

Grade 9 Going into Grade 10 Course Planning January 6, 2026

Welcome! 😊





*With deep gratitude
and respect, we are
honoured to be
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(Musqueam),
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Grade 10 Programs

 Regular

 French Immersion

 Prelude – English Stream & French Immersion Stream

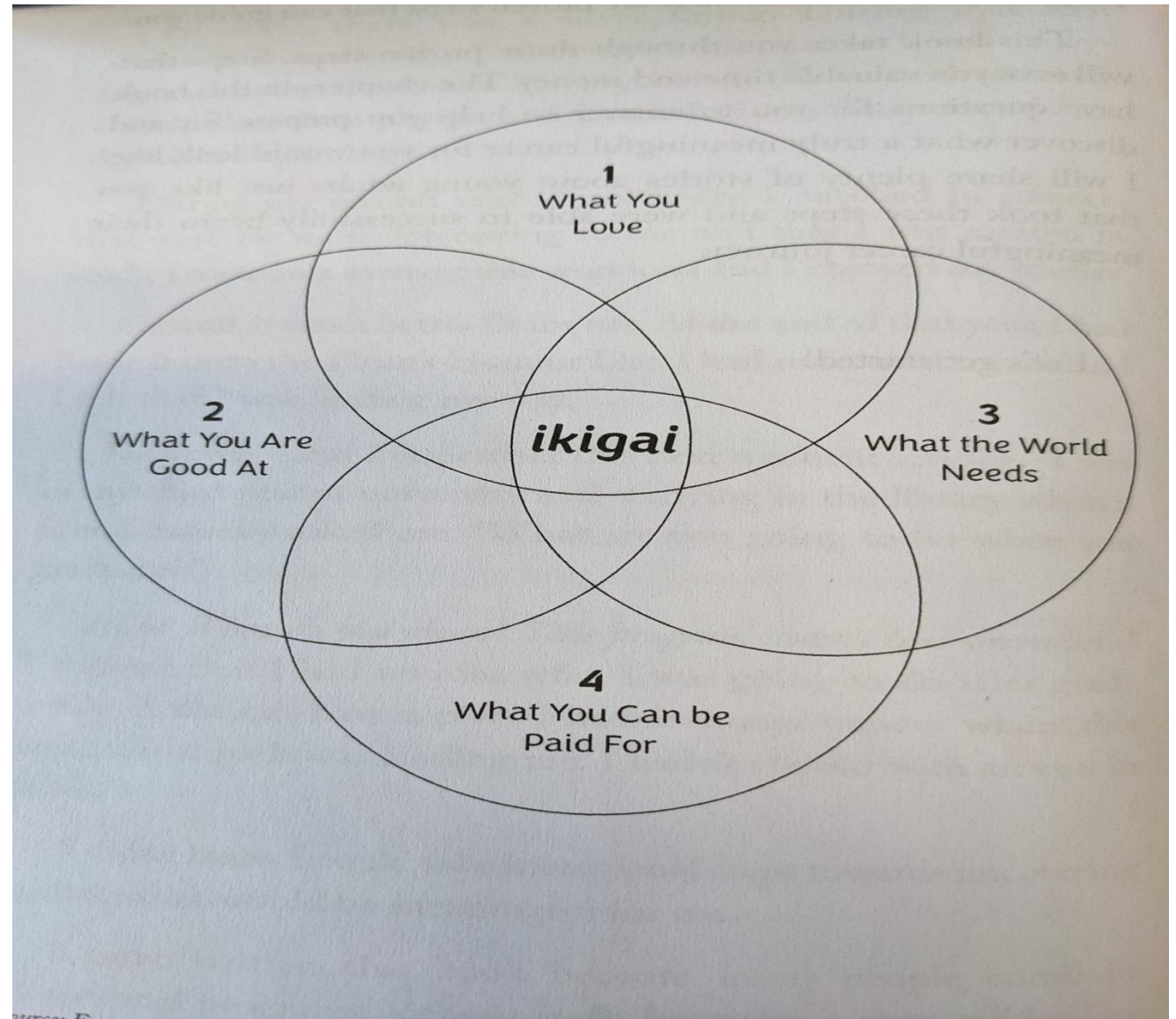
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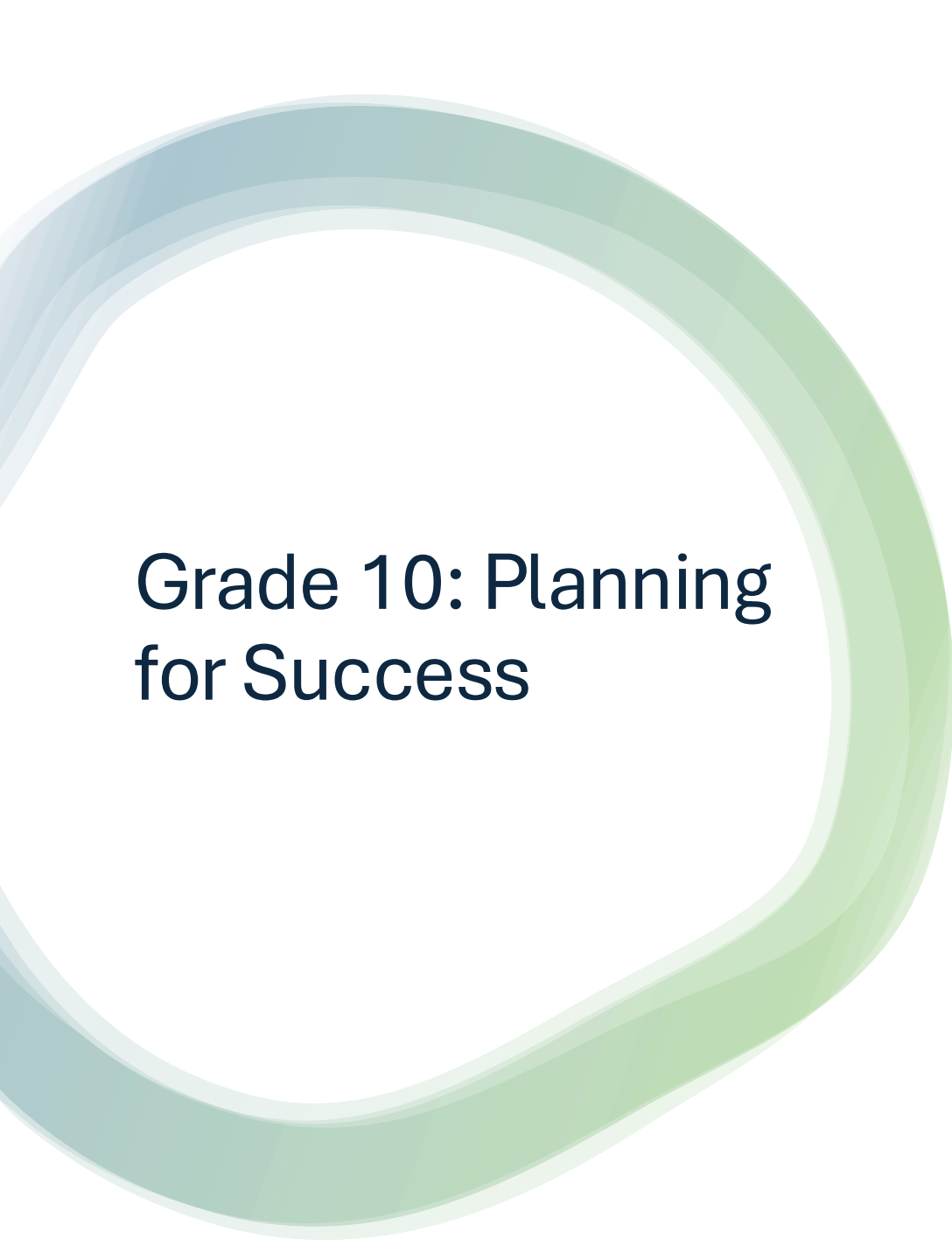
 Ideal

 ELL

Always keep in mind
“What do I like, and
what am I good at”

This Diagram is an excellent framework to
keep in mind as you think about going
forward at Churchill and after high school.





