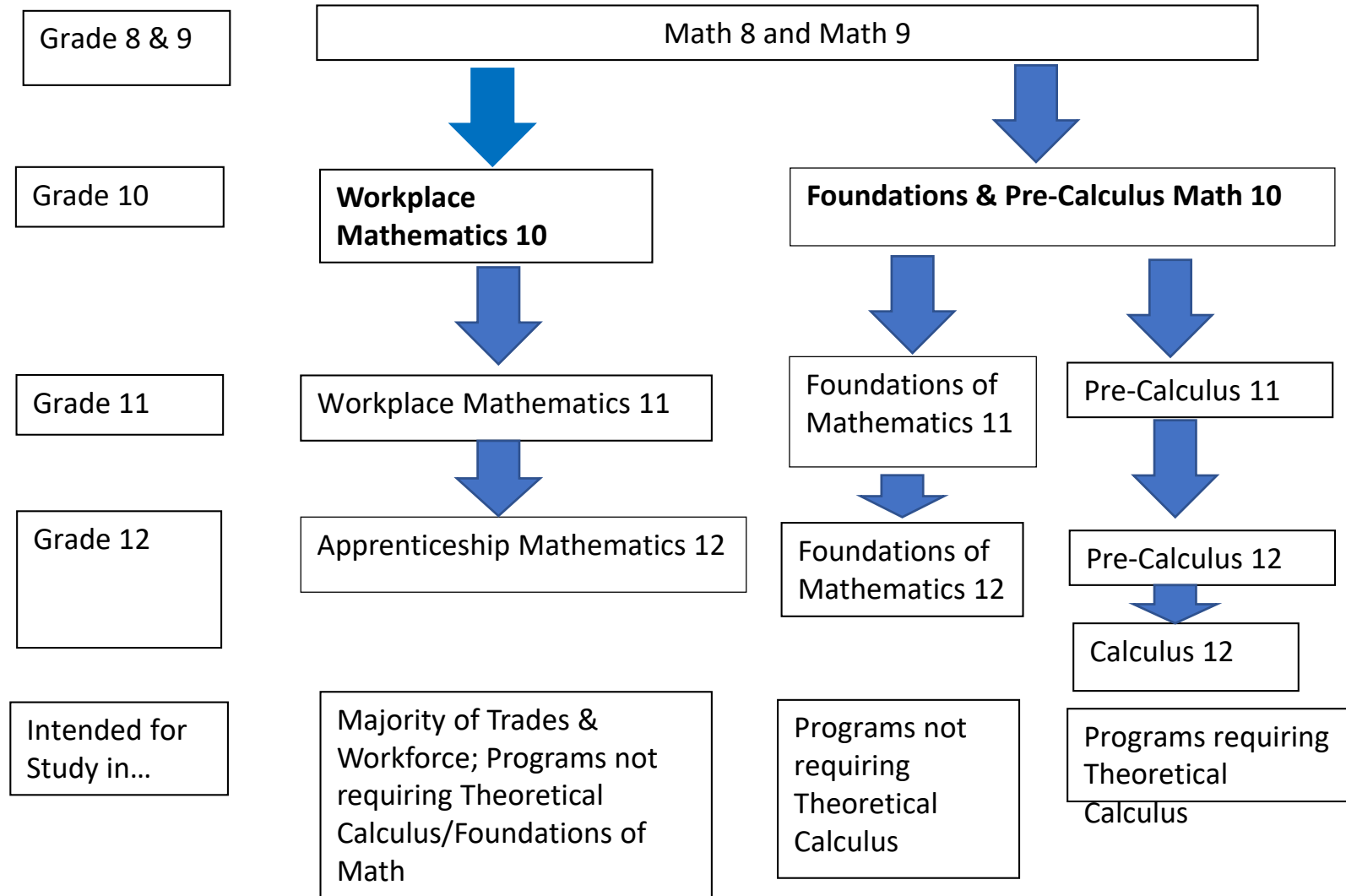
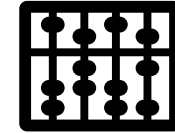


