



Van Tech Secondary Course Planning 2024-25

*Moving from Grade 11 to 12:
Ms. Leanne's Guide for Success*





Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

We are honoured to be working and learning together on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Sḵwxwú7mesh (Squamish) & səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation)





Welcome!

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PLEASE ASK QUESTIONS IN THE CHAT AT THE END

PRESENTATION WILL BE RECORDED & SLIDE DECK POSTED



Guiding You to Graduation 2025

Introducing...

- Leanne Hagglund, Grade 11 Counsellor
- &
- Adam Tuerlings, Vice Principal, Grade 9 & 11



Shape of Tonight's Presentation

We will explore the following:

- Core courses required in Grade 12
- Elective options for Grade 12
- Van Tech program specific considerations for course planning
- Summer school and online learning
- Post secondary resources
- Questions





Getting Curious about Course Planning

- Personal Future Choices (What do I like? What do I need? Where am I going?)
- Current Graduation Requirements
- Post-Secondary Admission Requirements: University, Colleges, Technical Schools, etc.





Long Term Graduation Requirements

- You will need 80 credits to graduate. This is the equivalent of 20 full time courses at the grade 10, 11, and 12 level.
- You'll have more choice next year!
- The course selection form will show you a typical track of courses towards graduation.
- Always ask questions





Graduation Requirements Overview

52 credits are REQUIRED COURSES Including:	
Language Arts 10 (2 Courses of 2 credits each)	4 credits
Language Arts 11	4 credits
Language Arts 12	4 credits
Social Studies 10	4 credits
Social Studies 11 or 12	4 credits
Science 10	4 credits
Science 11 or 12	4 credits
Math 10	4 credits
Math 11 or 12	4 credits
Physical & Health Education 10	4 credits
Fine Arts Education or Applied Design, Skills and Technologies 10, 11, or 12	4 credits
Career Life Education 10	4 credits
Career Life Connections 12 and Capstone project (2 credits each)	4 credits total
Elective Courses	28 credits
A minimum of 16 credits must be at the Grade 12 level including Language Arts 12. All ministry-authorized and board/authority approved courses count	



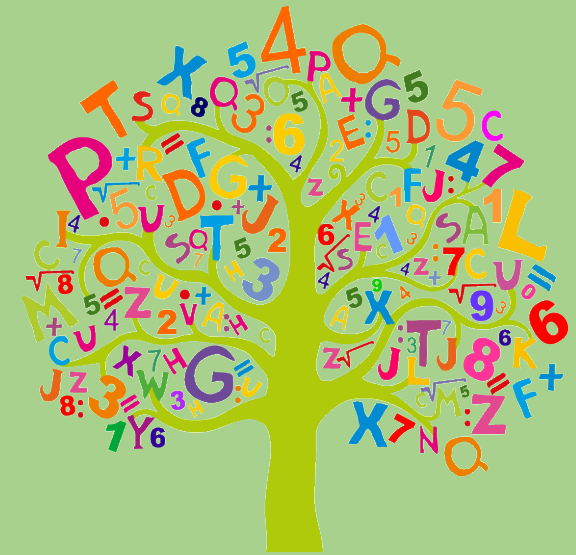
Provincial Assessments: A Graduation Requirement

1. Grade 10 Numeracy
2. Grade 10 Literacy
3. Grade 12 Literacy
4. Grade 12 French Literacy – for French Immersion students only



Numeracy & Literacy Assessments

- Numeracy and Literacy assessments must be completed at least once before graduation.
- The assessments show up on your transcript.
- You'll be writing the Literacy 12 assessment next year





Indigenous Grad Requirement

Effective the 2023/24 school year, all students working toward a B.C. Certificate of Graduation (“Dogwood Diploma”) must successfully complete at least 4 credits in Indigenous-focused coursework.





Indigenous Course Grad Requirement

VAN. TECH. STUDENTS GRADUATING IN JUNE OF 2025 MUST MEET THIS REQUIREMENT BY TAKING **AT LEAST** ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- English First Peoples 11 (also fulfills English 11 requirement)
- B.C. First Peoples 12 (also fulfills senior Social Studies Graduation Requirement)
- Contemporary Indigenous Cultures 12 (also fulfills senior Social Studies Graduation Requirement)
- English First Peoples 12 (also fulfills Grade 12 English Language Arts Graduation Requirement, and admission requirement to any post-secondary institution)



Indigenous Grad Requirement: Resources for Students/Parents

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/indigenous-focused-graduation-requirements>