Grade 10: Planning for Success

Start Thinking Seriously

- Grade 10 is when you need to start planning what you want out of high school.
- **Course Credits Matter**
- Most Grade 10–12 courses are worth **4 credits**. (There are some exceptions)
- You need 80 credits min from grades 10-12


Electives Count Too

- Every course—including electives—impacts your graduation and future plans.

Failing Has Consequences

- Failing courses in Grade 10 means taking extra courses later which can make Grade 12 harder when you want a lighter load to focus on higher marks.
- In grade 10-12 you receive %'s. A mark below 50% is a fail. If you get a failing % in Math10, Socials 10, Science 10, English 10 or PE10 you must retake the course at summer school or repeat it in grade 11.

Graduation Requirements



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

B.C. Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma)

The B.C. Certificate of Graduation, or Dogwood Diploma, is awarded to students who successfully complete the provincial graduation requirements. To graduate, students require at least 80 credits total.

Of these 80 credits:

- 52 credits are required from the following:
 - Physical and Health Education 10 (4 credits).
 - Science 10 (4 credits), and a Science 11 or 12 (4 credits).
 - Social Studies 10 (4 credits), and a Social Studies 11 or 12 (4 credits).
 - A Math 10 (4 credits), and a Math 11 or 12 course (4 credits).
 - A Language Arts 10, 11, and a required 12 course (4 credits required at each grade, 12 credits total).
 - An Arts Education 10, 11, or 12 and/or an Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies 10, 11, or 12 (4 credits total).
 - Career-Life Education (4 credits), and Career-Life Connections (4 credits).
 - Indigenous-focused course work (4 credits).
- At least 28 credits must be elective course credits.
- At least 16 credits must be at the Grade 12 level, including a required Language Arts 12 course and the Career-Life Connections course.

In addition, students must also complete three Provincial Graduation Assessments:

- Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment
- Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment
- Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment

Grade 10 Course Planning

- All grade 10 students must have 8 courses on their timetable. A few courses are offered off-timetable (before or after school)
- **Regular English students:**
 - 5 required courses: *English 10, a Math 10, Science 10, Social Studies 10, PE 10 + 3 Electives*
- **French Immersion students:**
 - 4 required FI courses: *French Immersion Language 10, Sciences 10, Sciences Humaines 10, Art Dramatique/Conception de Media 10 + English 10, Math 10, PE10 + 1 Elective*

Notes

- Students cannot take two grades of the same course on timetable (e.g., Math 10 in S1 and Math 11 in S2). Advancement is only possible online or in summer school
- Grade 9 students typically cannot "fail"; a course. HOWEVER ...If recommended, taking a Review 9 course in summer school is **highly advised** for success in Grade 10
- Ideal & ELL students to see Mr. Pratt for Course Planning

Notes Continued...

Grade 10 offers flexibility in course choices but decisions can impact future options-


- For **Math**, you can choose between *Foundations and Pre-Calculus Math 10* or *Workplace Math 10*. Both Satisfy graduation requirements, but Workplace Math 10 may limit some post-secondary pathways.
- For **English**, there are four options – *Fictional Studies*, *Graphic Novels*, *Spoken Language: Verbal Expression*, and *Spoken Language: Debate*. All meet graduation requirements and keep post-secondary options open

Regular English Program Requirements

- 5 required courses:
- *An English 10 (Composition + choice of Fictional Studies, Graphic Novels, Spoken Language-Debate, or Spoken Language –Verbal Expressions)*
- *a Math 10 (Foundations & Precalculus 10 or Workplace Math 10)*
- *Science 10,*
- *Social Studies 10*
- *PE 10 or PE 10 Leadership*
- 3 Electives (can include a Language)



French Immersion Requirements



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French Immersion/Francophone Dual Dogwood

French Immersion students can earn both a British Columbia Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) and a Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires en Colombie-Britannique.

To graduate with both diplomas, French Immersion students must meet the graduation requirements for the Dogwood Diploma and, of these 80 credits, they must earn:

- At least 16 credits at the Grade 12 level (including a Français langue seconde- immersion course at the Grade 12 level).
- Français langue seconde-immersion 10 (4 credits).
- A Français langue seconde-immersion course at the Grade 11 level (4 credits) or IB French A2 (SL) 11.
- Français langue seconde-immersion 12 (4 credits).
- At least 12 credits in Grade 10, 11, or 12 courses that are in French with at least 4 of these credits at the Grade 11 or 12 level.

