



**Grade 9  
going into  
Grade 10**

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Course Planning



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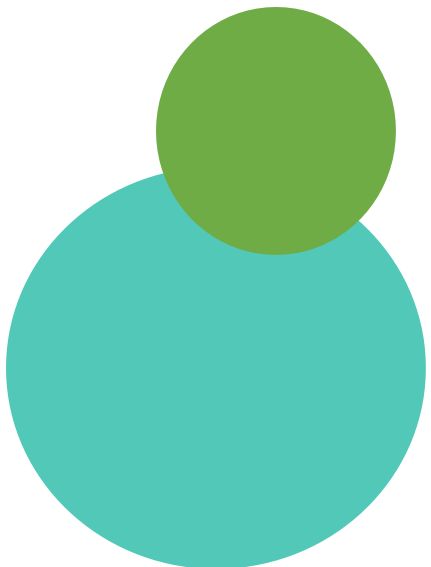
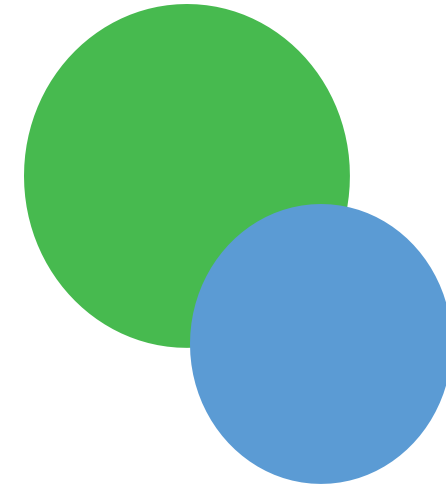
## Land Acknowledgement

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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>əyəm (Musqueam), Sk̓wxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səliiwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

# Who is Your Counsellor?

Last Name	Counsellor
A to G	Ms. Milinazzo
H to L	Ms. Radic
M to T	Ms. Schumacher
U to Z	Ms. Davies and Ms. Smith (Ms. Vanderklippe)



# ROAD MAP

## Course Planning 2025-2026



### STEP 1

- Student Presentation: **Thurs. Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> Per. 2**
- Everything students need to know about course selection
- This power point presentation will be uploaded to the school website



### STEP 2

- Parent Info Session: **Thurs. Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>** 5 – 6 pm 🙄
- This power point presentation will be uploaded to the school website



### STEP 3

- Students self-reflect/Discuss options with family, teachers, peers
- Read course descriptions/Dream of the future/Consider balance
- Ensure they can log in and use MyEd



### STEP 4

- Students input their **Course Requests in MyEdBC** by Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at home starting **Friday Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>**



### STEP 5

- Reach out to your counsellor for additional assistance if needed

# The Lord Byng website is your friend!

## [Course Planning Lord Byng](#)

- [2025 - 2026 Byng Course Planning Guide](#) (includes course descriptions)
- Course planning presentations for each grade (this one, and other grades if you'd like to look ahead)
- [Graduation Requirements](#)
- [MyEd BC Instructions for Student Course Requests Entry](#)
- [Email Staff Directory](#)



# Dogwood Diploma

The B.C. Certificate of Graduation or "Dogwood Diploma" is awarded to students who successfully complete the provincial graduation requirements.

Students require a minimum of 80 credits to graduate.

Of these 80 credits:

- At least 16 credits must be at the Grade 12 level, including a required Language Arts 12 and Career Life Connections
- At least 28 credits must be elective course credits
- Effective July 1, 2023: At least 4 credits must have an Indigenous focus.
- 52 credits are required from the following:
  - Career-Life Education (4 credits), and Career-Life Connections (4 credits)
  - 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 (4 credits)
  - A Language Arts 10, 11 and a required 12 (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)

In addition, students must also complete three graduation assessments:

The Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment was introduced in 2018