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the BC government website. The address bar shows the URL: www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/indigenous-focused-graduation-requirements. The page header includes the British Columbia logo and a search bar. The main content area features a video player with a play button and a 'Watch on YouTube' link. Below the video, there is a paragraph of text explaining the video's purpose and a list of resources for students and parents. The resources list includes:

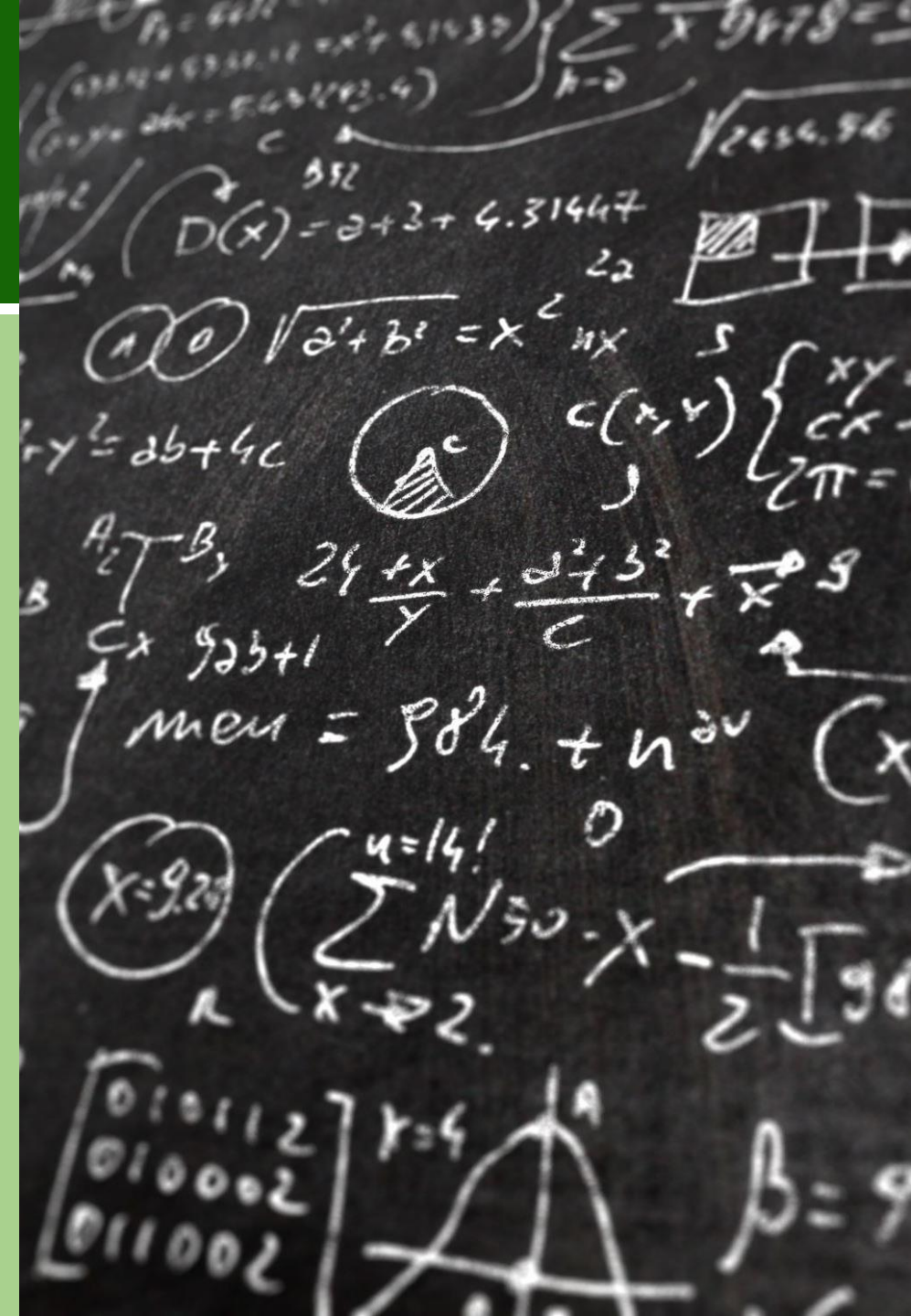
- Indigenous-focused Graduation Requirement Information Sheet (PDF)
- Indigenous-Focused Graduation Requirement – Q&A (PDF) (Français)
- Indigenous Graduation Parent Brochure (PDF)
- BC's Indigenous-focused Graduation Requirement - Advancing reconciliation through education - YouTube

