



**Grade 9
going into
Grade 10**

Course Planning



Land Acknowledgement

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Siwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

ROAD MAP

Course

Planning

2026-2027

STEP 1

Student Presentation: **Wednesday January 14th**

Everything students need to know about course selection
MyEd portal will open January 15th

STEP 2

- This power point presentation will be uploaded to the school website
- Parent Info Session: **Thursday. January 15th**

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 MyEd**
by January 26th at 9AM (semester turnaround days)



STEP 5

Counsellors are available every FIT next week in room 213.
Feel free to come and ask questions or do your course selection there.



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](#)

Who is Your Counsellor?

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

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

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 /Resource/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.

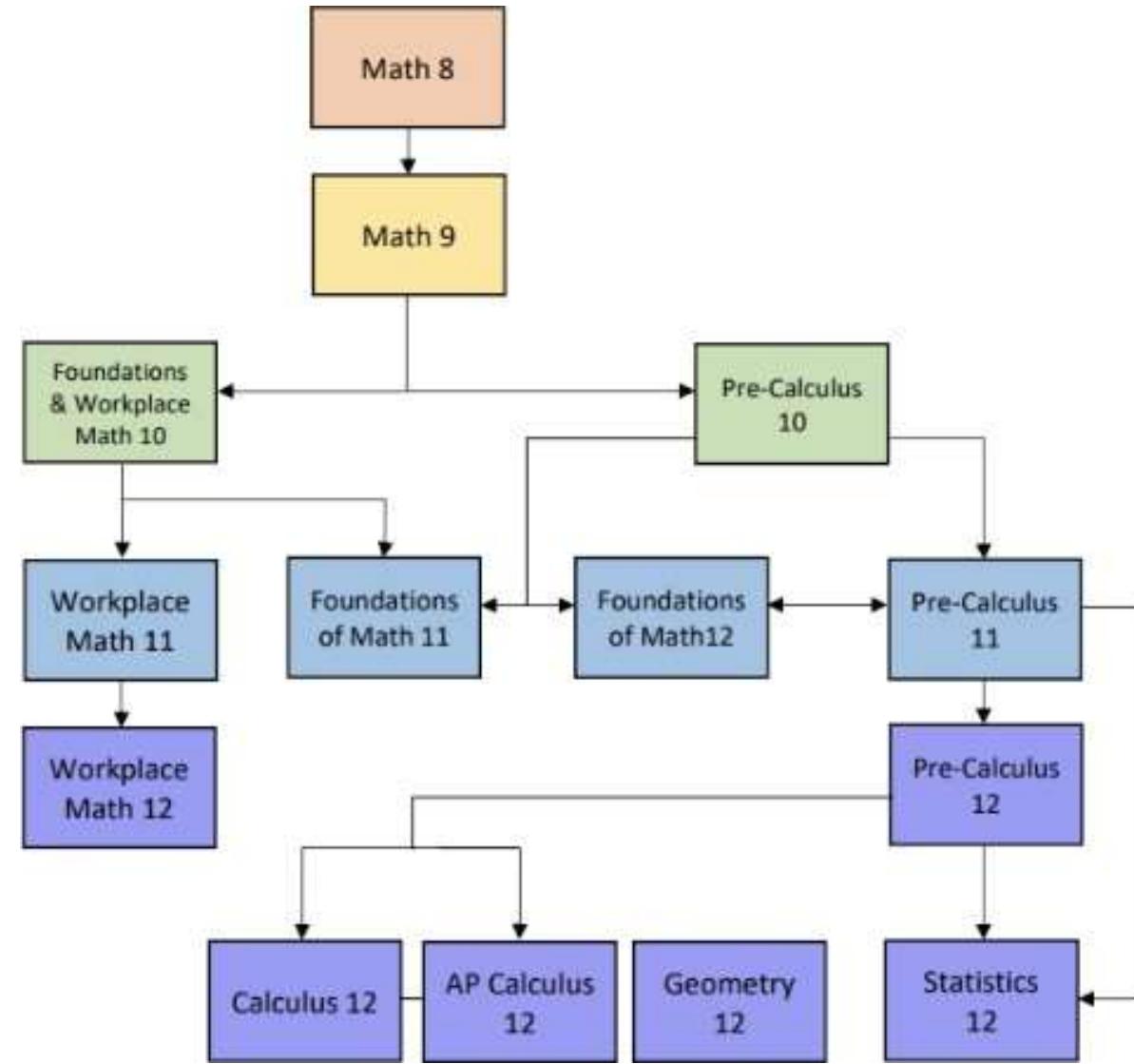
Senior English ELECTIVES

- 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



Why take a modern language?

- Academic course that counts towards your diploma and post secondary options
- Good for your brain! Language learning strengthens critical thinking, problem solving, memory and focus
- Learn a new world of culture, language and different perspectives
- Opens doors for employment

ELL Students



ELL teachers will advise counsellors of your ELL placement for next year.

For course planning –Read the information in MyEd about how many spots to leave in your timetable for ELL courses

Resource Support/ Learning Hub

A resource block provides students with support throughout one semester

Please talk to your counsellor if you think this is something you might benefit from

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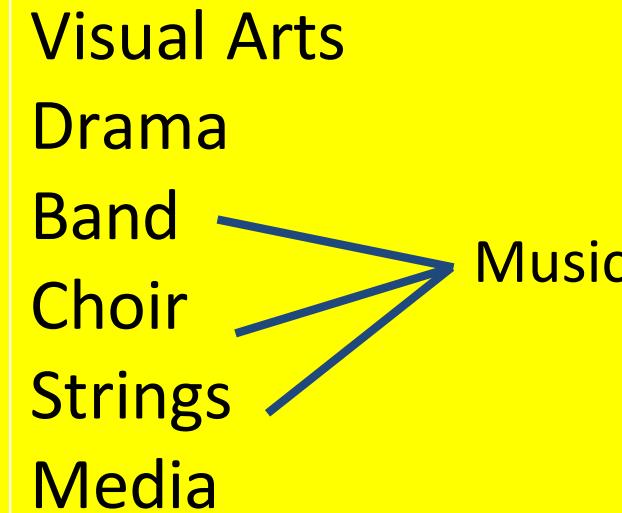
BYNG ARTS

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

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

[Byng Arts Mini Program](#)

BYNG ARTS: Electives -



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

Best Advice...