The Grade 10 Literacy Assessment was introduced in 2019/20





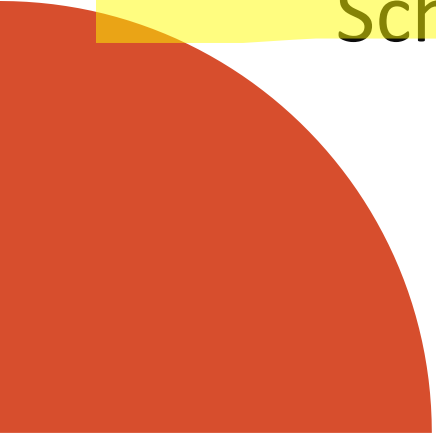
The Grade 12 Literacy Assessment will be introduced in 2021/22

Check out LB school website: [Graduation Requirements](#)



# Questions about Graduation

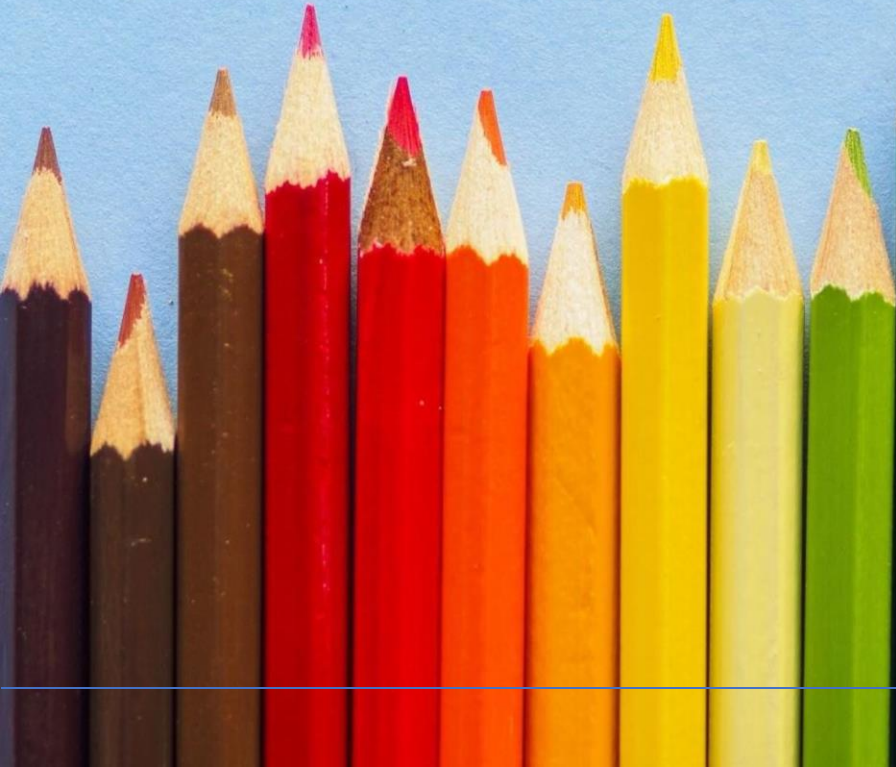


- Ministry of Education Website: [Ministry Website](#)
  - LB School Website: [Lord Byng Course Planning](#)
  - Note: University Requirements are different from High School Graduation requirements
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NOTE: Grad requirements start in grade 10 including Literacy and Numeracy Assessments; Gr. 10 courses count towards graduation

# Grade 10 Courses

1. English 10 Lit Studies and Comp./English First Peoples 10 – Lit Studies and Writing/Byng Arts English First Peoples 10
2. Social Studies 10
3. Math 10 – Pre-calculus focus or Foundations focus
4. Science 10
5. PHE 10/PHE Dance 10/PHE 10 Fitness
6. Career Life Education 10 – Off Timetable
7. Language 10/Skills/Elective
8. Elective
9. Elective
- Other Off Timetable courses e.g., Choir





# LORD BYNG ENGLISH COURSES (Revised 2024 December 12)

## English Course Options to Fulfill REQUIREMENTS

Select ONE course at each grade level to fulfill your Language Arts requirements.

English 8	OR	English 8 (Byng Arts)		
English 9	OR	English 9 (Byng Arts)		
English 10: Literary Studies & Composition	OR	English First Peoples 10: Literary Studies & Writing	OR	English First Peoples 10: Literary Studies & Writing (Byng Arts)
Literary Studies 11	OR	English First Peoples 11: Literary Studies & Writing	OR	Literary Studies 11 (AP Preparation)
English Studies 12	OR	English First Peoples 12	OR	English Studies 12 (AP Preparation)

BLUE boxes are courses for students in the MAIN SCHOOL.