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Requirements from Grade 10

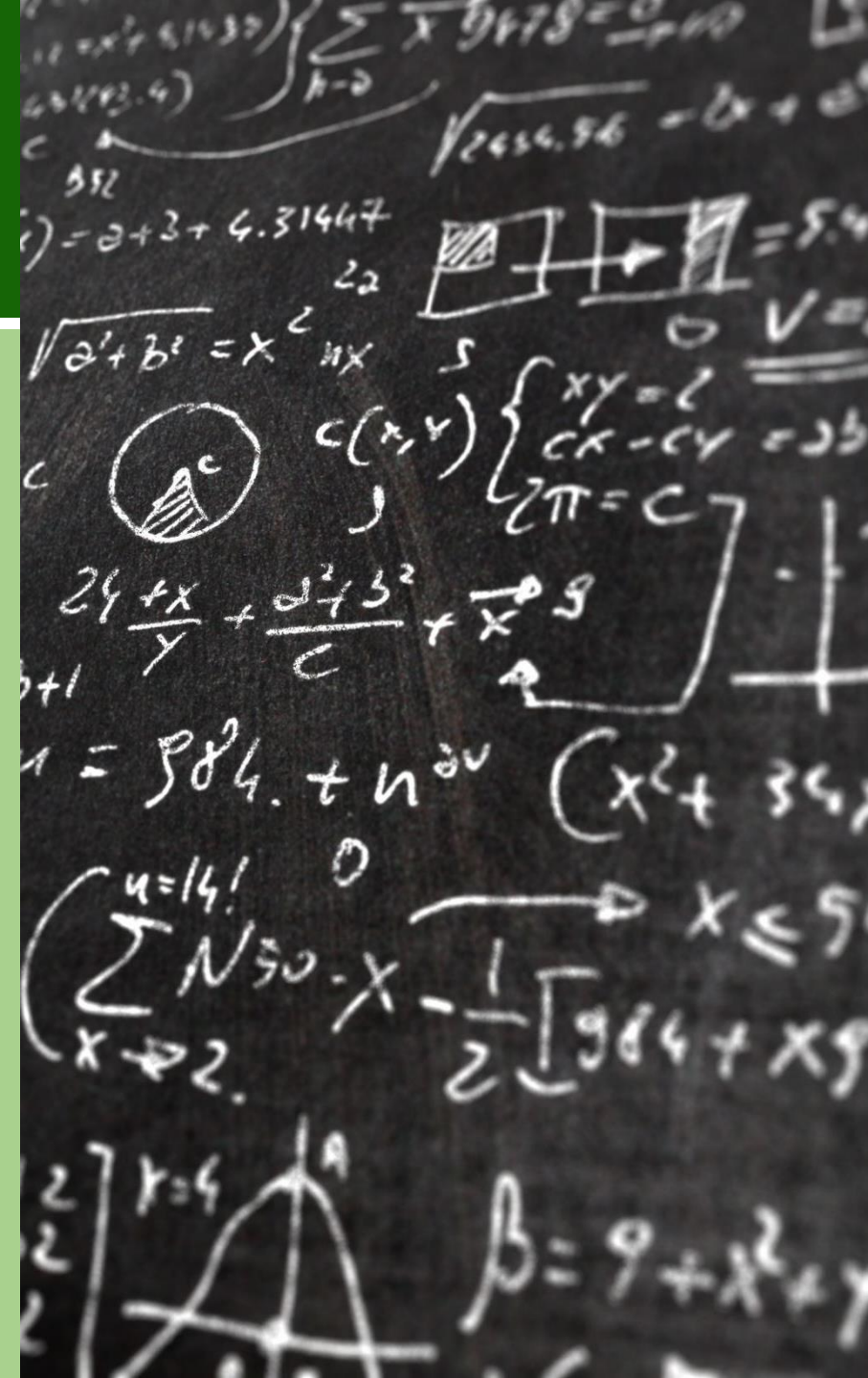
- All students will need the following courses at the grade 10 level to graduate:
 - English 10
 - Math 10 – Either Workplace or Foundations & Pre-Calculus
 - Science 10
 - Social Studies 10
 - PE 10
 - Career Life Education 10





Requirements From Grade 11

- All students will need ANY of the English 11 courses to graduate:
 - Composition, Creative Writing, English First Peoples, New Media
- Math 11 (any of the three levels)
- Science 11 or 12 (either is fine)
- Social Studies 12 (you can do this in grade 11 OR 12).





