



# GRAD 2027

Course Planning from Grade 10 to 11:  
A Mr. J. Survival Guide





# LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).



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# Continuing Down The Graduation Track!

- ▶ We will continue to work towards the 80 credits required to graduate. This is the equivalent of 20 full time courses at the grade 10, 11, and 12 level.
  - ▶ Hopefully, by the end of this year, you will already have at least eight courses from Grade 10.
  - ▶ In Grade 11 you have fewer required classes than Grade 10 (PE/Career Ed)
- ▶ The course selection form will show you a typical track of courses towards graduation.
- ▶ It's important that you take a serious interest in your graduation and post-secondary planning. If not you, who will?
- ▶ Always ask questions as we cover the content! 😊

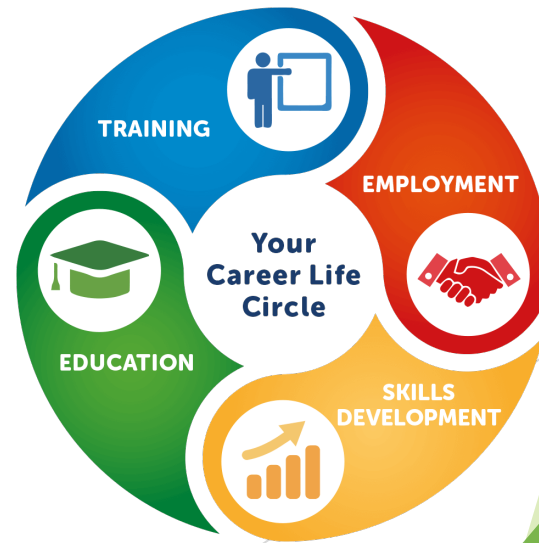


**Our  
Courses**



# Your Requirements From Grade 10

- ▶ All students will need the following courses at the grade 10 level to graduate:
  - ▶ English 10 - Completed through 2 half semestered courses
    - ▶ (New Media, Composition, Literary Studies, Spoken Language, Creative Writing).
  - ▶ Math 10 - Either Workplace or Foundations & Pre-Calculus
  - ▶ Science 10
  - ▶ Social Studies 10
  - ▶ PE 10
  - ▶ CLE 10 - Either on or off-timetable.
- ▶ On track? If you're concerned, talk to Mr. J. 😊





# School Programs



- ▶ French Immersion, Flex Humanities, LAC, and Summit all continue in Grade 11.
  - ▶ If you were in a program in grade 10, it's assumed you're continuing in grade 11.
  - ▶ If you were not in one, you'll continue to not be unless you apply and are accepted (subject to room).
- ▶ French Immersion (2 courses):
  - ▶ Mandatory: French Core 11
  - ▶ One of two Social Studies options: Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12 or World History 12
- ▶ Flex Humanities (1 course): English 11: New Media
- ▶ LAC (3 courses): Math, Science, & Humanities
- ▶ Summit (1 course): Math: Pre-Calculus 12



# Numeracy & Literacy Assessments

- ▶ Grade 10 Students take the Numeracy Assessment on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - ▶ It's a four-point proficiency scale, like with your Grade 8 and 9 marks.
  - ▶ Students can do two additional attempts at zero penalty.
- ▶ Grade 10 students take the Literacy Assessment on Friday April 11, 2024.
- ▶ The assessments are NOT tied to any class, but to skills you've built.
- ▶ Grade 10 assessments are NOT used by any post-secondaries.
- ▶ In Grade 12, you will write a Literacy 12 assessment, which is used by UBC.
- ▶ More information about the assessments and what they look like:
  - ▶ Grade 10 Literacy Assessment [HERE](#).
  - ▶ Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment [HERE](#).
  - ▶ Grade 12 Literacy Assessment [HERE](#).





# Indigenous Grad Requirement

- ▶ Starting in the 2023-2024 school year, the Ministry of Education requires students to take at least one course with an Indigenous focus to graduate.
  - ▶ Great news: This is easy at Van Tech as our English, Socials, and French Immersion departments have multiple options!
  - ▶ Courses that meet the criteria for 2025-2026:
    - ▶ English First Peoples Literary Studies & Writing 11
    - ▶ English First Peoples 12
    - ▶ BC First Peoples 12 (*Socials course*)
    - ▶ Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12 (*Socials course*)
    - ▶ Peuples Autochtones de la BC 12 (*French Immersion Gr 11 option*)





