

Course Planning for

Students going into Grade 9 and 10





BC Graduation
Requirements –
a Primer

Good to Know

Graduation credit is based on credits earned in grades 10, 11 and 12

Most courses are 4 credits each

Students require a total of 80 credits to graduate (a combination of required courses and electives)

Students in the English program will write 3 graduation assessments. Grade 10, Numeracy and Literacy. Grade 12 Literacy.

Students in the French Immersion program will write the above 3 assessments plus an addition FRIM graduation assessments (oral and written)

BC Graduation Requirements

Indigenous Focus Courses:

- English First Peoples Writing and Literary Studies 10
- Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12
- English First Peoples 12

Graduation Programming

REQUIRED COURSES			
GRADUATION PROGRAM			
	Subject Area	Course Title	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/>	Career Life Education 10		4
<input type="checkbox"/>	Career Life Connections & Capstone		4
<input type="checkbox"/>	a Language Arts 10		4
<input type="checkbox"/>	a Language Arts 11		4
<input type="checkbox"/>	a Language Arts 12		4
<input type="checkbox"/>	a Math 10		4
<input type="checkbox"/>	a Math 11 or 12		4
<input type="checkbox"/>	an Arts Education or Applied Design, Skills & Technology 10, 11, or 12		4
<input type="checkbox"/>	a Social Studies 10		4
<input type="checkbox"/>	a Social Studies 11 or 12		4
<input type="checkbox"/>	a Science 10		4
<input type="checkbox"/>	a Science 11 or 12		4
<input type="checkbox"/>	Physical and Health Education 10		4
TOTAL REQUIRED CREDITS - One Indigenous Focus course is required for all 2024+ graduates.			52

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ELECTIVE CREDITS			
		Grade 10, 11, or 12 Elective	4
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		Grade 10, 11, or 12 Elective	4
		Grade 12 Elective	4
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TOTAL ELECTIVE CREDITS			28
OVERALL CREDITS			80
GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS			
		Numeracy Assessment 10	
		Literacy Assessment 10	
		Literacy Assessment 12	
		<u>Évaluation de littératie de la 12 e année - Français langue seconde-immersion</u>	

Dual Dogwood – French Immersion

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:

Français langue seconde-immersion 10, 11 and, 12

12 credits in Grade 10, 11 and 12 courses that are in French with at least 4 of these credits at the grade 11 or 12 level.

Grade 12 French Immersion Literacy Assessment

The Grade 9 Program

The English Pathway	The French Immersion Pathway
English 9	English 9
Science 9	Sciences 9*
Social Studies 9	Sciences humaines 9*
Math 9	Math 9
Physical and Health Education 9	Physical and Health Education 9
Elective 9 - often a modern language (French or Spanish)	Français langue second-immersion 9*
Elective 9	FI Environmental Studies 9*
Elective 9	Elective 9
Career Education 9 - off timetable	Career Education 9 - off timetable

The Grade 10 Program

The English Pathway	The French Immersion Pathway
<u>English 10 - 3 options</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Composition & Literary Studies</i> • <i>New Media & Literary Studies</i> • <i>English First Peoples Writing & Literary Studies*</i> 	<u>English 10 - 3 options</u>
Social Studies 10	Sciences humaines 10*
Science 10	Sciences 10*
<u>A Math 10 - 2 options</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Foundations & Precalculus 10</i> • <i>Workplace 10</i> 	<u>A Math 10 - 2 options</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Foundations & Precalculus 10</i> • <i>Workplace 10</i>
Physical and Health Education 10	Physical and Health Education 10
Career Life Education 10	Education a la vie professionnelle 10*
Elective 10 - often a modern language	Français langue seconde-immersion 10*
Elective 10	Elective 10

Important Considerations

Timetables are built based on student choice. It is not always possible to accommodate 1st choices, so it is in the student's best interest to include 2 alternative choices for EACH elective on MyEducationBC.