A Look at Grade 12: An Overview

- Language Arts 12
- Career Life
Connections 12
- 5 or 6 Electives





English Language Arts 12

Students will choose one of these:

- English First Peoples 12
- English Studies 12
- AP English and Composition 12





Career Life Connections (CLC) 12

Students will explore:

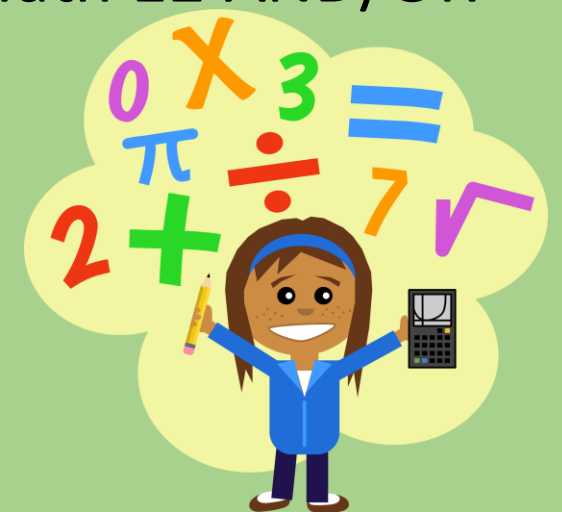
- Career development
- Passion project proposal and planning
- Capstone project





The Math Options

- There are lots of Grade 12 Math options for those students who are interested, but if you've already got your Math 11 class, you can stop now as well.
- If took **Workplace Math 11**, you can take Apprenticeship Math 12
- If you took **Foundations 11**... You can take Foundations of Math 12 AND/OR the AP Statistics course below.
- If you took **Pre-Calculus 11**... You can take:
 - Pre-Calculus 12
 - AP Calculus 12
 - AP Statistics 12





Social Studies



All students will need to choose at least one Social Studies course at the senior level to graduate.

- Asian Studies 12
- BC First Peoples 12
- Comparative Cultures 12
- Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12
- Economic Theory 12
- Geography 12 (Physical focus)
- History 12 (20th century)
- Law Studies 12
- Philosophy 12
- Social Justice 12



Science: More Choices!

- You'll need a Science 11 OR 12 to graduate
- Here's what there is at the Senior level
 - Life Sciences 11 (Formerly Biology 11)
 - Anatomy & Physiology 12 (Formerly Biology 12)
 - Chemistry 11, which leads to Chemistry 12
 - Physics 11, which leads to Physics 12
 - Astronomy 12, which does not have a grade 11 level
 - Science for Citizens 11





School Program Considerations

French Immersion, Flex Humanities, & Summit all continue until grade 12

French Immersion Students will be taking French Core 12

Summit Student will be taking Career Life Connections 12 as a cohort

Flex Students will be taking Philosophy 12 as a cohort



LAC and ELL

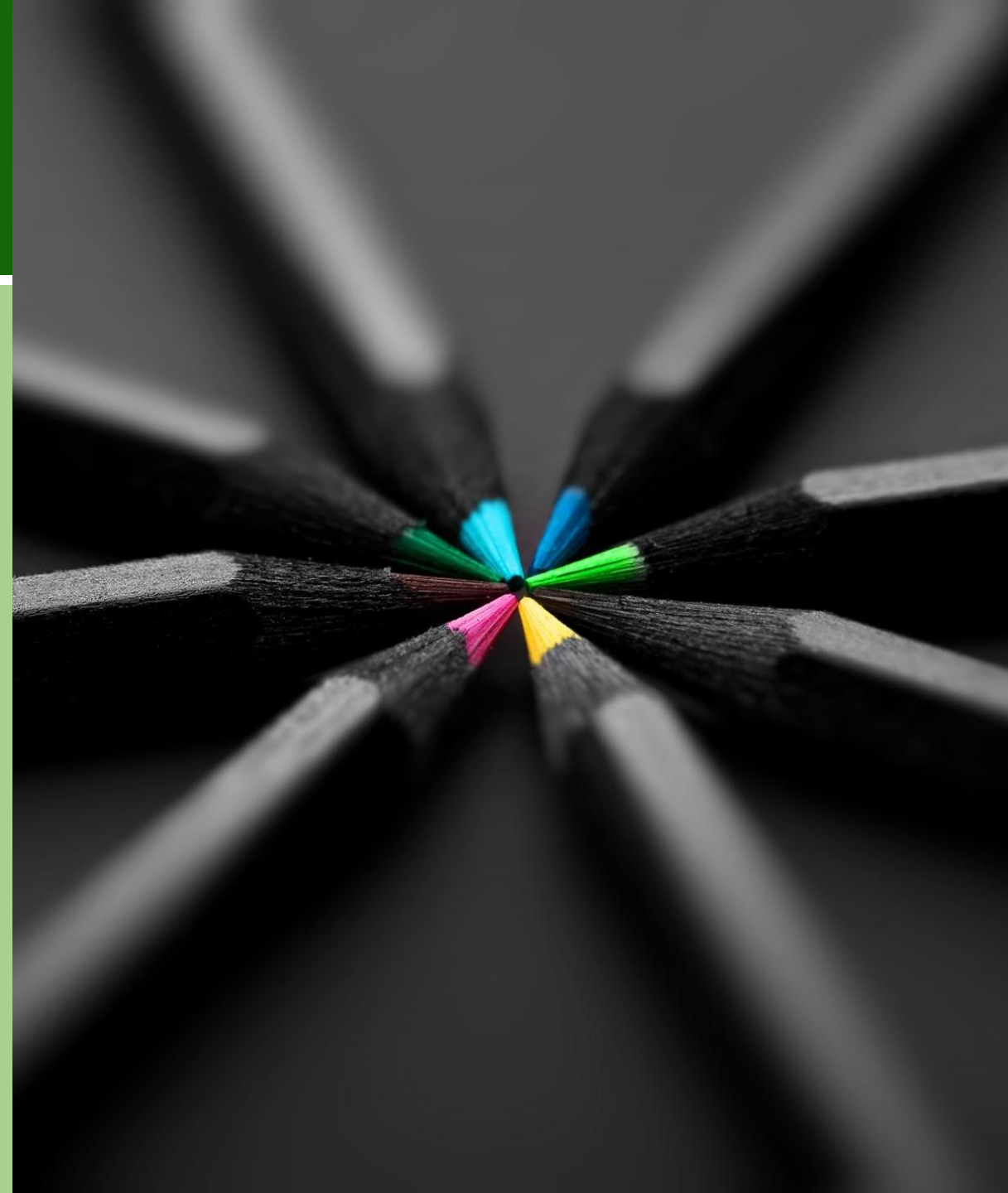
- Students in our ELL and LAC program will be consulted individually for academic and elective course selection.
- Program courses will differ depending on individual needs.