In addition, French Immersion students must also complete four Provincial Graduation Assessments:

- Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment (English or French)
- Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment
- Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment
- Évaluation de littératie – Français langue seconde-immersion 12

Francophone students can earn both a British Columbia Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) and a Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires en Colombie-Britannique.

Foundations & Pre-Calculus Math 10

Meets Graduation Requirement?



Keeps university and college options open (STEM, business, sciences)

Future Math Pathways



Leads to Pre-Calculus 11, Calculus

Workplace Math 10

Post-Secondary Impact



May limit university programs; suitable for trades or direct entry to workforce

Leads to



Leads to Workplace Math 11 only

Notes

- In grade 11 you will have more options for Science and Socials.
- There are typically no pre-requisite courses for electives. You can take Foods 10, Dance 10, etc... even if you have not taken the grade 9 level course

Speaking of Electives...

See Course
Selection Guide on
the Churchill
Website

✓ **Discover Your Passions**

Consider trying something new—art, music, tech, drama, or business!

✓ **Build New Skills**

Learn practical skills that can help in future careers.

✓ **Make School More Fun**

Balance core subjects with classes you enjoy.

✓ **Meet New People**

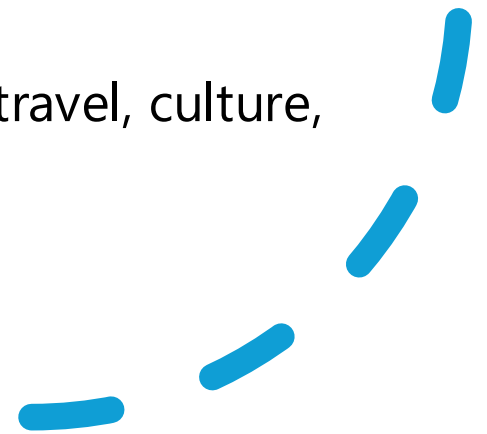
Connect with classmates who share your interests.

✓ **Prepare for the Future**

Electives can lead to cool opportunities in Grade 11 & 12.

✓ **Consider Taking a Language**

Learning another language opens doors to travel, culture, and careers! And it is good for your brain!



Electives

Electives for Gr 10 Students

Fine Arts	Applied Skills	Languages
Drama 10 Film 10 Studio Arts 3D (Sculpture/Ceramics) 10 Book Arts & Binding 11 Art Studio 10 Photography 10 Graphics Arts 11 Dance Foundation 10 Dance Technique & Performance 10 Concert Choir 10 Concert Choir 10 (Off Timetable) Band 10 Beginner Band 10 Intermediate Band 10 Senior Concert Band 10 Senior Jazz Band (Off TT) Strings 10 Beginner Strings 10 Intermediate Strings 10 Senior Guitar 10 Beginner Guitar 10 Intermediate Guitar 10 Senior	Entrepreneurship & Marketing 10 Accounting 11 Marketing & Promotion 11 Food Studies 10 Food Studies 10 (off-timetable) Textiles 10 Interior Design 11 Technology (Engineering) 10 Metalwork 10 Jewelry 10 Electronics & Robotics 10 Woodwork 10 Drafting & Design 10 Media Design 10 Webpage Design 11 Computer Science 11	French 10 Intro. Spanish 11 Introductory Japanese 11 <u>Other</u> Debate Psychology 11 Annual (Yearbook) 10 (Off TT)

Languages

Why take a language?


