



# Future Grads of 2027

Course Planning for Grade 9's to Grade 10



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[COURSE PLANNING BOOK 2024-2025](#)

[Counselling on Tupper Website](#)

[Education Planner - Plan Your Future and Apply to Post-Secondary Institutions](#)

[Career-Programs VSB](#)

## COURSE PLANNING: COUNSELLOR'S ROLE

### Counsellor's Role

To help students with their course selection and make timetables.

We are neutral when it comes to recommending courses- it is better to talk directly to teachers, read the course planning book on our website, and make an informed choice by doing research!

### Requests are DUE on FEBRUARY 9th 2024

I encourage students to drop-in and see me. Please come in and see me in the counselling suite when my door is open or email me to book an appointment. Communication is essential!

\*All education related information or changes must include caregivers.

### Support for Course Selection

I will be available for drop-in after our course planning presentation during FIT January 30, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> for any final questions- please see me then! 😊

# Terminology to Know

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**Required Courses** are necessary from the Ministry of Education for graduation.

There is a difference between:  
**GRADUATION** from high-school  
and

**ADMISSIONS** to a Post-Secondary Faculty

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If a required course has not been completed, then you have to repeat the course by taking it again at Tupper, online, or through summer school.

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Grade 10 courses start accumulating CREDITS toward your graduation diploma.

To graduate from high school you must have:

**80 credits total** (most courses are 4 credits each):

**52** Ministry of Education Required Credits

**28** Elective credits – considered any class after the required courses

**Numeracy and Literacy Assessments**

**Indigenous credit** (First Peoples English 10 satisfies this for you!)



# CREATING THE TUPPER TIMETABLE

- Once all the course requests are submitted, MANY months are spent by a committee of Teachers and Administration to evaluate student selections and to determine which classes will CONTINUE and which classes will be CANCELLED. Your selection makes a difference.

## Factors to consider are:

- *Number of people enrolled in a class*
- *Room Availability*
- *Student Support Requirements*
- *Operating School Budget/Staffing*

**MAKING AN ACCURATE SCHOOL TIMETABLE is so IMPORTANT! Please demonstrate your ROARS approach and think carefully about what courses really interest you next September!**



I applied to TREK....

- Please do course selection, even if you have applied to TREK
- TREK will notify all successful applicants and I can drop your courses at that time.



Ok, so let's  
review your  
options for  
Grade 10

Mainstream

6 GRADE 10  
COURSES

+

2 Electives

=

8 courses

(+ Ministry Required  
Numeracy 10 and  
Literacy 10 Assessment)

ENGLISH FIRST PEOPLES 10

SOCIAL STUDIES 10

PHYSICAL HEALTH EDUCATION 10

CAREER LIFE EDUCATION 10

SCIENCE 10

A MATH 10 (BY TEACHER  
RECOMMENDATION)



## Mini

4 GRADE 10  
COURSES

+

4 Electives (grade  
11 Math and  
grade11 Science

=

8 courses

(+ Ministry Required  
Numeracy 10 and  
Literacy 10 Assessment)

Mini ENGLISH FIRST PEOPLES 10

Mini SOCIAL STUDIES 10

PHYSICAL HEALTH EDUCATION 10

CAREER LIFE EDUCATION 10

AT LEAST ONE SCIENCE 11 COURSE

PRE-CALCULUS MATH 11 (if completed Mini Math 10)

# A Skills Development block is an Elective

If you are a student with an IEP, please feel to consult with Ms. Rentz or your Program Teacher about course planning as they will be able to help advise you on a skills block.



If you had a skills learning support block in Grade 9 and would like it again, please select it as an elective on the course selection form. To note- we are reimagining our skills blocks at Tupper so things may look differently next year in these classes.

## Learning Resources

- Students who might normally have taken a Skills class are now free to take an extra elective or course that supports their educational goals
- The use of FIT for homework support directly aligns with the philosophy of giving students the practice to direct their learning with the support of their classroom teacher. Classroom teachers can still direct students to attend FIT sessions if they feel the student needs additional support.