Electives: Lots of Choice!

- Physical and Health Education
- Applied Design, Skills and Technology
- Arts Education
- Languages





Applied Skills and Arts

- Lots of choices: Foods, Textiles, Metalwork, Woodwork, Automotive, Robotics, Drama, Music, Art, to name but a few!
- Check out the course planning guide for more information.





Languages: A Few Things to Remember

- Students can continue taking language classes in Grade 12
- At the Grade 12 level we have French, Spanish, and Mandarin
- Students may also take Introductory Spanish and Introductory Mandarin if they want to start a new language. These classes are Grade 11 level and are accelerated versions of the grades 9 and 10 courses.





Second Language 11 and Post Secondary



- Not required for basic graduation, admission to college, or trades training
- SFU: Requires a Regular Language 11 or 12, or Beginners Language 11 for admission directly from Grade 12.
- UBC: Requires a Regular Language 11 or 12 for admission directly from Grade 12.
- (French Immersion FLCF-11 and FRAL 12 fulfills both of the above)
- UVic: Language 11 or 12 is not a requirement for admission.
- Other Provinces/UBC Okanagan/Admission to UBC or SFU by college transfer have no Language 11 or 12 requirement.



Physical Education: Lots of Options!

- Grade 11 and 12 PE is optional
- Here are the options:
 - Active Living 11/12
 - Outdoor Education 11/12
 - Active Living 11/12 (2 options, Soccer and Girls Only)
 - Athlete Development 11/12 (Volleyball)
 - Strength & Conditioning 11/12
 - Yoga & Well Being 11/12
- Leadership 11/12 is also under the PE umbrella but is not a physical activity block.





AP Classes

Van Tech offers the following AP Courses:

- AP Biology
- AP Calculus
- AP English Literature
- AP Statistics
- AP Art and Design





Challenge Exams



- Delta School District hosts language challenge exams
- French, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Punjabi, and Spanish – grade 11 and 12 final exams offered.
- SFU - Accepts challenge courses and online courses for admission average calculation which means it can be one of the approved Gr. 11 or 12 courses on their lists.
- UBC- Cannot be used as one of the approved grade 11 or 12 courses in the calculation of admission average. Still acceptable for Gr. 11 or 12 language admission requirement.



Learning Strategies: Skills Class



- If you are a student with a learning designation you are automatically permitted to take the course.
- All other students – including students who may have taken one in grade 9 – must be accepted to take a skills class through a conversation with Ms. Leanne and the learning support teaching team.