Classes should be chosen based on your child's interests/passions and/or post-secondary research

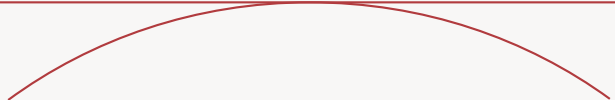
Choosing classes based on friends does not guarantee they will be in the same class

Choosing classes based on the teacher is not effective as teachers do not have their teaching assignments yet

We are not able to accommodate specific teacher requests



Regarding COURSE CHANGE REQUESTS

- PLEASE choose your courses mindfully now as course changes are complicated and not guaranteed.
 - Take your time. Talk with your family.
 - The only time during the school year for student-initiated course changes is during pre planned course change nights in September.
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Course Planning Guide

- The 2025-2026 [Course Planning Guide](#) is available on the Kitsilano website with detailed course descriptions.
- Located under the 'Teaching & Learning' pull down tab, then under 'Courses'.



Course Change Nights

GRADE 12: Monday September 8th, 3:20-6:00pm

GRADE 11: Tuesday September 9th, 3:20-6:00 pm

GRADE 9 AND 10: Wednesday September 10th, 3:20-6:00

GRADE 8 : email the counsellor for any necessary changes

Timeline for Course Selection

- Students need to enter their course requests on MyEd between **January 23rd** and closes **February 14th**.
- Grade Course Planning Assemblies in the theatre:
 - Grade 8: Thursday February 6th during FIT
 - Grade 9: Tuesday, February 4th during FIT
- Extra help will be available in the theatre during FIT:
 - February 10, 11 and 13 (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday)
- Signed Course Planning worksheets handed in to grade counsellor by February 19th.

MyED Troubleshooting

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As soon as possible, be sure that your child can log onto MyEd.

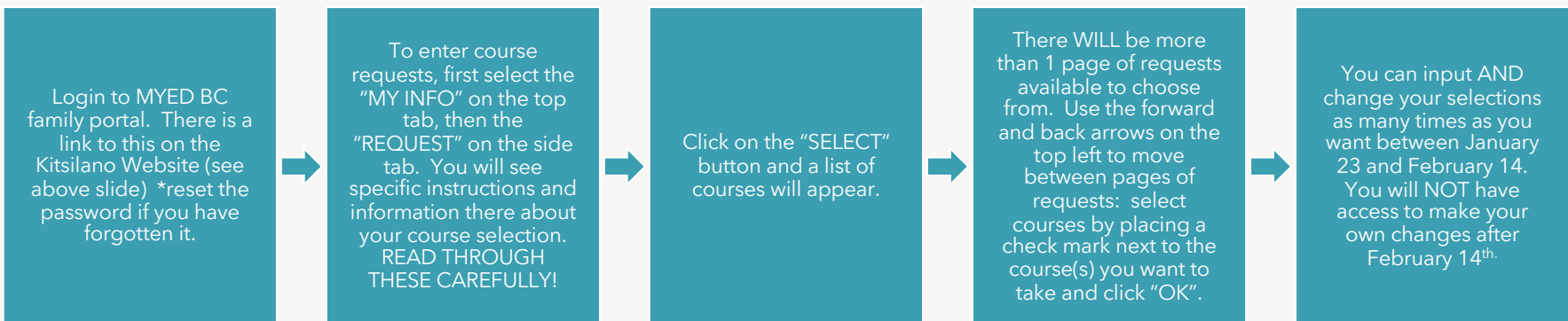
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If they are having difficulty, troubleshooting-information is available on the [Kits website](#) under the "Families" top tab and then under "[My Education BC Family Portal](#)"

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If after trying the solutions on the website, your child is still having difficulty they should reach out to our main office at [**kitsswitchboard@vsb.bc.ca**](mailto:kitsswitchboard@vsb.bc.ca)

MYED BC Instructions for Families



myBlueprint... Post-Secondary & Career Planning

Go to: Kitsilano Secondary School website

Go to: "Teaching and Learning" (top toolbar)

Click: on "Courses"

Choose: myBlueprint
(left toolbar)

Click "Sign Up" and then the big green "School Account Signup" button.

