

Grade 12 Graduation & Beyond Presentation



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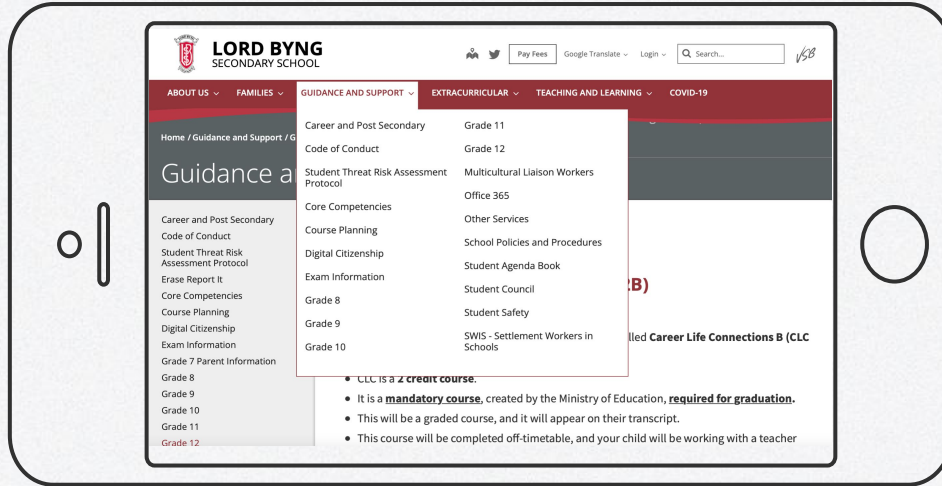
Counselling Resources

Come and meet your Counsellor!



LB Website:

Counselling Department & Grade 12 Page

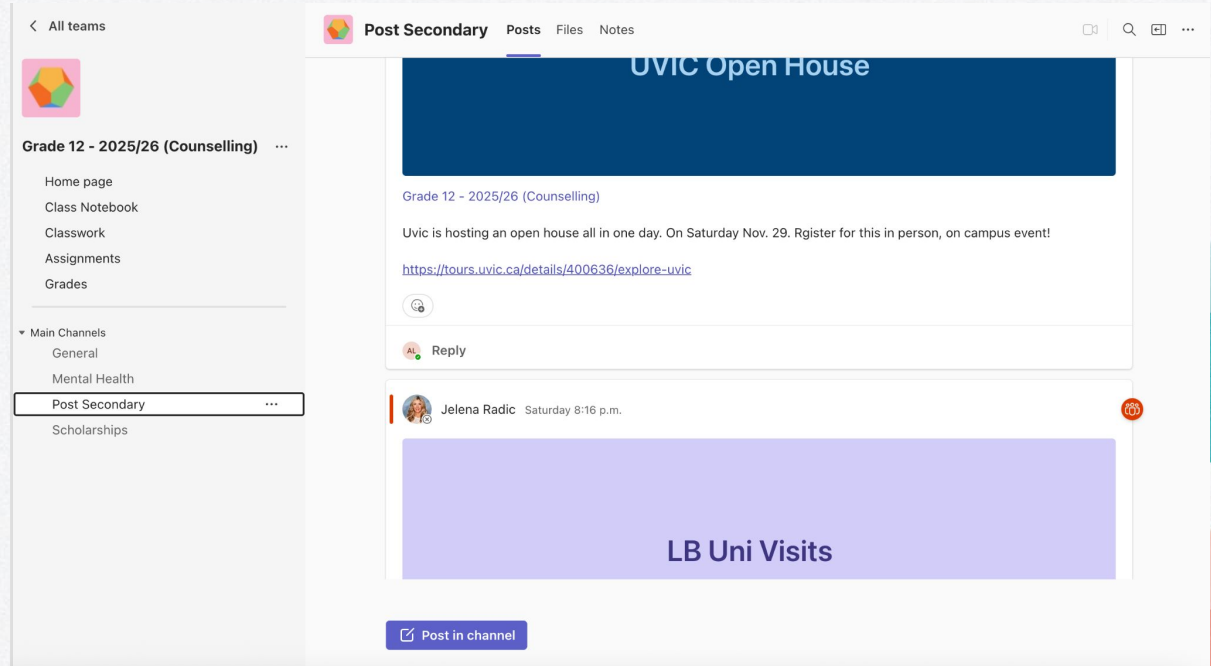


- Guidance & support links
- Course planning
- Post-secondary info
- Grad checklist
- [Lord Byng Grade 12 Page](#)

Microsoft Teams: Grade 12- 2025/26 (Counselling)

Subchannels:

- General
- Mental health
- Post-secondary
- Scholarship



Counselling Support - In Person!