ENGLISH CURRICULUM

- English 8
- English 9
- **Grade 10**
- *English First Peoples 10: Literary Studies & Writing (4 credits)***
- *English 10: Creative Writing & New Media (4 credits)*
- **Grade 11**
- *Focused Literary Studies 11 (4 credits)*
- *Creative Writing 11 (4 credits)*
- **Grade 12**
- *English Studies 12 (4 credits)*
- ****This course satisfies the Indigenous Focus course requirement for graduation.**



MATH CURRICULUM



GRADE 10 ELECTIVES

***Full Year and Off Timetable**

****On or Off Timetable and possibly Full Year**

Computer Studies 10

Food Studies 10

General Explorations 10

Choral Music 10: Concert Choir**

Choral Music 10: Chamber Choir* (audition required)

Instrumental Music 10: Junior Orchestra*

Instrumental Music 10: Senior Orchestra* (audition required)

Instrumental Music 10: Junior Concert Band*

Instrumental Music 10: Senior Concert Band* (audition required)

Drama 10 (Acting)

Theatre Company 10 - Junior

Theatre Production 10 (Stagecraft)

Studio Arts 2D 10: Drawing & Painting

Studio Arts 3D 10: Ceramics

Annual Production (Yearbook) 10*

French 10

Spanish 10



5 YEAR COURSE SELECTION AT A GLANCE

Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English 8	English 9	English 10	English 11	English 12
Social Studies 8	Social Studies 9	Social Studies 10	Social Studies 11/12	Gr. 12 Elective
Math 8	Math 9	Math 10	Math 11	Gr. 12 Elective
Science 8	Science 9	Science 10	Science 11	Gr. 12 Elective
PE 8	PE 9	PE 10	Elective	Elective
French 8/ELC/ Learning Strategies	French 9/ELC/Learning Strategies	Career Life Education 10	Elective	Elective
Applied Skills Rotation 8	Applied Skills 9 (Elective)	Elective/ELC/Learning Strategies/Language	Elective	Elective
Fine Arts Rotation 8	Fine Arts 9 (Elective)	Elective	Elective	Elective



SECOND OR ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

****Not required for high school graduation.****

UBC/SFU - No longer require an additional language for general admissions

US universities/colleges (may wish to see language learning)

Specific post-secondary programs (ie: international relations/languages)

Language Challenge Exams (grades 10 and up)

- **Delta School District**
- **Must see counsellor about this (in the fall)**



LANGUAGE CHALLENGE EXAMS (DELTA)

- For students to obtain Grade 11/12 course credits who have mastered the language elsewhere/fluent
- Don't have course equivalency
- For students in **grade 10** and up
- **Must consult with counsellor first**
- **Please note some universities do not accept language challenge marks as part of admissions requirements (ie: UBC, etc.)**
- Languages not offered at Uhill could be completed online (ie: VLN)



EXTERNAL CREDITS

- Approved credits authorized by BC Ministry of Education (**Ministry Approved Organizations**)
- Examples include:
 - Languages (Grade 7+ in another country)
 - Music (RCM Grade 6 and above)
 - Sports: Athletics (At a provincial level)
 - Youth Development: (Scouts, Guides)
 - Industrial Development: (Driver's Ed., Industrial First-aid)

****Please contact your counsellor to see if you meet criteria****

- <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/graduation/getting-credit-to-graduate/external-credentials>



PROGRAMS



ELL PROGRAM



- **Beginner/Intermediate - ELL English, ELL Social Studies, ELL Communications, and ELL Science**
- **English Transitional Composition & Spoken Word 10, Transitional Socials Studies 10, English Language Center (ELC), Science 10**
- **English 9, ELC, Social Studies 9, Science 9**



ELL COURSE SELECTIONS

- **Teachers (not Counsellors) recommend students to the next level of ELL or into regular classes**
- ELL teachers meet in **late spring** to discuss ELL course placement and support
- ***Placements based on ELL teachers' collective decisions on student performance in respective classes (ie: English proficiency, academic performance, work habits, etc.)***
- When ELL students are choosing courses for next year, choose the **same level** of ELL presently in for the next year. **For example: If you are in ELL English right now, please choose ELL English for next year.**
- **Further testing is done in September 2025** to ensure accuracy of course placements/course adjustments