## Learning Resources

- Is shifting its focus, recognizing that most students do not need to access a “Skills” class for homework support
- Students can utilize the 160 minutes of Flexible Instructional Time (FIT) available every week and work with the subject expert they need.

8:35 warning bell, 8:40 class start, 10 min AM break, 10 min PM break, 3:05pm dismissal				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
FIT (40 min) 8:40-9:20	Block 1 (80 min) 8:40-10:00	Block 1 (80 min) 8:40-10:00	Block 1 (80 min) 8:40-10:00	FIT (40 min) 8:40-9:20
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break (10 min)		break (10 min)		break (10 min)
	break (10 min)		break (10 min)	
Block 4 (80 min) 1:45 -3:05	Block 4 (60 min) 2:05-3:05	Block 4 (80 min) 1:45 -3:05	Block 4 (60 min) 2:05-3:05	Block 4 (80 min) 1:45 -3:05

## New Course: TLC – Tupper Learning Centre

- The TLC class will replace classes called “Skills”
- Only students identified with **significant** difficulties in executive functioning skills will be recommended for this class.
- This class recognizes that some students need to develop strategies around time management, task initiation, project planning, etc. Homework will not be a focus for this class.
- Teachers, Counselors, and our Resource Teacher will make recommendations to families if we feel this class is an appropriate fit for your child.

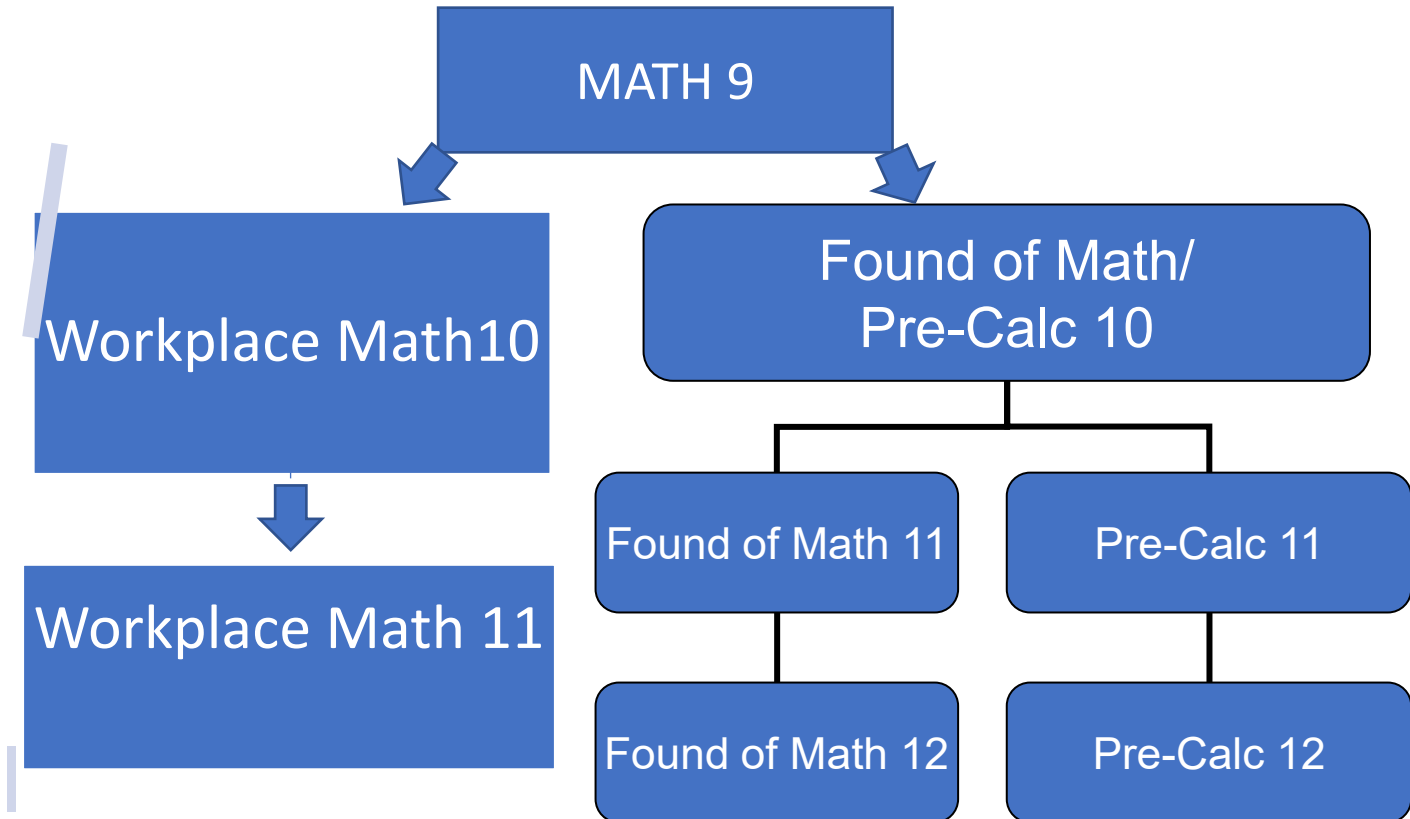
# Coming from ELL / LSP/ or TAP?