- Available for students (4 Counsellors)
- Confidential: except
 - Immediate harm to self or others, report of abuse, student safety
 - We can make referrals to community resources
 - SACY worker Jessie for additional support
 - [Lord Byng Website: Mental Health Resources](#)

Here to help, connect and get to know you all!

FOUR CORE STRATEGIES FOR MANAGING STRESS AND ANXIETY

1. ATTENTION - CENTERING TECHNIQUES

To neutralize anxiety, it can often help to use techniques designed to focus attention beyond anxious thoughts.



MEDITATION



BREATHING



VISUALIZATION

2. EXPRESSIVE, CREATIVE STRATEGIES

To channel anxious thoughts or feelings in more productive ways, we might identify specific outlets to express creativity, such as working on a project, drawing, and athletics.



WORKING ON
A PROJECT



ARTS



PHYSICAL MOVEMENT

3. REFLECTION EXPLORATION STRATEGIES

To monitor where anxiety arises, become more aware of anxiety triggers, and reflect on anxious thoughts and feelings, we might try strategies that foster self-observation.



JOURNALING



SELF-MONITORING



COMMUNICATION

4. HEALTHY LIFESTYLE VALUES

To reduce residual feelings of anxiety, it could help to turn attention toward healthy habits, healthy relationships, healthy pleasures, and a healthy environment.



NUTRITION




RELATIONSHIPS



EXERCISE



School Year 2025/26



Semester System

Attendance


- Attend all classes & be on time
- Fast-paced semesters (around 20 weeks)

If ill:

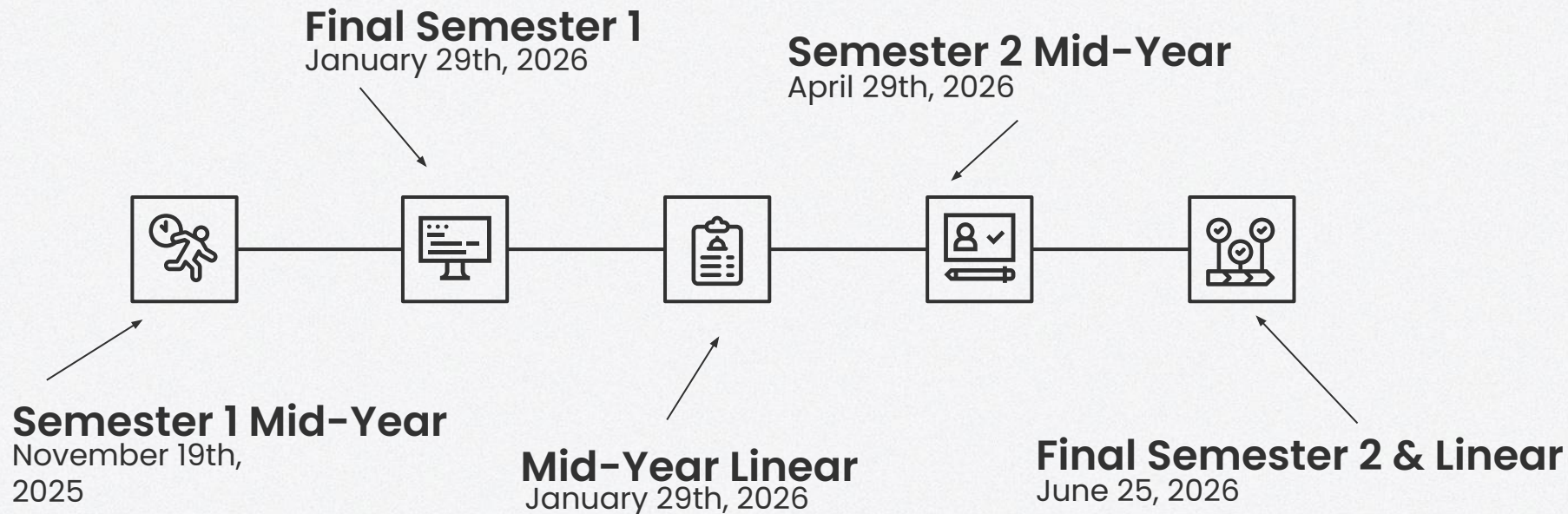
- Email Byng Absences Byngabsences@vsb.bc.ca
- Let your teacher know.
- Keep up with missed work via teams or email