Online Learning Opportunities

- Vancouver Learning Network (VLN) – local VSB provider, we can access your progress easily and communicate with your teachers
- Online learning has a high sign-up rate but a low completion rate. Students with a minimum B average in all academic courses and with a solid record of independent, unsupervised homework completion stand a better chance of success.
- For most students, we recommend taking courses – especially graduation requirements – at school for the most supportive, meaningful and engaging experience.





Summer School

- Students may make up courses they haven't passed in summer school
- Students can also use summer school to get ahead in certain courses
- Summer school applications open up in early May





Next Steps???

Some Options
After Van. Tech.

- Trades Training
- College
- University
- Upgrade/Adult Education
- Work
- Gap Year





Trades

- **Youth Train in Trades and Dual Credit** (partnership between a post-secondary and the VSB) – available for Grade 12 year with successful application - Automotive Collision Repair, Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician, Automotive Service Technician, Baking & Pastry Arts, Carpentry, Cook Training, Hairdressing, Metal Fabricator, Commercial Painting, Plumbing, Health Care Assistant and Trade Sampler
- **School Based Programs** – similar to YTT and DC but not affiliated to a post-secondary trades program – CISCO IT, Enhanced Trades, Fashion Design, and Tupper Tech
- **Youth Work in Trades** (Secondary School Apprenticeship) – requires a signed agreement with employer that you must find yourself





Colleges

- Langara is the largest university transfer college. Douglas, Kwantlen and Capilano also offer university transfer programming.
- 1st come, 1st serve application process (admission requirements for Open Enrolment Programs) for most colleges
- Competitive or Limited Enrolment programs have different requirements. Please research individual programs.
- For many university-bound students, doing a two-year university-transfer program in a college (then entering university in third year) is a superior path to entering first-year university directly from grade 12.





Universities

- Universities all have their individual requirements which vary from program to program. Make sure you look at each university admissions website as requirements change constantly.
- Admission can be competitive. Have a plan B.





Scholarships, Awards, and Bursaries

- Van. Tech. Graduation awards
- Community and Corporate scholarships and awards
- Individual post-secondary institution entrance awards
- B.C. Ministry of Education provincial scholarships

*Students should check communication channels from school (like the Teams Student Hub – Scholarship and Post-Secondary channel).





Education Planner

An Education Planner BC account allows you to

- Apply for admission to BC universities, colleges, and institutes
- Search post-secondary information (deadlines, requirement, costs, etc)

Visit www.educationplannerbc.ca/ to sign up for an account





Student Transcripts

- As you approach graduation, access to Students Transcripts becomes important.
 - It's where you can submit your marks for post-secondary and track your grad status.
 - It's where you can check on your Numeracy and Literacy assessment results.
- Student Transcripts is now linked through a BCeID.
 - Link to Create/Log in to your BCeID account is [here](#).
 - These are helpful because you'll use a BCeID for other things after graduation too.
 - You'll need your PEN, which is on your report cards.





How Do I Sign Up For Courses?

- Ms. Leanne will be coming into your English 11 class for course planning with students