# Math Options for Grade 11

- ▶ In grade 11 there are FOUR Math options.
  - ▶ **Math 11: Workplace** - It is the preferred method for students going into trades (carpentry, electrical, plumbing, etc.). It allows access to most college programs, but not to any university without upgrading. Check online or with Mr. J. if you have questions.
    - ▶ Accessed from Math 10: Workplace.
  - ▶ **Math 11: Foundations** - This is the middle of the road Math option that allows access to all universities. Please note UBC and SFU want you to also take Foundations 12 if you go with this level, not necessarily required
    - ▶ Accessed from Math 10: Foundations & Pre-Calculus.
  - ▶ **Math 11: Pre-Calculus** - This is the standard upper-level Math. It is the path that gives access to all programs and universities. It is generally considered harder. You should take this class if you're considering any Science, Math, Engineering, Business or Computer Science programs in post-secondary.
    - ▶ Accessed from Math 10: Foundations & Pre-Calculus.
  - ▶ **Math 11: Computer Science** - Suggested as a second math option for students interested in Computer Science as a future profession.
- ▶ Students can adjust their math selection later in the year with Mr. J, if needed.
- ▶ Remember: please ask Mr. J. or your Math teacher if you're unsure about which route to take.







# How English Shapes Up in Grade 11

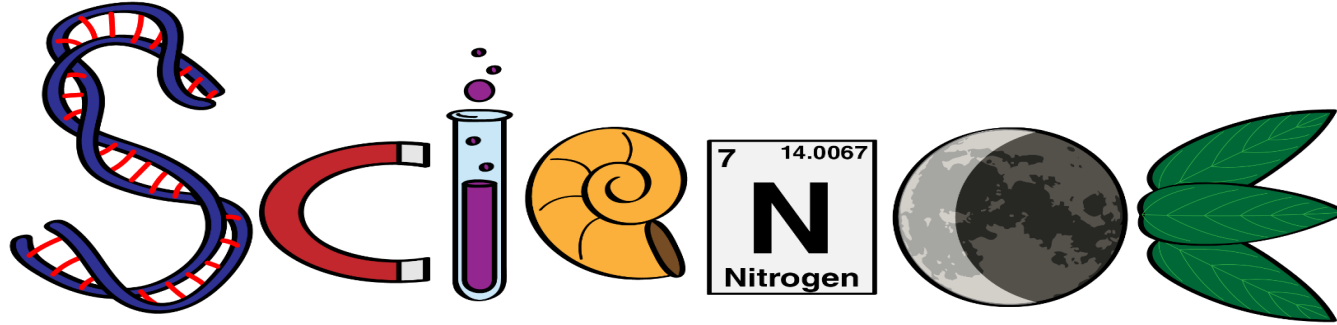
- ▶ In Grade 11 you choose just ONE English flavour.
  - ▶ Please note that your Grade 10 flavour has NO bearing on your Grade 11 choice.
  - ▶ Note: None of the choices have any effect on Grade 12 or post-secondary options.



- ▶ The four options:
  - ▶ Composition 11
  - ▶ Creative Writing 11
  - ▶ English First Peoples Literary Studies & Writing 11 (*Meets Indigenous grad req.*)
  - ▶ New Media 11



# Science Splits into More Choices!



- ▶ After Grade 10, Science splits into different streams and interests.
- ▶ You'll need a Science 11 OR 12 to graduate. Science majors will need many more.
- ▶ Here's what there is at the Senior level
  - ▶ Biology 11: Life Sciences
  - ▶ Biology 12: Anatomy & Physiology 12 (*Preference to Grade 12s*)\*(AP)
    - ▶ DO NOT need to take Life Sciences 11 first AND you're allowed to take both.
    - ▶ Chemistry 11 is strongly recommended for this course.
  - ▶ Chemistry 11, which leads to Chemistry 12 (*Make sure to take the 11 first*)
  - ▶ Physics 11, which leads to Physics 12 (*Make sure to take the 11 first*)
  - ▶ Science for Citizens 11 (More hands on, generally, easier, and ticks the Science box)
- ▶ For more information from the Ministry of Education, go [here](#).