Schedule: Semesters

- Semester 1: September 3, 2025 — January 23, 2026
 - Semester 1 Turnaround Days: January 26 & 27, 2026
 - Semester 2: January 28, 2026 - June 23, 2026
 - Semester 2 Turnaround Days: June 24 & 25, 2026
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Important Dates: Report Cards





Graduation Requirements

80 credits minimum



Grade 10 Requirements

- English 10 or First Peoples English 10
- Social Studies 10
- A Math 10
- Science 10
- Physical Education 10
- Career Life Education 10 (off timetable)
- Literacy & Numeracy Exam 10

Grade 11 Requirements

- Composition 11/Literary Studies 11/First Peoples English 11
- A Social Studies 11/12/BC First Peoples 12
- A Math 11
- A Science 11
- CLC 12 (Career Life Connections)(4 credits)

Grade 12 Requirements

- English 12 / AP English 12/ First Peoples Eng.12
- CLC 12 (Capstone)
- Grade 12 Literacy Assessment

Grade 12 Requirements

- 1 Fine Art or Applied Skill Elective 10,11, or 12 (4 credits)
- 4 Grade 12 courses (min. 16 credits must be Grade 12 level)
- Grade 12 students can have up to 2 study blocks

● Total Credits 80

Grad Checks

Go to the Byng website for:

- [Grad Requirements](#)
- [Grad Checklist](#)

GRAD REQUIREMENTS

To graduate, students will require 80 credits in total: 52 credits are from required courses and 28 are from elective courses. Also, at least 16 credits must be at the Grade 12 level, including a Grade 12 Language Arts course.

Required Courses	Minimum Credits
Career Life Education	4 credits
a Language Arts 10	4 credits
a Language Arts 11	4 credits
a Language Arts 12	4 credits
a Mathematics 10	4 credits
a Mathematics 11 or 12	4 credits
a Fine Arts and/or Applied Skills 10,11 or 12	4 credits
Social Studies 10	4 credits
a Social Studies 11 or 12	4 credits
Science 10	4 credits
a Science 11 or 12	4 credits
Physical Education 10	4 credits
Career Life Connections + Capstone	4 credits
Total	52 credits
Elective Courses	
Any additional Grade 10-12 equivalent of 28 credits	28 credits
Overall Total	80 credits

Career Life Connections

CLC 12 (Capstone)



- 4 credits: REQUIRED course
- Graded and on transcript
- Off-timetable
- Done in Grade 11; if missed in Grade 11 then done in Grade 12

Literacy and Numeracy Exams




- Grade 12 Literacy exam:

January 12 - 22th

- Grade 10 Numeracy and Literacy exam:

November 3 - 7 (Literacy), April 21-24 (Numeracy)

(only for gr. 11s and 12s who haven't written this yet)



Second Language Requirement

- NOT a high school graduation requirement
- If you are an ELL student you may be eligible for a Language 10, 11 and/or 12 external credits
- Universities:
 - UBC
 - In Faculty of Arts (BA), Language 12 can be helpful

Language Challenge Exams

- Applications are due by **Oct 23, 2025** to your counsellor
- Hand in to your counsellor; we must check that your application is complete
- More details are available on Byng Website: Language Challenge Exam
- [Language Challenge Exam Application](#)
- [Language Challenge Exam Website](#)

Career Opportunities

- Work Experience 11 & 12 (4 credit)
- LB school website: [Career Exploration](#)
 - Learn about work place
 - Students will acquire specific entry-level skills for employment
 - Become aware of the job requirements in chosen career field
 - Contact with potential employers
- VSB Career Programs: [VSB Career Programs](#)



Online Courses

- Online or Distance learning courses are available through many online school providers (eg. VLN, EBUS, Nides, etc)
- VLN offers many online courses ([VLN Website](#))
- UBC: 50% of course must be completed by March 15th.
Final course completions due: June 30th, 2026
- Double check for your post-secondary institution

AP Exams



- Lord Byng offers 4 AP courses
 - AP Calculus, AP Computer Science, AP French, AP Studio Art*
- LB website: AP (Advanced Placement)
- [AP Exam VSB Website](#)
- AP exam happens in May
- Universities will recognize AP marks and students can choose to go into next level if they receive a score of 4 or 5 on the AP exam
- [AP Exam Lord Byng Website](#)



Post-Secondary

Applications & Steps



University Info Options

- Look for open houses eg. BCIT
- Check Teams Post-secondary channel
- [LB Uni Visits](#)
- [CUE event](#) (Canadian Uni Event)
- [Study and Go Abroad](#)