If you are leaving or continuing in a VSB district program, you will do your Grade 10 course planning with your program teacher and myself.

Please ask Ms. Baron, Ms. Kwan, or Mr. Ee for more details

# Math

## Pathway From Grade 9



\*Calculus 12 and Computer Science 12 are high level senior Math classes that typically should not be taken before the above Math classes.

# SCIENCES

SCIENCE 10 >>>>

ENVIRONMENTAL  
SCIENCES

12

Life Sciences 11  
(formerly known as  
Biology 11)

CHEMISTRY 11

(Pre-calc Math 10 strongly  
recommended)

REQUIRED FOR MOST STEM  
UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS

Physics 11

(Precalc Math is not an absolute  
pre-requisite, but is it  
recommended)

REQUIRED FOR MOST STEM  
UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS

Science for Citizens

11

(formerly know as Science &  
Tech 11)



# Managing Elective Expectations

- Every effort will be made to give you your first-choice electives, however, as mentioned earlier, everything will depend upon the finished timetable.
- Please indicate in the Alternate Elective Section of the Course Selection Form what other electives interest you if I can't get you your first choices.

*If you are unable to get your elective choice, I will schedule you in one of your alternate elective choices.*

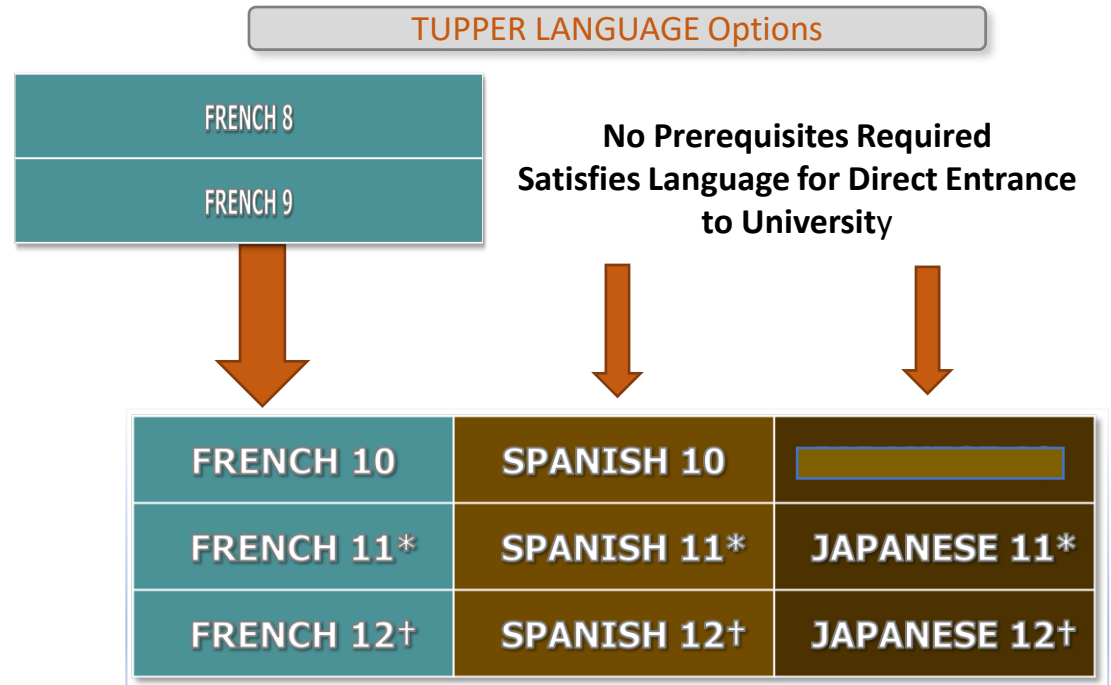
**IMPORTANT** –Priority is given to grade 11s & 12s, as they need to meet grad and post-secondary requirements sooner than you.