# Right to Grade 12!

- ▶ As you may already know, Social Studies 11 is an optional course in BC and because Gr 12 courses are better for post-secondary and offer more choice, we're moving right to it!
- ▶ All FRENCH IMMERSION students will take a socials 12 course as a group.
- ▶ All ENGLISH students will need to choose at least one Social Studies course.
- ▶ Here are the current options:
  - ▶ 20<sup>th</sup> Century World History 12
  - ▶ African Descent History 12 (Off-Timetable) \*\*\*
  - ▶ Asian Studies 12
  - ▶ BC First Peoples 12 (*Meets Indigenous grad requirement*)
  - ▶ Comparative Cultures 12
  - ▶ Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12 (*Meets Indigenous grad requirement*)
  - ▶ **Political Studies 12** in Odd Numbered Years...Economic Theory in Even Numbered Years
  - ▶ Law Studies 12
  - ▶ Philosophy 12
  - ▶ Queer & Trans History of BC 12 (Off-Timetable) \*\*\*
  - ▶ Social Justice 12

## History of African Descent in BC 12 (Course Code YSSC-2A)

### Course Highlights:

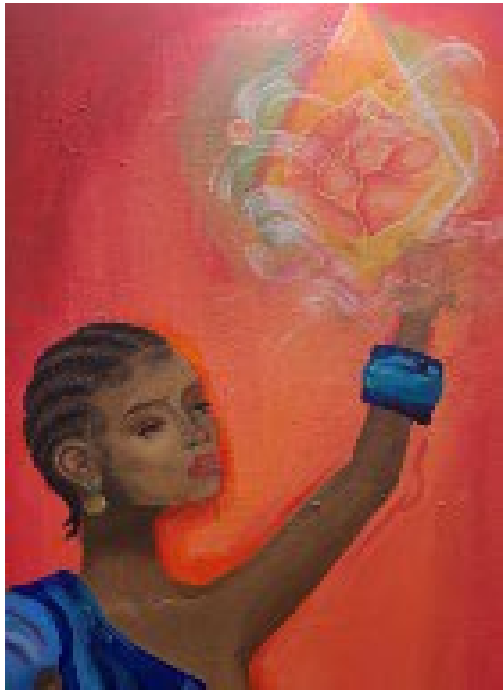
- ▶ Explore Black culture, history, resilience, and achievements
- ▶ Focus on African empires, West Indian dialects, Black art, and more
- ▶ Dive into popular culture influences like Beyoncé, Maya Angelou, and AfroFuturism

### What You'll Do:

- ▶ Field trips, guest speakers, and project-based learning
- ▶ Online discussions and seminars

### Why Take It?

- ▶ Centering Black Joy and Resilience
- ▶ Engage in important conversations about history and culture



AD 12 Artwork by Lily Hayes  
(Grad 2023, Vancouver Technical Secondary)

### Hear more from students!

[Round Table Discussion with Wayde Compton](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xsx4hZPmq5A)  
([youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com))



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## Queer & Trans History of BC 12 (Course Code YSSC-2B)

### Course Highlights:

- Learn about the diverse history of 2SLGBTQIAP+ communities in BC
- Explore language, music, dance, and movements
- Focus on Queer and Trans joy, resilience, and achievements

### What You'll Do:

- Participate in field trips, guest speakers, and project-based learning
- Engage in online dialoguing and seminars

### Why Take It?

- Centering Trans and Queer Joy
- Gain a deeper understanding of historical movements and personal stories

### More Information:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OL\\_EJY-CmEg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OL_EJY-CmEg)





# Language Courses & Skills



## ▶ Language Courses:

- ▶ Students can continue taking language classes.
- ▶ At the grade 11 level we have French, Spanish, and Mandarin.
  - ▶ You should have done the grade 9 and 10 level course in order to take the grade 11 level.
- ▶ Students may also take Introductory Spanish and Introductory Mandarin if they want to start a new language. These classes are Grade 11 level and combine grade 9 and 10 learning.
- ▶ **Note:** UBC no longer requires a grade 11 language course. SFU no longer requires a grade 11 introductory or full level language course. Other universities and colleges in BC do not. Some universities in Quebec also want French specifically.

## ▶ Skills Blocks:

- ▶ If you are a student with a designation (such as a Learning Disability) you are automatically permitted to take the course.
- ▶ All other students - including students who may have taken one in grade 9/10 - must be accepted to take a skills class through a conversation with Mr. J. and the learning support teaching team.