YELLOW boxes are courses for students in BYNG ARTS.

GREEN boxes are courses open to ALL Gr 11 & 12 students, in the MAIN SCHOOL and in BYNG ARTS.

ORANGE font courses are in the English First Peoples stream. Any one of these courses will fulfill the Indigenous-focused graduation requirement.

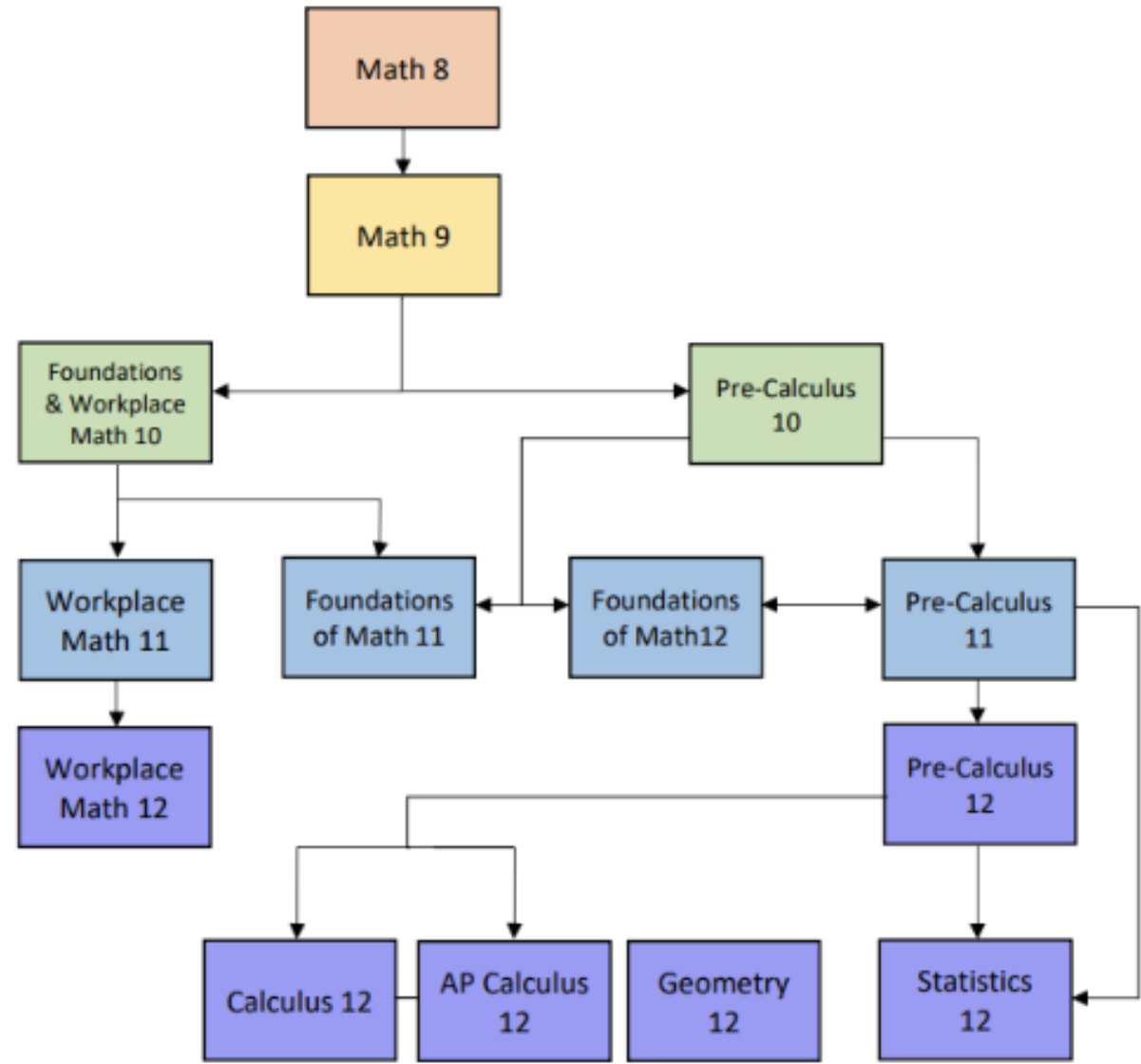
## Senior English ELECTIVES

- Open to ALL students in Grades 11 & 12, both Main School and Byng Arts.
- Teacher permission is NOT required.
- CANNOT be used to replace a Grade 11 or Grade 12 Language Arts graduation requirement (e.g., English Studies 12).
- Literary Studies 12: British Literature counts as an approved academic course for university admission.
- Creative Writing 12 is accepted by some universities as an academic course.
- If these courses are oversubscribed, priority goes to Grade 12s. Students in the Main School and in Byng Arts will get equity of access.

Literary Studies 12:  
British Literature

Creative Writing 12

# Pathways for Math



# Benefits of Taking a Language Class

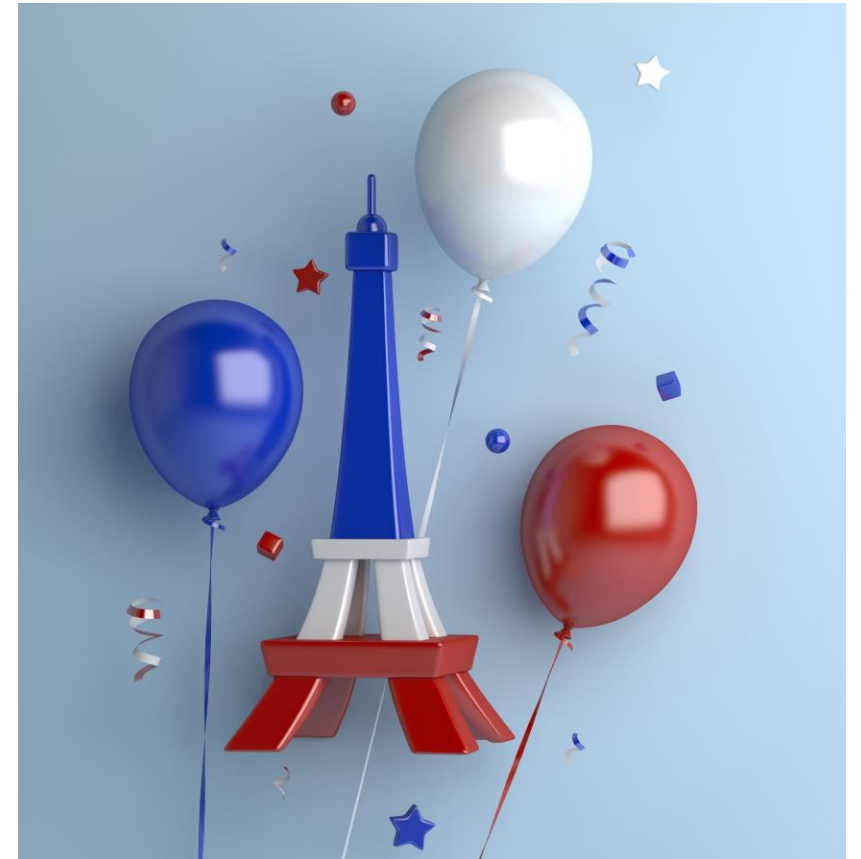
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## What do your peers say about the benefits of continuing with a language to an advanced level:

- Want to continue in future learning, for personal interest
- Learn a new world of culture, language and different perspectives
- Nice to complete a language up to Grade 12, to see it through and further knowledge of language
- Good to know how to speak to family or friends who speak the language
- Even if not required, universities like seeing a language
- French language will be helpful in terms of finding job opportunities in Canada as well as travelling in other countries/interacting with others through French.
- It sometimes is a requirement to get into some universities in the US

## Other Benefits:

- French is required to work for the Federal Government
- You become smarter-it develops new neural pathways in your brain and can reduce the risk of Dementia and Alzheimer in advanced age
- You get to participate in interesting workshops and field trips and eat delicious food from other cultures!



# SKILLS

*A skills block provides students with support throughout one semester*

You must already be in a Skills block to sign up for one next year

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# BYNG ARTS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MVIYpNNx00w>

Mr. Hartley-Folz and your counsellor are  
your best contacts!

