

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

Welcome! ☺





With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy'əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

Grade 10 Programs

 Regular

 French Immersion

 Prelude – English Stream & French Immersion Stream

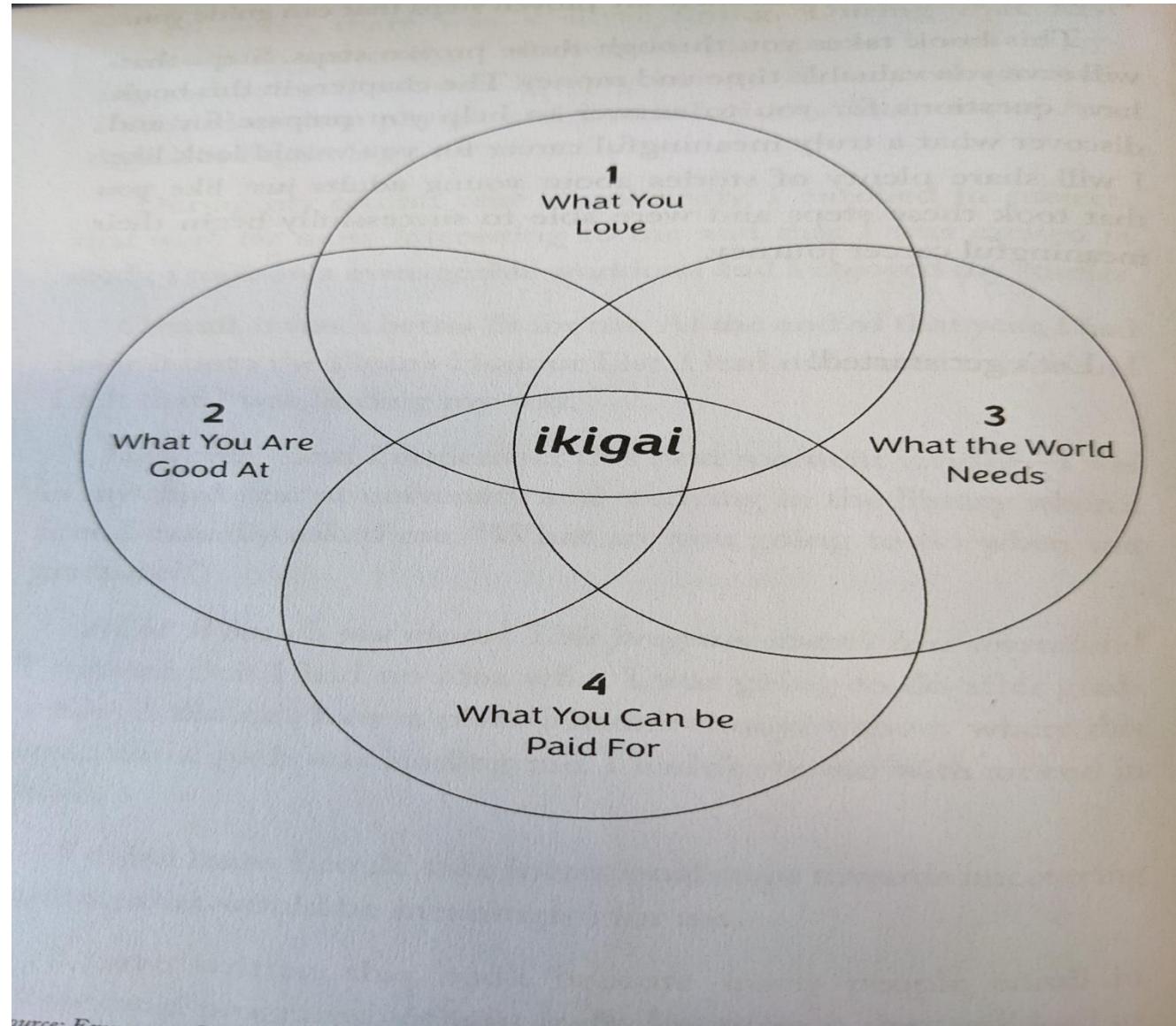
 Transitional

 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

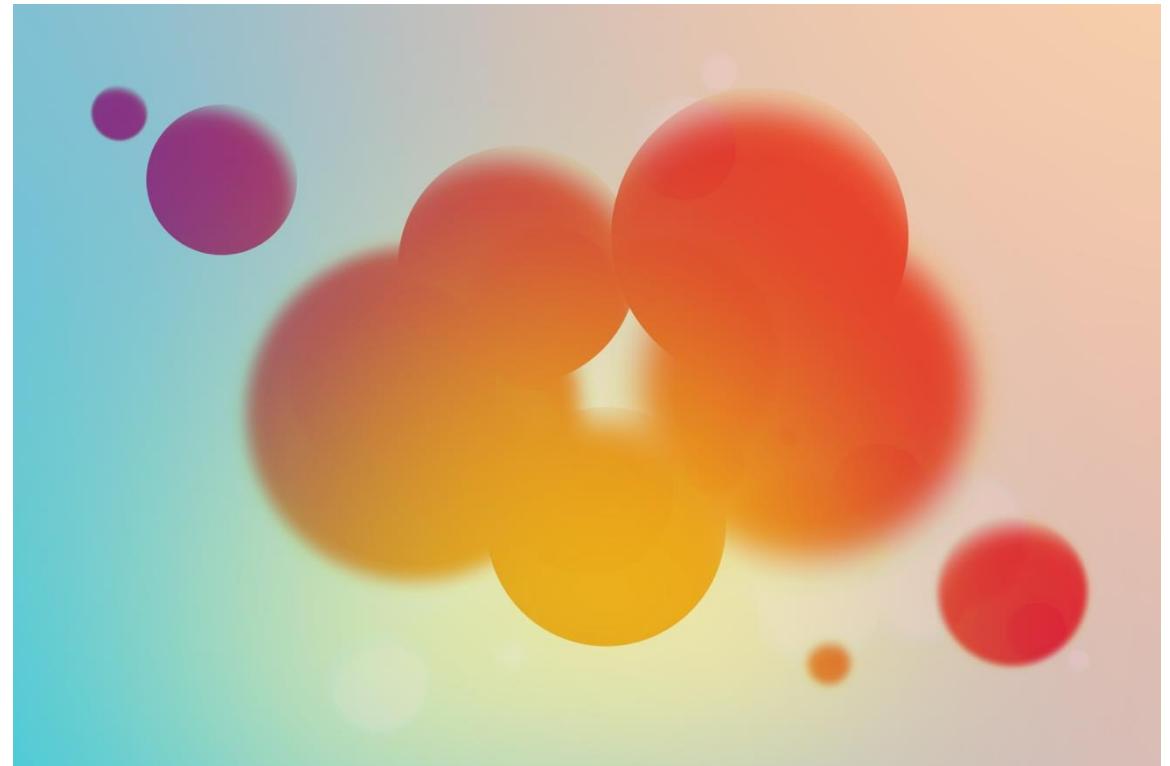
Notes Continued...

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

Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School 2025-2026 Course Selection Guide

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

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)

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 top navigation bar includes links for About Us, Families, Guidance and Support, Extracurricular, Teaching and Learning, and District Job Opportunities. The 'Teaching and Learning' menu is open, showing options: Courses (with an arrow pointing to it), Programs, Classes and Departments, Library / Learning Commons, and Assessment and Reporting. The main content area features a banner for 'VSB After the Bell' with the text 'Part two!' and 'Episode 40'. Below the banner, a sub-headline reads 'After the Bell (ep. 40) Planning for Post-secondary: SFU, Cap-U and Langara (part two)'. A footer note states: 'In part two of our post-secondary conversation, we spoke with three representatives from the admissions offices at...'. The 'Courses' link is highlighted with a blue arrow.