# PE & All Things Fitness!

- ▶ Grade 11 and 12 PE is optional.
- ▶ All classes are grade 11 and 12 combined.
- ▶ If you enjoy PE, here are the great options for you:
  - ▶ Active Living 11/12 Co-Ed (closest to classic PE, but more out trips)
  - ▶ Active Living 11/12: **Girls**
  - ▶ Athletic Development 11/12: **Volleyball**
  - ▶ Outdoor Education 11/12
  - ▶ Fitness & Conditioning 11/12
  - ▶ Fitness & Conditioning: **Soccer** 11/12
  - ▶ Yoga & Wellness 11/12
- ▶ Leadership 11/12 (off-timetable) is also under the PE umbrella.





# Applied Skills & Fine Arts!

- ▶ Grade 11 Applied Skills & Fine Arts courses are usually combined with Grade 12s.
- ▶ Students DO NOT need to have taken a lower grade elective to do the higher level one. Example: You can take Foods 11 without having taken Foods 9 or 10.
- ▶ Students can receive credit in both years if they select it both years.
- ▶ Generally, most grade 10 electives continue with a grade 11 and 12 elective, but there are new ones too!
  - ▶ Make sure to check the course planning catalogue with all the information.
    - ▶ Link: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/vancouver-technical/page/4643/course-planning>

Students can also sign up to be a “CS” (Community Service) with a teacher for a block.







**ELECTIVES: STUDENTS WILL CHOOSE ELECTIVES FROM BELOW TO GET TO 8 COURSES**  
**APPLIED SKILLS**

**BUSINESS EDUCATION**

- [MAC--11] Accounting 11
- [MMAP-11] Marketing & Promotion 11
- [YBMO-2C] Retail Business 10-12 (*Off Timetable – At Lunch in Tally Shop*)

**HOME ECONOMICS**

- [MCUL-1A] Culinary Arts 11 Beginner Fundamentals (*1<sup>st</sup> time student*)
- [MCUL-1B] Culinary Arts 11: Intermediate Fundamentals (*2<sup>nd</sup> year student*)
- [MFOOD11] Food Studies 11
- [MTXT-11] Textiles 11
- [MTRM-11] Tourism 11

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

- [MCMPR11] Computer Programming 11
- [MCINF11] Game Design 11

**TECHNICAL STUDIES**

- [MTAUT11] Automotive Technology 11
- [MTDRF11] Drafting & Design 11
- [MGRPR11] Graphic Production 11 (*Yearbook*)
- [MMEDD11] Graphics & Media Design 11
- [MTMET11] Metalwork 11 (*Students may choose to specialize in Jewelry*)
- [MENR-11] Robotics, Electronics, & Engineering 11
- [MWWK-11] Woodwork 11

**ENGLISH**

- [MCTWR12] Creative Writing 12 (*Grade 12 level elective; preference to Gr 12s*)
- [MLTST12] Literary Studies 12 (*Literature focus; preference to Gr 12s*)
- [YPSYC1A] Psychology 11



## FINE ARTS

### ART

- [MVA11] Art Studio 11 (*Formerly Art Foundations 11*)
- [MVAPH11] Photography 11
- [MVAC-11] Studio Arts 11: Ceramics & Sculpture
- [MVAD-11] Studio Arts 11: Drawing and Painting
- [MVAMT11] Video Production 11

### DRAMA

- [MDRDS11] Directing & Script Development 11
- [MDRM-11] Drama 11 (*Students can specialize in Acting or Backstage options*)
- [MDRTC11] Theatre Company 11 (*Requires attendance outside of school hours*)
- [MDRTP11] Theatre Production 11

### MUSIC

- [MMUCH11] Choral Music: Chamber Choir 11 (*Off timetable – Morning, req. audition*)
- [MCMCC11] Choral Music: Concert Choir 11 (*Off timetable – Lunch, no audition*)
- [MIMCB11] Instrumental Music: Concert Band 11 (*Recommended 2+ years of exp.*)
- [MIMJB11] Instrumental Music: Jazz Band 11 (*Student must take 1 more music class*)
- [MMUOR11] Instrumental Music: Orchestra Strings 11 (*Off timetable – After School*)  
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# Mental Health Leadership 10-12 (Off-Timetable Course)

- ▶ Are you interested and passionate around the topic of mental health?
- ▶ Are you available after school on Wednesdays?
- ▶ If so... Consider joining Mental Health Leadership 10 course.
  - ▶ It's off-timetable (Wednesdays, 3:15-4:45).
  - ▶ The class is grades 10-12 all together.
  - ▶ Built around learning about mental health, trauma, wellbeing, therapies, how to support others, and much more.
  - ▶ We use a considerable number of guest speakers from local agencies.
  - ▶ You become one of there Here4Peers facilitators that you may remember.
- ▶ For current MHL students, we also offer Peer Counselling 12 as a follow-up if you just can't kick the MHL habit 😊