[Byng Arts Mini Program](#)

# BYNG ARTS: Core courses

English First Peoples 10 Byng Arts

Social Studies 10

Science 10

Math 10 – One of Principles or Foundations Math 10

Language 10/ Skills 10/ Elective 10

Physical and Health Education 10 or Physical  
and Health Education 10 Dance or Fitness 10

Career Life Education 10 (Off time-table)

# BYNG ARTS: Electives -

Visual Arts

Drama

Band

Choir

Strings

Media

Music

A diagram consisting of three blue lines that originate from the words 'Band', 'Choir', and 'Strings' and converge to point towards the word 'Music'.

Choose the BA electives:

- Gr.10 Visual Arts: *Honours Art 10* and 1 more Visual Art course
- Gr.10 Drama: *Drama 10: Studio Performance plus one Drama 10 elective*
- Gr.10 Music: *Band and Strings: at least 2 Music courses (one on timetable)*
- Gr.10 Media Arts *Media Arts 10 Advanced and Drama 10 or Animation 10*

# Course Planning Guide (pp. 16 - 17)

## Byng Arts Mini School

Byng Arts Program Coordinator:

Mr. J. Hartley-Folz

Website: [byng2.vsb.bc.ca/byngarts/](http://byng2.vsb.bc.ca/byngarts/)

Email: [byngarts@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:byngarts@vsb.bc.ca)

### Program Description

Byng Arts operates as a school-within-a-school and is a community of staff, students, and parents within the larger artistic and academic communities in Vancouver. Successful applicants to Byng Arts will be students who not only direct their energy and passions towards the Fine Arts, but who are also curious, self-motivated, and have demonstrated a record of strong academic achievement.

Students in Byng Arts will have a Fine Art specialization in one of the following areas: Band, Choir, Drama, Media Arts, Strings, or Visual Arts. After Grade 10, further opportunities are available in Literary Arts. Students attend several of their academic classes together as a cohort of motivated learners – English and Social Studies classes are especially streamed for this reason and students must attend these classes with their classmates as part of the program.

In addition to an enriched curriculum, all students in Byng Arts participate in events, which feature community artists, musicians, and performers. These events strengthen the collaboration between Byng and the professional arts community. Student participation is recorded in their Byng Arts Passport and is a mandatory part of their program at Byng Arts.

### Grade 8 Program

- Specialization in one of the following: Band, Choir, Drama, Media Arts, Strings, or Visual Arts
- Streamed in: English and Social Studies
- Streamed in Visual Arts, Media and Drama; Choir, Strings and Band are integrated with other music classes at the appropriate level
- Integrated with main school for French, Mathematics, Physical Education and an Applied Skills/Arts rotation

### Grade 9 & 10 Course Planning Instructions

#### Program Features:

- Specialization in one of the following: Band, Choir, Drama, Media Arts, Strings, or Visual Arts
- Grouped together for English and Social Studies. Students are expected to complete these courses at Byng, as part of their mini-school program (summer school classes and/or online programs impact our ability to offer our programs). Students may be removed from the mini school if they do not follow expectations.
- Students are integrated with main school in French/Spanish, Mathematics and Physical Education
- Integrated with main school for other electives in Applied Skills or Fine Arts

### Course Selection for Grade 9 and Grade 10:

Grade 9	Grade 10
English 9: Byng Arts	English 10: Byng Arts
Socials 9: Byng Arts	Socials 10: Byng Arts
Science 9	Science 10
PE 9, Fitness 9 or Dance 9	PE 10, Fitness 10 or Dance 10
Mathematics	Mathematics
*FR9 or higher	FR10 or higher or Spanish 10
or *another elective from Table A below	
Fine Arts Specialty: Chosen from Table A below	
Fine Arts Elective: Chosen from Table A below	

#### Notes:

1. Students who have been given permission by the Byng Arts Coordinators to take another elective may select from Table A instead of French 9. Students are encouraged to explore other Fine Arts disciplines.