- 🧠 for cognitive benefits
- 🎓 for career advantages
- 🌍 for *cultural* awareness



Other ways to gain Highschool credits

- External Credits – see BC Ministry of Education
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/graduation/getting-credit-to-graduate/external-credentials/first-nations-and-organizations-offering-approved-external-credentials>
- If you think you are eligible for external credits, bring in your certificate(s) and your counsellor can check.
- See next slide for some examples of possible credits

External Credits in BC

- Students may earn external credits through:
 - Music and dance certifications
 - Sports certifications
 - Youth work and volunteer programs
 - Approved external language credentials
 - Royal Conservatory of Music Exams (RCM)
 - Duke of Edinburgh's Award Program
 - 4-H Youth Development Programs
 - Lifesaving Society & Red Cross Certifications
 - Cadets (Army, Air, Sea) Training Credits
 - Language Proficiency Exams (e.g., DELF, HSK)
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Prelude Program

- The Prelude program is for students who are looking for challenges and who are curious, collaborative and independent.
- The Prelude program has a Regular English and a French Immersion stream.
- Prelude program includes the following courses: English (Fictional Studies), Science, Socials, and International Studies/Leadership. FI Prelude includes these 4 courses plus FRAL.
- Admission to the program does not guarantee entrance to the IB program and being in Prelude does NOT mean that you have to do IB.
- Prelude will give you a sense of the educational philosophy, assessment, and workload you will encounter if are admitted into the IB program

Upcoming Deadlines

- **PRELUDE PROGRAM**

- Online application closes:
January 6 (today!) by 3:10pm.
- In person written application
January 8th during FIT

- **TREK OUTDOOR PROGRAM**

- Online application closes:
February 9th



Career Education 9 Reminders

- Career Ed 9 Assignments to date:
 - **Take Our Kids to Work Overdue**
 - **Gratitude is Good**
Due: **January 7th**
 - **Course Planning Sheet (SIGNED BY
PARENT/GUARDIAN)**
Due: **February 20, 2026**



How do I Select Courses ?



- You must use the MyEdBC **STUDENT** portal. **MAKE SURE YOU CAN ACCESS YOUR ACCOUNT!**
- If you have forgotten your password, click "I forgot my password" & enter the email you use with MyED BC.
- You must reset using a computer – not your phone.

Email the school at: churchill@vsb.bc.ca if you need further assistance resetting your password

Accessing the Course Selection Guide

- Go to our school website: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/sir-winston-churchill>
- Hover over “Teaching and Learning” and click on “Courses”

The screenshot shows the Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School website. The header includes the school logo, name, and navigation links: ABOUT US, FAMILIES, GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT, EXTRACURRICULAR, TEACHING AND LEARNING, and DISTRICT JOB OPPORTUNITIES. The TEACHING AND LEARNING dropdown menu is open, showing options: Courses (highlighted with a blue arrow), Programs, Classes and Departments, Library / Learning Commons, and Assessment and Reporting. The main banner features the text 'VSB After the Bell Part two!' and 'Episode 40'. Below the banner, there is a link to 'After the Bell (ep. 40) Planning for Post-secondary: SFU, Cap-U and Langara (part two)' and a description: 'In part two of our post-secondary conversation, we spoke with three representatives from the admissions offices at...'. The right sidebar contains links for 'Incements', 'Absences', 'Donate to the SWC Scholarship Fund', and 'Weather-related school closures'.



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Courses

Jan 24, 2025

Interested in finding out more details about courses at Sir Winston Churchill? Check here!

[SWC 2025 2026 Course Selection Guide](#)



CLICK HERE TO OPEN

The screenshot shows a student portal interface. At the top, there is a horizontal navigation bar with five tabs: 'Pages', 'My Info', 'Academics', 'Calendar', and 'Locker'. A red arrow labeled '1' points to the 'My Info' tab. Below this bar is a section titled 'My Record'. On the left side of the 'My Record' section is a vertical sidebar with the heading 'My Details' and several menu items: 'Transcript', 'Current Schedule', 'Contacts', 'Assessments', 'Notifications', and 'Requests'. A red arrow labeled '2' points to the 'Requests' item. To the right of the sidebar, there are three buttons: 'Options', 'Reports', and 'Help'. Below these buttons is a 'Cancel' button with a red 'X' icon. Further down, there are three sub-tabs: 'Demographics', 'Addresses', and 'Photo'. The 'Demographics' sub-tab is active and contains a form with the following fields: 'Legal first name', 'Legal middle name', 'Legal last name', 'Suffix', 'Pupil #', and 'Personal Education'. Each field has a corresponding input area to its right.

SELECT:

my info – top tab

REQUESTS – SIDE TAB

Welcome to Grade 10!

STEPS

In the **Primary Request** section, you can see how many primary requests you have selected.