# How is my schedule shaping up?

Mainstream	French Immersion	Flex Humanities	LAC	Summit
English 11 <i>(Pick a flavour)</i>	English 11 <i>(Pick a flavour)</i>	English 11: New Media (FH Cohort)	LAC English & Socials 11	English 11 <i>(Pick a flavour)</i>
Math 11 <i>(Pick a level)</i>	Math 11 <i>(Pick a level)</i>	Math 11 <i>(Pick a level)</i>	LAC Math 11	Pre-Calculus 12 <i>(Summit Cohort)</i>
Science 11 <i>(Pick first choice)</i>	Science 11 <i>(Pick first choice)</i>	Science 11 <i>(Pick first choice)</i>	LAC Science 11	Science 11 <i>(Pick first choice)</i>
Socials 12 <i>(Pick first choice)</i>	Socials 12 (FRIM; <i>History/Indigenous</i> )	Socials 12 <i>(Pick first choice)</i>	Elective class	Socials 12 <i>(Pick first choice)</i>
Language or Elective class	French Core 11 (FRAL)	Language or Elective class	Language or Elective class	Language or Elective class
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Off timetable courses?	Off timetable courses?	Off timetable courses?	Off timetable courses?	Off timetable courses?

**USE the Course Choices list I provide to add all the courses you want!**



# Summer School, Fails, & Getting Ahead

- ▶ 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 in early May on the [VSB Summer Learning site](#).
  - ▶ Mr. J. will post information about signing up when we're in April.
- ▶ Many students may choose to get AHEAD in their courses by taking a grade 11 course in summer school. Doing so means you can take an extra elective of your choice in the next school year.
  - ▶ Please note: Grade 11s will not have study blocks. If you complete a course in summer school, you'll get ahead on credits elsewhere.
  - ▶ Please note: If there is not enough room in Grade 12 courses, priority goes to older students.



## Secondary Course List

Title	Type	Dept	Date
20th CENTURY WORLD HISTORY 12	Completion	Humanities	July 3 - August 2, 2024
ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY 12	Completion	Science	
ASIAN STUDIES: 1850 - PRESENT 12	Completion	Humanities	
BA AFRICAN DESCENT HISTORY IN BC 12	Completion	Humanities	
BC FIRST PEOPLES 12	Completion	Humanities	
CHEMISTRY 11	Completion	Science	
CHEMISTRY 12	Completion	Science	
COMPOSITION / LITERARY STUDIES 10	Completion	Humanities	
COMPOSITION 11	Completion	Humanities	
CREATIVE WRITING / LITERARY STUDIES 10	Completion	Humanities	
CREATIVE WRITING 11	Completion	Humanities	
EFP LITERARY STUDIES AND WRITING 11	Completion	Humanities	
ENGLISH FIRST PEOPLES 12	Completion	Humanities	
ENGLISH STUDIES 12	Completion	Humanities	
EXPLORATIONS IN SOCIAL STUDIES 11	Completion	Humanities	
FOUNDATIONS OF MATH AND PRE-CALCULUS 10	Completion	Math	
FOUNDATIONS OF MATHEMATICS 11	Completion	Math	
FRENCH 10	Completion	Humanities	
FRENCH 11	Completion	Humanities	
LAW STUDIES 12	Completion	Humanities	
LIFE SCIENCES 11	Completion	Science	
LITERARY STUDIES 11	Completion	Humanities	
MANDARIN CHINESE 11	Completion	Humanities	
PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION 10	Completion	Phys. Ed	
PHYSICS 11	Completion	Science	
PHYSICS 12	Completion	Science	
PRE-CALCULUS 11	Completion	Math	
PRE-CALCULUS 12	Completion	Math	
SCIENCE 10	Completion	Science	
SOCIAL JUSTICE 12	Completion	Humanities	
SOCIAL STUDIES 10	Completion	Humanities	
WORKPLACE MATHEMATICS 10	Completion	Math	
WORKPLACE MATHEMATICS 11	Completion	Math	
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 8	Preview	Humanities	
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 9	Preview	Humanities	
MATHEMATICS 8	Preview	Math	
MATHEMATICS 9	Preview	Math	
SCIENCE 8	Preview	Science	
SCIENCE 9	Preview	Science	
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 8	Review	Humanities	
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 9	Review	Humanities	
MATHEMATICS 8	Review	Math	
MATHEMATICS 9	Review	Math	
SCIENCE 8	Review	Science	
SCIENCE 9	Review	Science	
SOCIAL STUDIES 8	Review	Humanities	
SOCIAL STUDIES 9	Review	Humanities	
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FOUNDATIONS OF MATH AND PRE-CALCULUS 10	Remedial	Math	
SCIENCE 10	Remedial	Science	
SOCIAL STUDIES 10	Remedial	Humanities	
WORKPLACE MATHEMATICS 10	Remedial	Math	
ELL READING AND WRITING (GRADES 8-12)	ELL	ELL	