Your Family Needs To Be Involved

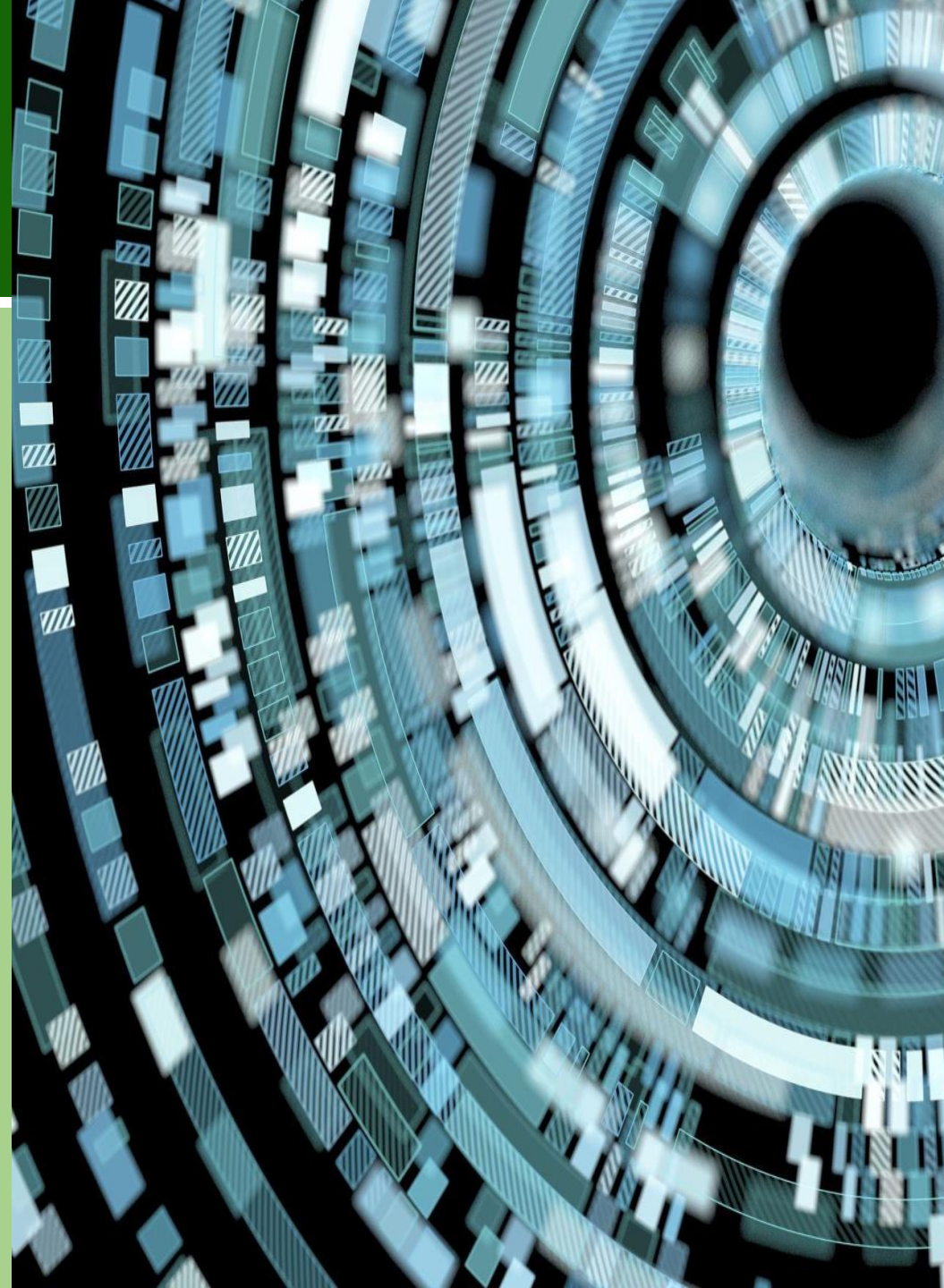
- It's vital that you talk with your family about your course requests.





Course Planning Guide

- A digital copy is on our website: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/vancouver-technical>





Course Planning Info

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ABOUT US ▾ FAMILIES ▾ **GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT ▾** EXTRACURRICULAR ▾ TEACHING AND LEARNING ▾

- Career and Post Secondary
- CLC and Capstone 12
- Code of Conduct
- Community School Teams
- Student Threat Risk Assessment Protocol
- Course Planning**
- Digital Citizenship
- Multicultural Liaison Workers
- School Liaison Officer
- School Policies and Procedures
- Student Council
- Student Safety
- Grad Info

Course Planning Night - Thurs Jan 28th, 2021
Course planning night is an opportunity for parents and students to find out more about ...

Click Guidance & Support

Click Course Planning



Course Planning Guide

As you go thru the guide, you will see the following icon:




This indicates there is a link to video made by teachers that may:


- give an overview of course
- show workspace
- projects in that course
- and more!

Please view them!

institutions, including First Peoples governance, • political and economic ideologies and the development of public policy, changing conceptions of identity in Canada, Canadian autonomy domestic conflict and co-operation, discriminatory policies and injustices in Canada and the world, such as the Head Tax, the Komagata Maru incident, residential schools, and internments, international conflicts and co-operation, human–environment interaction, economic development and Canada’s role in a global economy, and truth and reconciliation in Canada.

GRADE 11 & 12

 **Asian Studies 12** MASIA12
AS12 focuses on countries in East, South, and Southeast Asia through the lenses of human and physical geography, history, economics, and political science, to aid in the understanding of the diverse cultures and regions within. The self-motivated learner will examine various conflicts and movements that have helped shape Asian identities through the 19th to 21st centuries, as well as topics such as industrialization, colonialism, imperialism, urbanization, migration patterns, and environmental issues, with field study opportunities to Chinatown and the Dr. Sun Yat Sen Gardens, the Nikkei National Museum and Cultural Centre, as well as a cultural potluck lunch to supplement the course.

 **BC First Peoples 12** MBCFP12
BC First Peoples 12 is open to all Grade 11 and 12 students. This course examines the history and culture of BC’s aboriginal peoples from before the arrival of Europeans to the present day. The course also explores the continuing impact of colonialism, institutional racism, and ethnocentrism, and how First Nations peoples have resisted and adapted to a changing environment. Aboriginal cultural expressions of art, literature and film are another area that will be explored in-depth. *This course will be offered in alternate years starting 2021/2022.*



Course Planning: Some Considerations

Course descriptions in our course planning guide booklet are intended as a guide to assist students and parents in selecting courses for programs.