- Check to make sure you have a minimum of **8 primary requests**.
- Click **Post** to complete your submission. Once click **POST** you will need to see your counsellor if you wish to make any changes.

By filling out this course request, you are committing to take this course. If you decide to drop a course, there is no guarantee that we will be able to replace it with another course.

Select both the **required** and **elective** courses you would like to take next year.

General English Track Students

Please select "**Other Disciplines**" button and choose BOTH of the following two courses:

- Social Studies 10
- Science 10

Then select the following courses from specific subject areas:

- English Composition (2 credits) and 1 of the following 2 credit options

☐ Spoken Language: Verbal Expression

☐ Spoken Language: Debate

☐ Literary Studies: Fictional Studies

☐ Literary Studies: Graphic Novels

- Foundations and Pre-Calculus Math 10, OR Workplace Math 10, or other grade level if appropriate.
- PE 10 or PE 10 Leadership
- Electives - choose 3 (could include a language)
- You are required to have a complete timetable of 8 courses. A ninth course (e.g. jazz band) could be added as an off-timetable course. Alternates are to be written on your course planning sheet. Students should discuss their course selections with parents/guardians before entering. If you have any questions, you may meet with your counsellor first. **Important!** Before you click **POST** to complete your submission, please confirm everything is correct.

French Immersion Students

Please **select District Alternative 2** button and choose PKG--10B to schedule the following courses.

- French Language (FRAL)
- Sciences Humaines
- Sciences
- Art Dramatique and Conception de Medias (2 credits each)

Then select the following courses from specific subject areas:

- English Composition (2 credits) and 1 of the following 2 credit options:
- Spoken Language: Verbal Expression
- Spoken Language: Debate
- Literary Studies - Fictional Studies
- Literary Studies - Graphic Novels
- Foundations and Pre-calculus Math 10, OR Workplace Math 10, or other grade level if appropriate.
- PE 10 or PE 10 Leadership.
- Elective - choose 1.
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ELL Students

Mr. Pratt will visit all ELL English classes for course planning and selection. Please do **not** choose courses on MyED without first meeting with Mr. Pratt in your English Class

- Please select English Language Learners button and choose the following 4 courses:
- ELL English (advance 1 level)
- ELL Reading (advance 1 level)
- ELL Socials Studies (advance 1 level)
- Transitional Science
- Then select the following courses from specific subject areas:
- PE 10 or PE 10 Leadership.
- Foundations and Pre-calculus Math 10, OR Workplace Math 10, or other grade level if appropriate.
- Elective - choose 2.
- You are required to have a complete timetable of 8 courses. A ninth course (e.g. jazz band) could be added as an off-timetable course. Alternates are to be written on your course planning sheet. Students should discuss their course selections with parents/guardians before entering. If you have any questions, you may meet with your counsellor first.
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Ideal Mini School Students

Mr. Pratt will be visiting all Ideal students for course planning and selection. Please do not select courses for next year until you have met with Mr. Pratt.

- Please select **District Alternative 1** button and choose PKG--10A to select the 8 Ideal Grade 10 courses
- Important! Click **POST** to complete your submission.

Summer School

- If you plan on taking a Completion or an Online course this summer, please note:
- Do not sign up for that course at Churchill
- Sign up for the next level of the summer course, if that is your plan (e.g. if you take Foundation of Math and Pre-Calculus 10 this summer and plan to take Pre-Calculus 11 in September, sign up here for Precalculus 11)
- If you do not complete the summer school course as planned and wish to do take the course it may no longer be available. (Committing to your plan is important!)
- Please make sure you inform your counsellor that you will be taking a summer school course on your course planning sheet,
- Reference Links
- • For course descriptions, please see the Course booklet during your course planning sessions and/or see the Course Booklet by clicking on the Course Planning Guide.

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That's All Folks

- Questions? See Mr. Johnston, Ms. Salter or Mr. Pratt (ELL/Ideal)
- Course Planning Sheets – must be signed by a parent or guardian
- Input Courses into MyEd by **February 14, 2026**
- Course Planning Sheets – Due: **February 20, 2026** (This is your Career Ed Assignment #3)
- PowerPoint will be POSTED on TEAMS