## Second Language Question....

# Do I need to have an Elective Language course to graduate?

- You do not need a language to graduate high school, however, many universities will require a language 11 for direct admissions. If you go to college first and then transfer to a university, a language is not required.*

## Language Pathway At Tupper



\* Satisfies Language 11 post-secondary admission requirement.

† Satisfies 2<sup>ND</sup> language requirement for 1<sup>ST</sup> year university arts program.

° Skills students unable to take French 8 may choose to enter the language program in Grade 9 by enrolling in French 8. Or, they may enter in Grade 10 by enrolling in Spanish 10.

### \*Filipino Language and Culture 11

is also an elective class but is not a 'Language 11' admissible class for universities. Open to all grades and no pre-requisites!

# FINE ARTS ELECTIVES

## ART

- Annual Production 10, 11, or 12
- Art Studio 9, 10, 11, or 12
- Ceramics 9, 10, 11 or 12
- Film and Television 11 or 12
- Graphic Arts 10 or 11/12
- Photography 10 or 11/12
- Studio Arts 2D 12: Drawing and Painting
- Studio Arts 3D 9/10, 11 or 12



# THEATRE

Directing and Scriptwriting 11 or 12

Drama 9/10

Theatre Company 10, 11, or 12

Technical Theatre 10, 11 or 12



# DANCE

- Dance Technique and Performance 10 or 11/12
- Dance Company (T-Crew) 10, 11 or 12 (off-timetable)
- Dance Choreography/Leadership 11/12



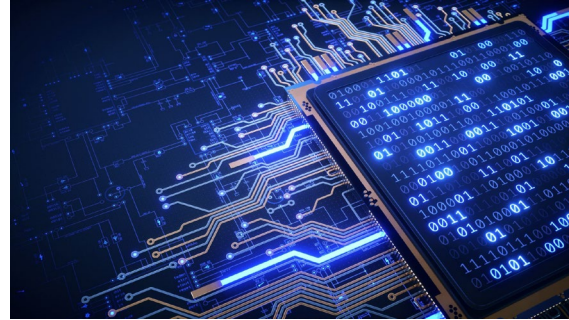
# MUSIC

- Beginner Concert Band 10, 11 or 12
- Intermediate Concert Band 10, 11 or 12
- Advanced Concert Band 10, 11 or 12 (Off timetable)
- Jazz Band 10, 11 or 12 (Off timetable)
- Concert Choir 10, 11 or 12 (Off timetable)
- Guitar 10, 11 or 12



# APPLIED DESIGN, SKILLS, AND TECHNOLOGY (ADST)

- Computer Studies 10
- Computer Programming 11/12
- Accounting 11/12
- Entrepreneurship & Marketing Business 10
- Marketing and Promotions 11
- Entrepreneurship 12
- Food Studies 10/11/12
- Culinary Arts 11/12



# ADST continued

- Textiles 10/11/12
- Interpersonal and Family Relationships 11 (Social Psychology)
- Psychology 12
- Drafting CAD/CAM 10
- Woodworking 10/11/12





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**COURSE PLANNING BOOK**  
**2023 – 2024**  
**Sir Charles Tupper Secondary**



Department Heads at Tupper:

English – Ms Braun (Room 422)  
Science – Mr Florio (Room 405)  
Social Studies – Mr Lum (Room 401)  
Applied Skills – Mr. McAlpine (Room 412)  
Fine Arts - Ms. Read (AUDITORIUM)