Table A Fine Arts Specialty Classes & Electives (\*Instructor permission required)

<p><b>BAND</b> First chose the appropriate level of Concert Band (check with instructor if you are not sure) Music 9/10: Band 2 Junior or Band 3 Intermediate or *Band 4 Senior Wind Ensemble</p> <p>Then add where appropriate: Music 9/10: Symphony *Junior or *Senior and/or *Music 9/10: Jazz Band 2 Junior, Jazz Band 3 Intermediate, or Jazz Band 4 Senior</p>	<p><b>CHOIR</b> First chose the appropriate level of Concert Choir (check with instructor if you are not sure) Music 9/10: Choir 2 Junior or Choir 3 Intermediate or Choir 4 Senior</p> <p>Then add where appropriate: *Music 9/10 Chamber Choir (Junior, Senior) and/or Contemporary Music 10: Treble Vocal Ensemble</p>
<p><b>DRAMA</b> Drama 9 and *Drama 9: Theatre Arts</p> <p>Studio Performance 10 plus one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• *Theatre Production 10: Coaching or</li> <li>• Theatre Production 10: Production Lab or</li> <li>• Drama 10 or</li> <li>• Media Arts 10</li> </ul>	<p><b>MEDIA ARTS</b> Media Arts 9 Advanced and Photography 9</p> <p>Media Arts 10 Advanced plus one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theatre Production 10: Directing &amp; Script Development or</li> <li>• Drama 10 or</li> <li>• Animation 10</li> </ul>
<p><b>STRINGS</b> First chose the appropriate level of Orchestral Strings (check with instructor if you are not sure) Music 9/10: Orchestral Strings 2 Junior or Orchestral Strings 3 Intermediate or *Orchestral Strings 4 Senior</p> <p>Then add where appropriate: Music 9/10: Orchestra *Junior Honours or *Senior Honours and/or Music 9/10: Symphony *Junior or *Senior</p>	<p><b>VISUAL ARTS</b> All visual arts students must enroll in Honours Art</p> <p>*Art 9: Byng Arts Honours *Art 10: Byng Arts Honours</p> <p>Then choose another Visual Art elective from the list below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Animation 9/Media Design 10 (Animation)</li> <li>Art Studio 9/10: Year 1 to 3</li> <li>Art 9/10: Studio Arts 3D Intro, Adv (Ceramics)</li> <li>Art 11/12: Graphic Arts (open to Grade 9&amp;10)</li> <li>Annual Production 10</li> <li>Art Metal 10: Intro or Advanced</li> <li>Jewelry 9/10</li> <li>Photography 9/10: Beginner or Advanced</li> <li>Textiles 9/10: Year 1 to 2</li> </ul>



# Best Advice...

What are YOU passionate about? What makes YOU curious?

Avoid making choices based on what your friends are doing

Take the time to read the Course Planning Booklet thoughtfully.

Talk to teachers. They can tell you what to expect from their courses.

Make a back-up plan— Provide 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices alternatives!

Course changes are unlikely in September. Think it over and make meaningful choices.

# Grade 10 electives

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## **Modern Languages**

French 10

Spanish 10

Japanese 10

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## **BAND**

- Music 10: Band Concert 1 Beginner
- Music 10: Band 2 Junior\*
- Music 10: Band 3 Intermediate\*

### ***Off-timetable***

- Music 10: Band 4 Senior Wind\*
- Music 10: Jazz Band 2 Junior\*
- Music 10: Jazz Band 3 Intrm. \*
- Music 10: Jazz Band 4 Senior\*

\* Ensure you have the pre/co-requisite, or written permission from the instructor, as outlined in the Lord Byng Course Planning Guide

## **CHOIR**

- Music 10: Choir 2 Junior
- Music 10: Choir 3 Intermediate\*
- Music 10: Choir 4 Senior\*
- Contemporary Music 10/11/12: Treble Vocal Ensemble\*

## **Off-Timetable**

- Music 10: Junior Chamber Choir\*

## STRINGS & SYMPHONY

- Music 10: String Orchestra 1 Beginner
- Music 10: String Orchestra 2 Junior\*
- Music 10: String Orchestra 3 Intermediate\*
- Music 10: String Orchestra 4 Senior\*

### ***Off-Timetable***

- Music 10: Orchestra Junior Honor\*
- Music 10: Orchestra Senior Honor\*
- Music 10: Symphony Junior\*
- Music 10: Symphony Senior\*