Teaching and Learning

Courses

Programs

Classes and Departments

Library / Learning Commons

Assessment and Reporting

About Us

Families

Guidance and Support

Extracurricular

DISTRICT JOB
OPPORTUNITIES

Courses

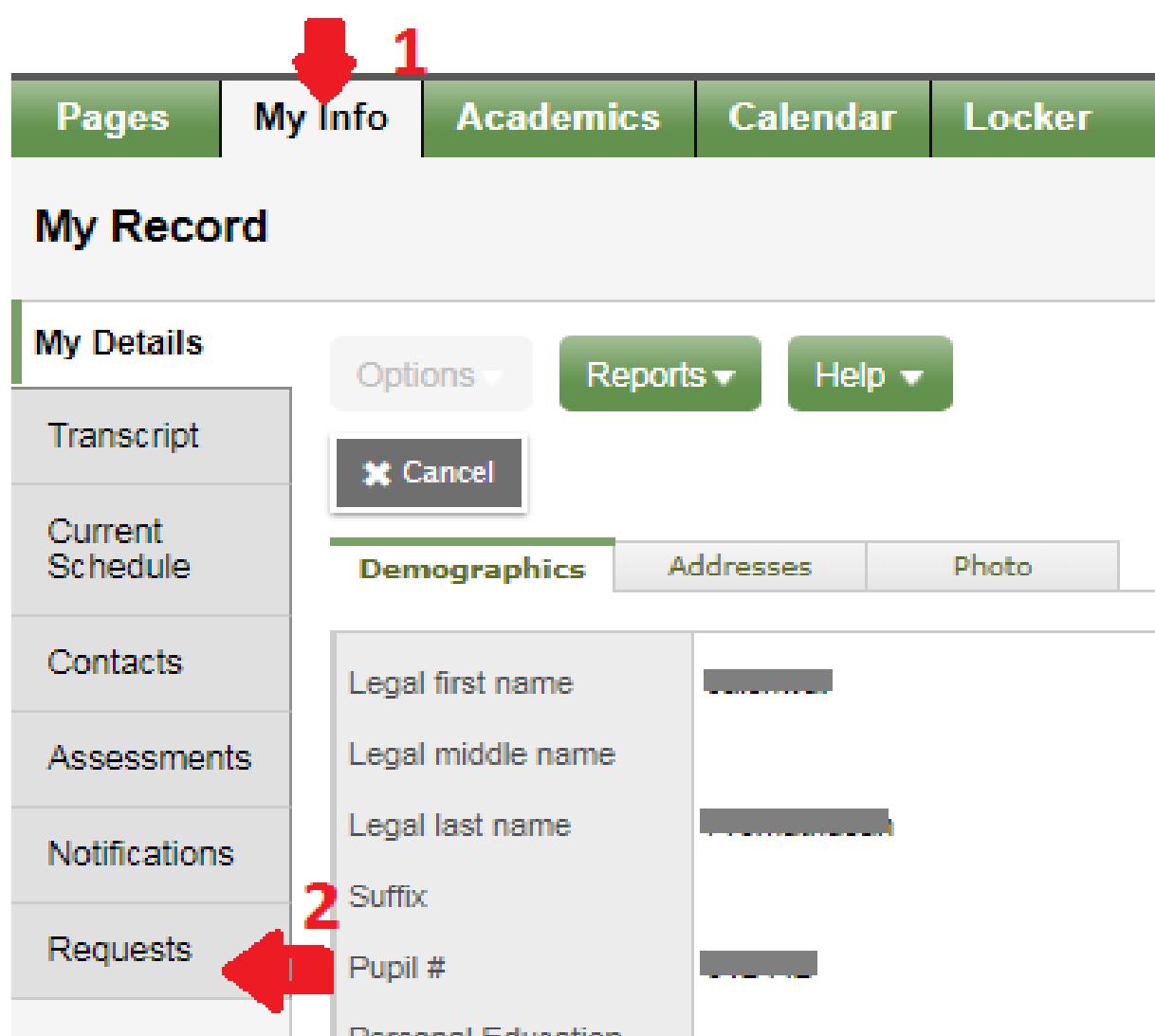
Jan 24, 2025

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

[SWC 2025 2026 Course Selection Guide](#)



CLICK HERE TO OPEN



1

2

My Record

My Details

Transcript

Current Schedule

Contacts

Assessments

Notifications

Requests

Options

Reports

Help

Cancel

Demographics Addresses Photo

Legal first name [REDACTED]

Legal middle name [REDACTED]

Legal last name [REDACTED]

Suffix [REDACTED]

Pupil # [REDACTED]

Exceptional Education

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.
- 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.

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.
- Important! Before you click **POST** to complete your submission, please confirm everything is correct.

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.

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,

Select Primary Requests

Primary requests

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