LEARNING STRATEGIES CENTRE

For support in up to two academic subjects (ie: Math, Science, SS, English)

Organizational skills, time management, and study skills

Students currently taking Learning Strategies may continue next school year **(select on course form; counsellor will select in MyEd)**

If do not need LS next school year, parent/guardian must email counsellor or complete form – consult with LS teacher/Resource teacher



VSB DISTRICT CAREER PROGRAMS



- Opportunities for career awareness and exploration
- Opportunity to start working while still in school (ex. BCIT, VCC, Etc.)
- Different industry training careers to choose from
- Possible paid work experience/apprenticeship
- Dual credits (high school graduation)

- <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/career-programs>



CAREER PROGRAMS



Aircraft Maintenance Engineer

Automotive Collision & Refinishing

Auto Service Technician

Baking & Pastry Arts

Carpentry

CISCO & IT Networking

Early Childhood Educator

Electrical

Hairstylist

Health Care Assistant

Heavy Mechanical Trades

Industrial Mechanic (Millwright)

Job Training

Metal Fabricator

Motorcycle Technician

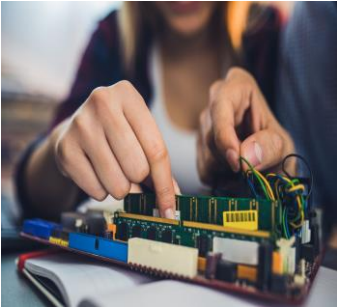
Painter & Decorating

Plumbing

Professional Cook 1


Trades Discovery BCIT

Tupper Tech Trades Sampler



Youth WORK in Trades





**AP (ADVANCED
PLACEMENT
PROGRAM) - FOR
GRADE 11 &
12 STUDENTS**

Passion/interest

Challenge and rigour

AP exams may provide 1st year university credits

AP is recommended for US and UK applicants

AP courses at school considered over self-study/online

At UHill – AP courses have an application

Course booklet (pages 5-10)

COURSE PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS - IMPORTANT

Course Subjects

- Please take time now to choose electives (ie: course change policies)
- **Consider the subject and not who is in the class**
- Talk to elective teachers

Course Options

- Provide alternate options (first requests not guaranteed)
- This helps ensure students have a complete schedule
- **Semester system not for acceleration purposes (ie: grade 9 - Math 9 and 10)**
- 8 courses – full course load expectation



COURSE PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Course Requests

- Will be very difficult to change courses later (ie: class is full; conflicts, etc.)
- What you choose now, helps plan for number of classes

Summer School

- **Full courses not available for grade 8s; Just subject Review/Preview**
- **For grade 9s, please contact your counsellor/subject teacher if considering summer course**
- **For grade 9s, we must know if you're taking a full summer course; if so, choose next level; grade 11 and 12 students get course priority**



COURSE PLANNING INFORMATION

Go to School Website

Guidance & Support – Course Planning- course planning information (ie: presentation, handouts, course booklet, etc.)

Extra paper forms available in LLC

For specific questions regarding your own course planning, please email your counsellor.



IMPORTANT ITEMS & TIMELINES

Complete course selection form and signed by parent/guardian

MyEd Account Access (Password)

Enter courses in MyEd (MyEd open from Feb 3rd to 13th, 2025)

Any MyEd difficulties or notes – please make note on back of form

Hand in completed and signed forms in LLC

Deadlines

- **MyEd Course Entries & Course selection forms Due February 13th, 2025**

IMPORTANT ITEMS & DEADLINES



September 2025

Deadline for Course change requests is Fri,
Sept 12th, 2025

No Email Requests

Course change request form available
Wed, Sept 3rd, 2025 in homeroom

May be difficult to change courses (ie: class
is full; conflicts, etc.)



Summer School

Will receive summer school results

Coursework not completed or
done; course adjustment to be made to
previous level



COUNSELLOR CONTACT INFO FOR COURSE PLANNING/SELECTIONS

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THANK YOU!!

- <https://uhillcounselling.weebly.com>
- Counselling Resources
- School Resources
- Post-Secondary Resources

- Grade 8 and 9 Teams