Some courses must be taken to meet the requirements of the Ministry of Education while others are chosen to meet individual interests and goals.

While every effort is made to give students their first choice of course selection, due to circumstances beyond the school's control, is not always possible. Students should be prepared with alternative choices.



Balance

- Self-care/Stress-management
- Realistic expectations
- It's normal to not know what you want and to change your mind (a few times even).



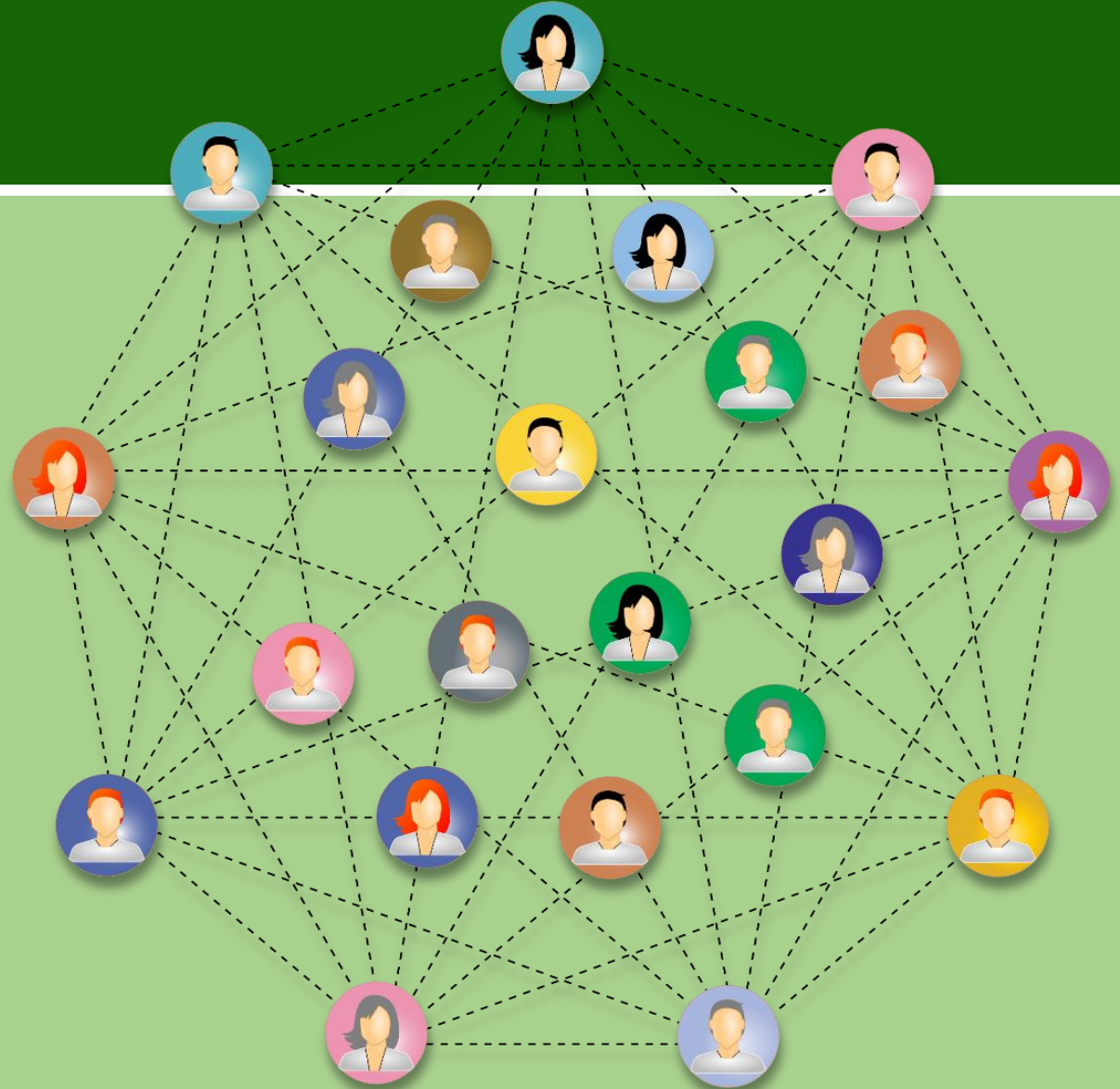


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QUESTIONS?



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Thank You!

