

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must earn the minimum number of credits required to fulfill one of the four ways to graduate in B.C.

Policy

I. 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 (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 Literacy Assessment.
- Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment.
- Grade 12 Literacy Assessment.

II. For French Immersion/Francophone Dual Dogwood

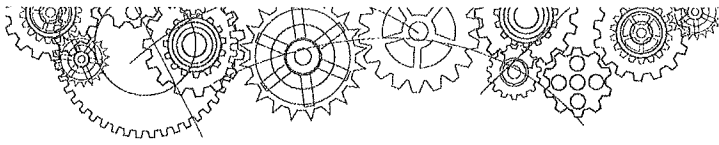
French Immersion Dual Dogwood

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).
- Français langue seconde-immersion 12 (4 credits).
- At least 12 additional credits in Grade 10, 11, or 12 courses that are in French with at least four of these credits at the Grade 11 or 12 level.





In addition, French Immersion students must also complete four Provincial Graduation Assessments:

- Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment (English or French).
- Grade 10 Literacy Assessment.
- Grade 12 Literacy Assessment.
- Évaluation de littératie de la 12^e année – Français langue seconde-immersion.

Francophone Dual Dogwood

Francophone students (i.e., students enrolled in a francophone educational program provided by a francophone education authority) 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, Francophone 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 required Language Arts 12 course).
- English Language Arts courses at the Grade 10 level (4 credits).
- An English Language Arts course at the Grade 11 level (4 credits).
- A required English Language Arts course at the Grade 12 level (4 credits).
- At least 12 additional credits in Grade 10, 11, or 12 courses that are in French with at least four of these credits at the Grade 11 or 12 level.
- A Français langue première course at the Grade 10 level (4 credits).
- A Français langue première course at the Grade 11 level (4 credits).
- Français langue première – Français langue et culture 12 (4 credits).

In addition, Francophone students must also complete five Provincial Graduation Assessments:

- Évaluation de numératie de la 10^e année.
- Grade 10 Literacy Assessment.
- Évaluation de littératie de la 10^e année – Français langue première.
- Grade 12 Literacy Assessment
- Évaluation de littératie de la 12^e année – Français langue première.

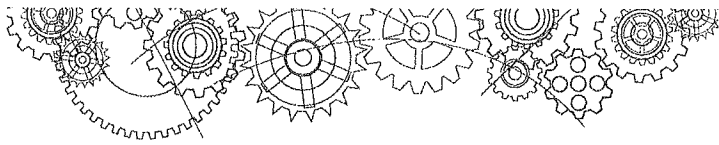
III. B.C. Adult Graduation Diploma (Adult Dogwood)

Students who are 18 years of age or older have the choice of pursuing graduation through a Dogwood Diploma or an Adult Dogwood Diploma. Students must be 18 or older to enter the Adult Graduation Program and become an "adult student." To receive the Adult Graduation Diploma, or "Adult Dogwood," adult students must complete a minimum of three courses after they have entered the Adult Graduation Program. Courses can be taken through the B.C. school system or as part of Adult Basic Education (ABE) programs at post-secondary institutions.

To graduate with an Adult Dogwood, students must have:

- A required Language Arts 12 course (4 credits).
- A Math 11 or 12 course (4 credits); and
- At least three additional Grade 12 electives, or a Grade 11 Social Studies course and two additional Grade 12 electives (4 credits each). BAA, FNA, IDS, and Locally Developed courses do not meet this requirement.





Students on the Adult Graduation Program are eligible to receive graduation credit at the Grade 12 level for both Career Life Education and Career Life Connections. These courses should be reported using the course codes CLE 12 for Career Life Education and CLCG12 for Career Life Connections; both course codes are restricted for use only on the Adult Graduation Program.

Courses and credits can be counted from the B.C. school system and post-secondary systems provided they have met the criteria for equivalency.

Adult students may also get credit recognition for current or past work skills or competencies or for post-secondary courses they have completed.

Adult students are not required to complete the Graduation Numeracy or Literacy Assessments.

IV. International Student Graduation Credit

To earn a Dogwood Diploma, international students must meet all graduation requirements and demonstrate competence in one of Canada's two official languages.

There are several specific conditions that pertain to international students. As stated in the International Student Graduation Credit Policy, international students whose educational program was not instructed in either French or English for at least two years prior to arriving in British Columbia must earn credits for certain courses through instruction from a British Columbia-certified teacher (not through Equivalency review or Challenge process).

The International Student Graduation Credit Policy can be found at the link below:



International Student Graduation Credit

V. Students Transferring from Another Jurisdiction

Students who transfer to a B.C. school from another jurisdiction, Canadian or international, and begin the B.C. Graduation Program in Grade 11 or 12 must still meet all graduation requirements. Regardless of when students transfer, they must write the Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment and the Grade 12 Literacy Assessment (and the Évaluation de littératie de la 12^e année, if applicable) to graduate.

However, students who begin the B.C. Graduation Program in Grade 11 or 12 are not required to write the Grade 10 Literacy Assessment to graduate. Francophone students transferring from another jurisdiction are also not required to write the Évaluation de littératie de la 10^e année – Français langue première to graduate. An exemption request must be manually sent to the Ministry of Education and Child Care for these students. The process for requesting exemptions can be found at the link below:



Exemptions for Students Transferring from Another Jurisdiction

Completion Certificate

B.C. School Completion Certificate (Evergreen Certificate)

The School Completion Certificate, or Evergreen Certificate, is intended to celebrate success in learning and accomplishments of students who are not able to meet graduation requirements.

To be eligible for a School Completion Certificate, the student must be designated in one of the 12 Inclusive Education categories and have an IEP with replacement curriculum. The Evergreen Certificate does not represent graduation and therefore is not equivalent to a B.C. Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma). It represents the completion of personal learning goals as identified in the student's IEP.