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## **DRAMA, FILM & MEDIA ARTS**

- Drama 10
- Drama 10: BA Theatre Performance\*
- Drama 10: BA Theatre Coaching\*
- Visual Arts 10: Media Arts Intro/Intermediate
- Visual Arts 10: Media Arts Advanced\*

\* Ensure you have the pre/co-requisite, or written permission from the instructor, as outlined in the Lord Byng Course Planning Guide

## VISUAL ART

- Media Design 10 Animation
- Annual Production 10\*
- Art Studio 10: Year 1
- Art Studio 10: Year 2/3
- Studio Arts 10: Byng Arts Honors\*
- Studio Arts 3D 10 Ceramics Year 1 or 2/3\*
- Photography 10: Introduction or Advanced



\* Ensure you have the pre/co-requisite, or written permission from the instructor, as outlined in the Lord Byng Course Planning Guide

## **BUSINESS EDUCATION**

- Entrepreneurship and Marketing 10

## **INFORMATION & COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY**

- Computer Studies 10

\* Ensure you have the pre/co-requisite, or written permission from the instructor, as outlined in the Lord Byng Course Planning Guide

## **HOME ECONOMICS**

- Food Studies 10
- Textiles 10

## **TECHNICAL STUDIES**

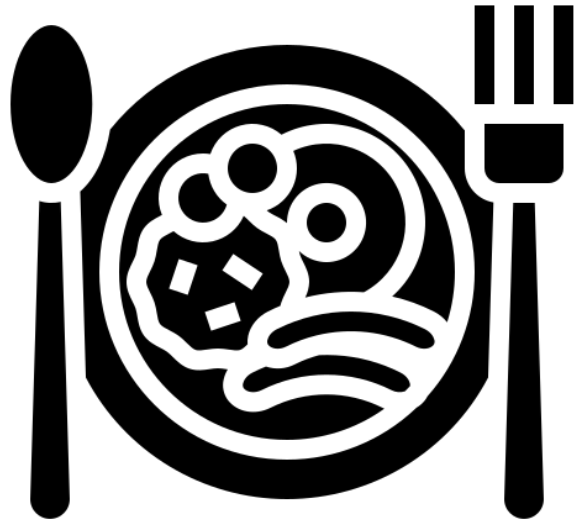
- Metalwork 10
- Drafting 10
- Metalwork Jewelry 10
- Woodworking 10