What are YOU interested in?
What makes YOU curious?

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

Avoid making choices based on what your friends are doing

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

Take the time to read the course planning booklet thoughtfully.

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

Grade 10 electives

Modern Languages

French 10

Spanish 10

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

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*

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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*

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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

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BUSINESS EDUCATION

- Entrepreneurship and Marketing 10

INFORMATION & COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

- Computer Studies 10

PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION

- Basketball PE (Off Timetable AM)

HOME ECONOMICS

- Food Studies 10 (also available off time table)
- Textiles 10
- Fabric Arts 10

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TECHNICAL STUDIES

- Metalwork 10
- Drafting 10
- Metalwork Jewelry 10
- Woodworking 10
- Bicycle Mechanics and Cycling 11 (Off time table)

SUMMER SCHOOL

Registration online in April 30 at noon

SECONDARY PROGRAMS

Review, Preview (Grades 8 & 9)

Remedial (Grades 10 & 11)

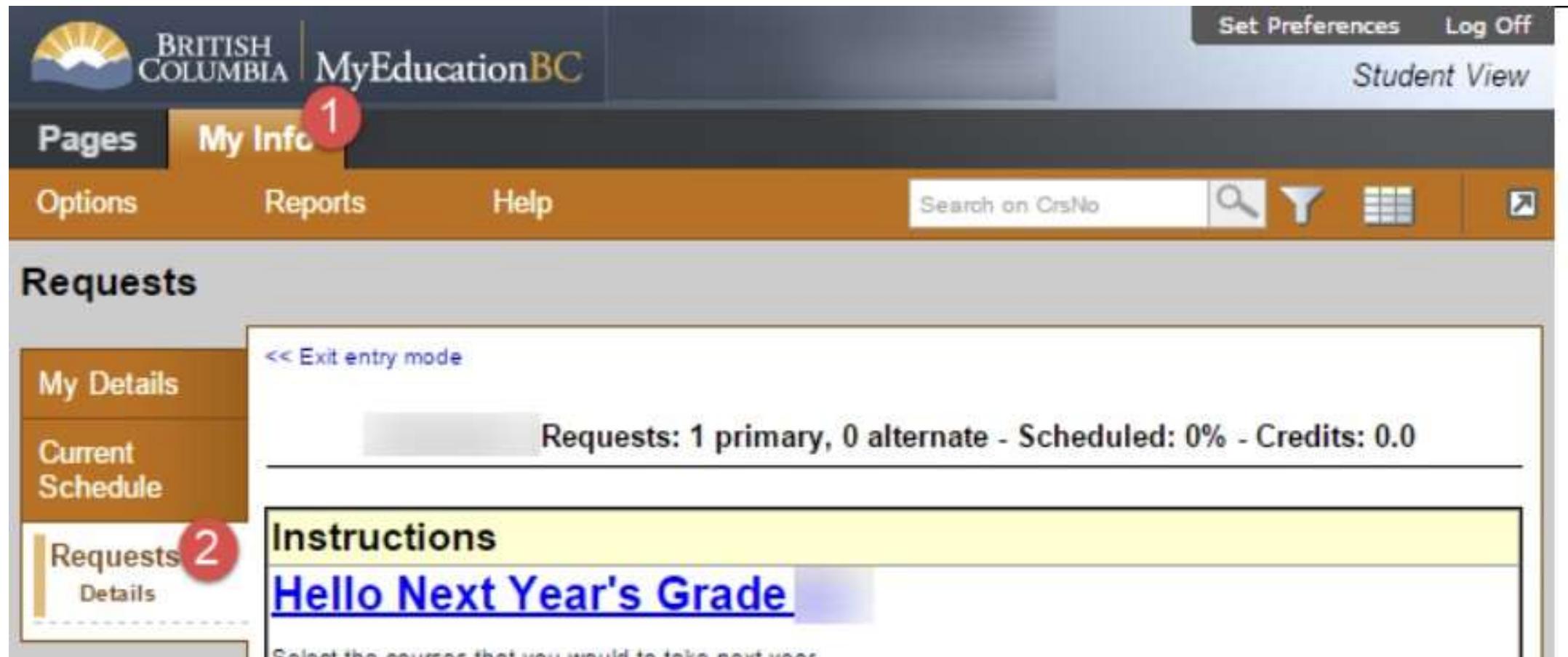
Completion (grades 10-12)

ELL Reading & Writing

If you plan to take courses online/summer school, you MUST include that in your course planning (i.e. don't put in Math 10 if you are going to take it online or over the summer)



Entering Course Requests into MyEd



BRITISH COLUMBIA MyEducationBC

Set Preferences Log Off

Student View

Pages My Info 1

Options Reports Help

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Requests

My Details

Current Schedule

Requests 2 Details

<< Exit entry mode

Requests: 1 primary, 0 alternate - Scheduled: 0% - Credits: 0.0

Instructions

Hello Next Year's Grade

Select the courses that you would like to take next year.

Questions?

We are here to help!

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Also LB website, parents, PCs, and teachers are great
resources