Hopeful  
 Summer  
 School Class  
 Lineup!  
 (this is what ran  
 last year)



# myBlueprint

- ▶ MyBluePrint is something generally introduced in the CLE 10 course. It is a FANTASTIC way to plan out your post-secondary goals. It helps you build potential futures where you can see how your course choices affect your post-secondary options.

**High School**

Plan Courses

Van's Test View Plans

Grade 10 Current Year	Grade 11 Next Year	Grade 12 Plan Ahead	Additional Plan Ahead
English 10 MEN-10 • 4 Credits	English 11 MEN-11 • 4 Credits	English 12 First Peoples MEFP-12 • 4 Credits	+ Course
Foundations of Mathe... MFMP-10 • 4 Credits	Pre-calculus 11 MPRE11 • 4 Credits	Career Life Connections MCLC-12 (ELC) • 4 Credits	+ Course
Social Studies 10 MSS-10 • 4 Credits	Geography: Asian Stud... MGEO-12SC1 • 4 Credits	Automotive Technolog... MAT-11 • 4 Credits	+ Course
Science 10 MSC-10 • 4 Credits	Chemistry 11 MCH-11 • 4 Credits	French 12 MFR-12 • 4 Credits	+ Course
Physical Education 10 MPE-10 • 4 Credits • 90%	Physical Education 11 MPE-11 • 4 Credits	Chemistry 12 MCH-12 • 4 Credits	+ Course
Career Life Education CLE (MCLC-10) • 4 Credits	French 11 MFR-11 • 4 Credits	Physics 12 MPP-12 • 4 Credits	+ Course
Drama: Theatre Comp... MDRTCLD • 4 Credits	Social Studies 11 MSS-11 • 4 Credits	Graduation Transitions MGT-10 • 4 Credits	+ Course
French 10 MFR-10 • 4 Credits • 73%	Physics 11 MPP-11 • 4 Credits	+ Course	+ Course

**Graduation Indicator**

Planned ————— 76  
Earned ————— 4  
Required ————— 80/80  
Total Credits ————— 96

View Progress

**Pathway Eligibility**

Apprenticeship ————— 118  
College ————— 2363  
University ————— 1230  
Workplace ————— 133





# Your Family Needs to be Involved

- ▶ It's vital that you talk with your family about your course requests. That's why you need them to initial and sign your sheet before we lock in our courses.

If you are planning to take summer school, please indicate which course(s) you are intending to take

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/guardians must initial the following:**

\_\_\_\_ I have looked at the Van Tech course planning guide with my student.

\_\_\_\_ I have considered post-secondary ramifications, if appropriate.

Any questions for the counsellor? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Students and families must sign declaring their interest in these courses:**

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# Planning for life & Post-Secondary

- ▶ Grade 11 is the point where you **ABSOLUTELY** should be considering post-secondary options as you pick your courses. Use Mr. J, FIT sessions, and post-secondary planners to enhance your decision making.





# Resources & Help



- ▶ For course descriptions & the Van Tech Course Planning Guide, go here:

- ▶ <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/vancouver-technical/page/4643/course-planning>

For an overview of the current and updated “2018” grad program, go here:

- ▶ [https://drive.google.com/file/d/15zoLPPgQL\\_JniG-RH0lUkAFy-rq5M\\_W3/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/15zoLPPgQL_JniG-RH0lUkAFy-rq5M_W3/view?usp=drive_link)

- ▶ See me in person or email ([djohnston@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:djohnston@vsb.bc.ca)) to set up an appointment.



# Entering your course selections - Now Mr. J. is your hired help!

- ▶ To help ensure accurate information, all course entry will happen through Mr. J. This means students will not directly use the MyEd software.
- ▶ Want to make a change to your course choices? Email Mr. J. or come on by his office. Make sure any changes are completed by February 23, 2025.