Bicycle Mechanics and Cycling 11

# New next year – 2 Off timetable courses

Both courses will be offered Wednesday afternoon 3:15 – 6:15

Foods 9/10  
Sem. 1



Bicycle Mechanics 9-12  
Sem. 2

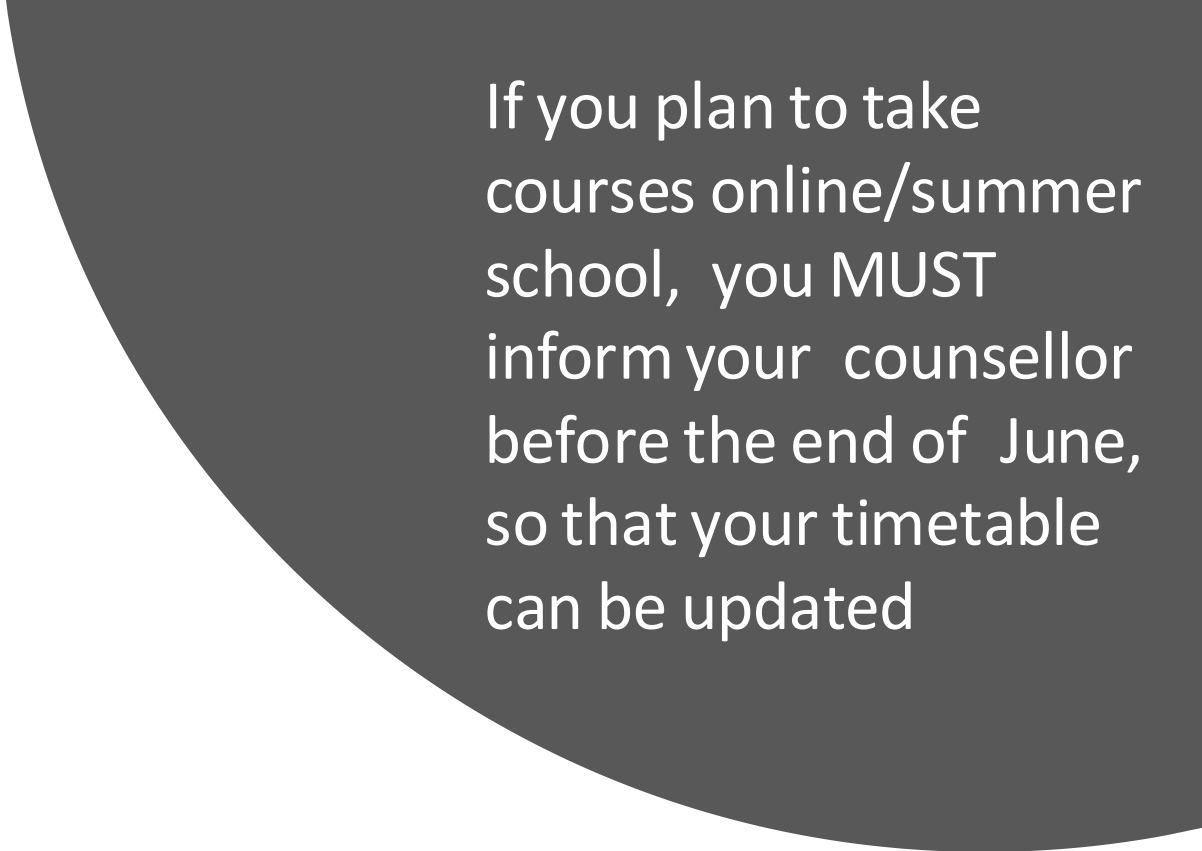


# Entering Course Requests into MyEd

The screenshot displays the MyEducationBC web application interface. At the top left is the British Columbia logo and the text "BRITISH COLUMBIA MyEducationBC". At the top right are links for "Set Preferences" and "Log Off", and the text "Student View". Below the header is a navigation bar with "Pages" and "My Info" (highlighted with a red circle and the number 1). Underneath are "Options", "Reports", and "Help". A search bar labeled "Search on CrsNo" is on the right with icons for search, filter, and grid. The main content area is titled "Requests". On the left is a sidebar with "My Details", "Current Schedule", and "Requests Details" (highlighted with a red circle and the number 2). The main content area shows a summary: "<< Exit entry mode", a greyed-out name, and "Requests: 1 primary, 0 alternate - Scheduled: 0% - Credits: 0.0". Below this is a yellow "Instructions" box with the text "Hello Next Year's Grade" and a blue link. At the bottom, it says "Select the courses that you would like to take next year."



**DUE: February 19th**



If you plan to take courses online/summer school, you **MUST** inform your counsellor before the end of June, so that your timetable can be updated

**Course Requests in MyEd from home starting now until Wednesday, February 19th.**



# Next steps:

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- Look through the [Planning Guide online](#) and the [Course Codes on the Lord Byng Planning website](#)
- **Know how to log-in on MyEd BC.** See Ms. Tichelman in the Main Office if you are unable to log in or you need to reset your password.
- Enter your course requests in MyEd **between Feb 7th and Feb 19th**
- **Reach out to your counsellor** before Feb. 13th if you are having difficulties

# To do by February 19th :

Enter course selection requests in MyEd

- ❖ [MyEd BC Instructions for Student Course Requests Entry](#) by step on how to do this
  - ❖ Open for students from NOW – Feb. 19th



The screenshot shows a login interface for 'MyEducation BC Prod 7'. It features a 'Login ID' field, a 'Password' field, and a 'Log On' button. A link for 'I forgot my password' is located below the password field.



# Qs about Graduation?

- Ministry of Education Website: [Ministry Website](#)
- LB School website: [Lord Byng Course Planning](#)
- **NOTE**: University Requirements are DIFFERENT than high school graduation requirements!





# Questions????

- **LORD BYNG WEBSITE**
- **PARENTS**
- **PCs**
- **TEACHERS, SIBLINGS, FRIENDS**
- **YOUR COUNSELLORS**

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