Sign up using your **VSB email**
(student#@learn.vsb.bc.ca)

Go to Account Settings and MERGE with previous accounts

Problem Solving at School

Counsellor's Role

- We are here to listen and work with students (and parents) to help solve problems and to aid students in making good choices for their future.
- Our role as teacher counsellors is to empower students to find solutions and to help students with perspective taking and personal responsibility.

Parent's Role

- If there is a conflict with a specific teacher, you need to speak directly with that teacher to problem solve.
- If an issue can't be solved directly with the teacher, you'll need to connect with an administrator for help. (Principal or Vice-Principal).
- Connect with counsellors around any mental health needs. We have resources for your child and for parents who might need some support.

Differentiated Learning

Having an IEP is not a cause for a course changes.

Some students with an IEP benefit from a Skills block however...not all IEPs require this targeted intervention.

Learning differences are accommodated, individually within each learning space in consultation with the resource team.

Our resource teachers oversee the needs of students with IEPs





OUR RESOURCE TEAM

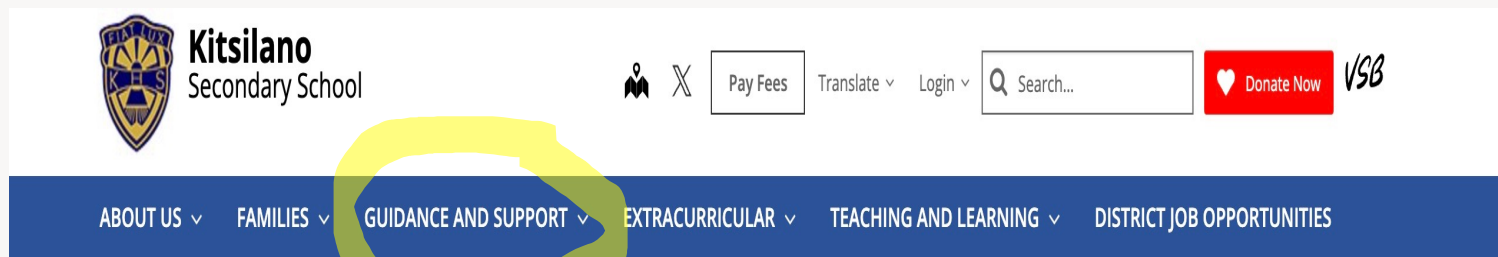
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Please check the Kitsilano Website Frequently for help!
All of the course planning information can be found
under the Guidance and Support Tab.

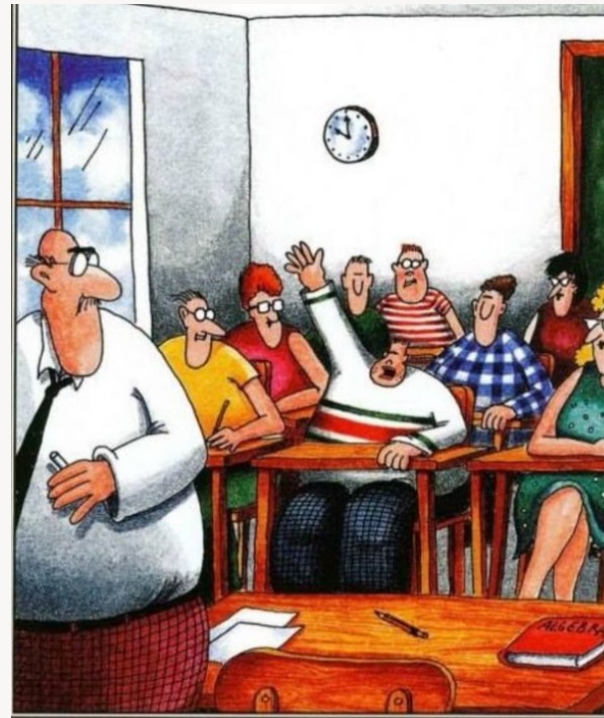


Any Questions?

- Please email a counsellor with any specific questions.
- Staff emails can be found on the Kitsilano Website!
- Michelle DeYoung
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- Jennifer McLean
jmclean@vsb.bc.ca



And that's a
wrap...



"Mr. Osborne, may I be excused? My
brain is full."