Program Research Site

- BC: [Education Planner BC Site](#)
- ONTARIO: [Ontario Universities Info Site](#)
- OTHER PROVINCES: [University Study Site](#)



Where to Apply

- British Columbia: [Education Planner BC Site](#)
- Alberta: [Apply Alberta Website](#)
- Ontario: [Ontario Universities Application Website](#)
- Ontario Colleges: [Ontario Colleges Application Website](#)

Education Planner BC

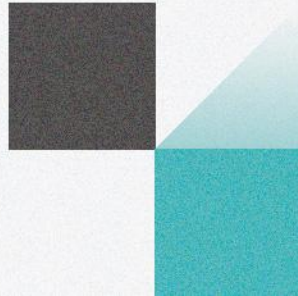
- Research different programs offered in BC post secondary institutions e.g. where are all the Nursing programs in BC
- Do a test to see what you are most suited for
- Look at different career options (eg. Salary grid for various professions)
- Apply to BC post secondary schools
- [Education Planner BC Site](#)



University Applications



- Every University is a little different so make sure to read their requirements
- Each Faculty has specific requirements



University Applications



- Generally English 12 PLUS 3 other Academically Approved Grade 12 Courses (Uvic, Queens)
- Each University has a list of Academically Approved Courses
- Some Universities look at 5 grade 12 academic courses (eg. McGill, UoA, Western), some look at 6 (eg. UoT, Waterloo)
- UBC broad evaluation (4 different areas)
- SFU follows UBC evaluation model
- Grade 11 marks used when Grade 12 marks are not available

Post Secondary Exams


- TOEFL - [TOEFL Website](#)
 - BC Universities vary - generally not required for students with 3 years of instruction in English. Confirm with each University.
- IELTS - [IELTS Canada Website](#)
 - Another option instead of TOEFL
- SAT - [College Board Website](#)
 - A requirement for American Universities/Colleges for 1st year students
 - If you are thinking of attending a school in the US, you must write the SAT or ACT (*many universities are test optional now)

College Requirements

- BC College acceptance: 1st come 1st serve basis, so apply online asap to secure your spot
- Many colleges open applications on Oct. 1st
- Certain programs have specific course requirements
e.g. Nursing
- Colleges offer upgrading opportunities
e.g. Taking Grade 12 courses


College to University Transfer



- University Transfer = start studying at College then transfer to University to complete your studies.
 - University will recognize the education you took at College
 - Your final Diploma will only note where you graduated from; (eg. UBC, not Langara then UBC)
 - Make sure you look at Transfer Guide:
 - [BC Transfer Guide Website](#)
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College to University Transfer



- Admissions averages to transfer from College into University are lower than averages directly from High school
 - 1 year = Certificate
 - 2 years = Diploma
 - 2 years = Associate Degree (insures full transfer credit)
 - 2 years of College + 2 years of University = Bachelor Degree
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Step 1.

- Apply
(Fill out the application)
 - Common sites like
OUAC or Education
Planner BC
 - Choose
program/Faculty you
are applying for
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Step 2.

- BCellD/STS
- Send/order your
transcript to all
post-secondaries that
you applied for (step
1.)

BCeID/Student Transcript Site

- Sign up for BCeID using:
 - Personal Education Number (PEN)
 - Full legal name
 - Date of birth
 - Email address
- More instructions: [Lord Byng Website: High School Transcript/BCeID](#)

BCeID/STS

- ▶ British Columbia Training and Education Savings Grant
- ▶ BC's Education Plan
- ▶ B.C.-Quebec Exchange Program
- ▶ Curriculum & Assessment
- ▶ Diverse Student Needs
- ▶ Full Day Kindergarten
- ▶ Graduation
- ▶ School Completion Certificate Program
- ▶ Student Safety & Wellness
- ▶ International Education
- ▶ MyEducation BC
- ▶ Personal Education Number (PEN)
- ▶ Student Learning Survey
- ▶ Provincial Scholarships Program
- ▶ Student Disputes & Appeals
- ▶ **Order Transcripts & Certificates**
- ▶ Transcripts
- ▶ Certificates
- ▶ GED®
- ▶ StudentTranscripts Services Help

Order Transcripts & Certificates

Transcripts & Certificates Available for Online Ordering

The Ministry of Education has your transcript or certificate if you attended a B.C. or Yukon secondary school and you:

Transcripts

- Graduated after **1985** or
- Completed a grade 12 course after **1986** or
- Attended grade 12 prior to **1974** in the University Entrance or Academic-Technical Program

Certificates

- Graduated in British Columbia after 1985

If the Ministry does not have your transcript or certificate, please contact your [school of record](#) or [district office](#).