# Frequently asked Questions

**Q = Can I choose my teachers or have a class with my friend?**

*A = No, we cannot accommodate requests to move classes based on teacher preference or friends. This is a great opportunity to learn about new people, make new friends, and experience your strength to push through uncomfortable situations.*

**Q = Will there be older kids in my class?**

*A = Depending on our final timetable, some elective classes may be multi-level classes 9/10 split or combined 9-12 classes.*

**Q = Can I have a free block in Grade 10?**

*A = For safety reasons students are not given a study block, even if they are taking extra off timetable courses.*

**Q = Can I take online courses?**

*A = Yes, but my warning is that it can be very challenging to complete, and it is not my recommendation*



# Frequently Asked Questions...continued

Q = I do lots of sports/ dance/ gymnastics outside of school, can I be exempt from PE?

*A = Sorry, the Ministry of Education does not grant PE 10 credit for outside high-level sports.*

*Some sport activities could earn you more credits if there accredited by the Ministry of Education and qualify as Athlete 10. Please check with your organization and get a letter from them to verify your participation then we can work together to get you credit.*



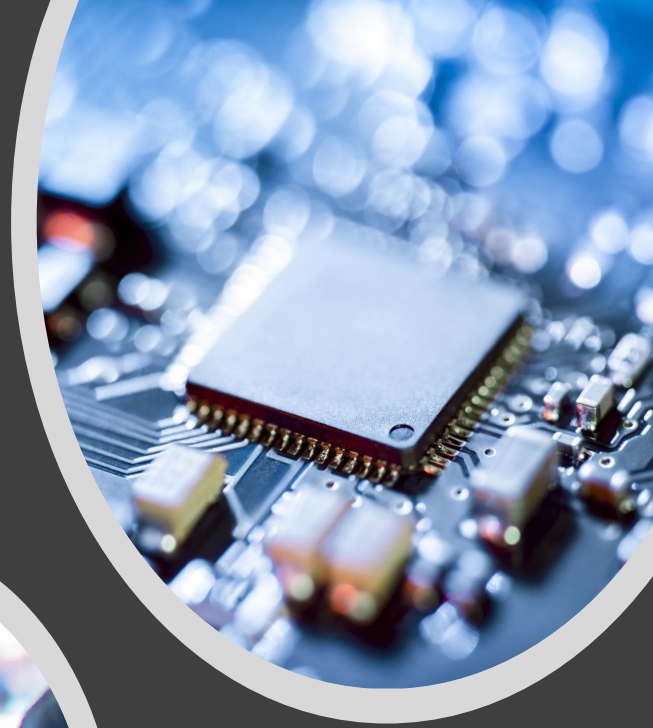


## What is Online School?

- Vancouver Learning Network (VLN) is a SEPARATE school at the VSB that offers online classes.
  - Online courses are open to students Grade 10 and above but should not be taken without consideration.
  - Sadly, every year students do not complete online courses and this can affect graduation. Particularly CLE 10 online.
  - Not all students do so well in online courses. Talk to me about it if you'd like to explore this option.
- \*To note: since a student taking an online course is effectively enrolled at another school, Tupper staff can't support students with their online course(s).

# THINKING AHEAD

Students wishing to pursue university studies in STEM will usually need to demonstrate high grades in: Precalculus Math 11, Precalculus Math 12, Calculus 12, Chemistry 11, Physics 11, and at least two Grade 12 sciences (Anatomy and Physiology, Chemistry 12 or Physics 12)



# Additional Websites

[Course Planning Book 2024-2025](#)

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<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Career-Programs>

# It's Time to Make Your Selection

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Course  
Planning  
Forms due by  
Monday  
February 12th

**If you make a selection and then want to change your mind, you can submit a Another Form. I will take the last form that I receive.**

**Choose OTHER if you want to give me more information about a course or how you hope to complete a course.**

**If you are planning to take a summer course or an online course, choose the future course for September, then we will have more accurate information.**

**If I have made a mistake on the form or missed a course, please let me know. Good luck and please come see me if you need any help.**

# Tupper Secondary - Grade 9 to 10 Course Selection Form