General Education Development (GED®)

- The GED® program ended in 2014. You can order a transcript or certificate from 1973 to 2014

Ordering Your Transcript or Certificate Through the StudentTranscripts Service (STS)

Option One: If you have a Personal Education Number (PEN)

You will have a [PEN](#) if you attended a B.C. K-12 school after 1993 or wrote a B.C. Provincial Exam starting in 1986.

To access the StudentTranscripts Service for the first time you will need to create a BCeID.

[Log in with BCeID](#)

[Sign Up for a BCeID](#)

StudentTranscripts Service

StudentTranscripts

You can use the StudentTranscripts Service (STS) to:

- View or order your secondary school transcript
- Send your secondary school transcripts to post-secondary institutions
- Order your graduation certificate
- View your scholarships
- View your provincial exam or graduation assessment results

How do I Find My PEN?

You can find your nine-digit PEN by:

- Checking your student records or your report card
- Requesting it from the last school you attended
- [Submitting a PEN request to the Ministry of Education](#)

Collection Notice

The StudentTranscripts application collects personal information for the purposes of verification to authorize



STS Website

- Log into STS once you have set up your BCeID
- **View** your secondary **school transcript**
- **Send/order** your **transcript** to post-secondary institution or yourself or to an employer
- **View** your **scholarships**
- **View** your **literacy or numeracy exam results**

Send/Order Transcripts on STS


- Students can send their transcript information to a number of post secondary institutions (PSI) within Canada & Internationally
- This is done on STS website using your BCeID to log in
- ALREADY OPEN/AVAILABLE
- SEND AFTER YOU APPLY TO VARIOUS UNIVERSITIES/Colleges

Step 3. Self-Reporting

- Complete online form by typing in your grades when self reporting portal opens
- Or Upload transcript/report card as instructed by University
- Do NOT use mobile devices for application
- Report Semester 1 or 2 marks
- Some Uni. Eg. SFU allows you to go in multiple times and adjust your self-reporting
- BC schools (eg. UBC, SFU) = no self reporting; they have access to STS
- Universities will check your self-reported marks through STS
- Admissions averages typically start high and lower as June approaches



Step 4.


- Hand in any supporting documents if needed.
 - Use your Uni portal eg. Solus for Queens
 - Wait for an offer: will appear on Uni portal
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Step 5.


- Make a decision.
- Pay deposit.
- Register for your 1st year courses.



Scholarships



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Scholarships & Other Funding

- [LB Scholarship page](#)
- Gr. 12 Teams Sub channel: [Scholarships](#)

Scholarships & Other Funding

- Post Secondary Schools Scholarships
- Automatic Entrance Scholarships
- Provincial Scholarships (see next slide)
- Affiliation Scholarships (talk to your family)
- Bursaries (based on financial need)
- LB School Awards (scholarship committee)
- School Sponsored Scholarships

Provincial Scholarships

- District/Authority Scholarships: 5500 @ \$1250 ea.
(school selected - no application)
- BC Achievement Scholarships: 8000 @ \$1250 ea.
(automatic; no application; based on marks)
- BC Excellence Scholarships: 55 @ \$5000 each
(school nomination - open to all to apply)
- Pathway to Teacher Education: 20 at \$5000 each
(open to all to apply)

Scholarships & Other Funding

- [Provincial Scholarships Website](#) (District Dogwood Scholarships)
- [Education Planner BC - Scholarships](#) (Grants, bursaries)
- [StudentAidBC](#) (Loans, grants, scholarships)
- [ScholarTree](#) (Sign up, free scholarship matching)
- [Scholarships Canada Website](#) (Sign-up, receive scholarship opportunities)
- [Student Scholarships Website](#) (Sign-up, receive scholarship opportunities)
- [Student Awards Website](#) (Sign-up, receive scholarship opportunities)

Scholarships & Other Funding

Big Ones:

- Loran Scholars Award ([Loran Scholars Award](#))
 - Total value: 34 awards at \$100,000
 - Due: October 16, 2025
- Schulich Leader Scholarships ([Schulich Leaders Scholarship](#))
 - Engineering: 50 at \$120,000 each
 - Science, Technology, and Mathematics: 50 at \$120,000 each
 - High school submits nominee: January 28th, 2026.

Thanks!

Any Qs?

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