

COURSE PLANNING 2026-2027

For parents/guardians of
current Grade 8 & 9
students



Land Acknowledgement

With deep gratitude and respect, I am honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətał (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

- Power point presentation are 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.

COURSE SELECTION



Course Selection is a commitment.
Changes are limited once timetables
are built



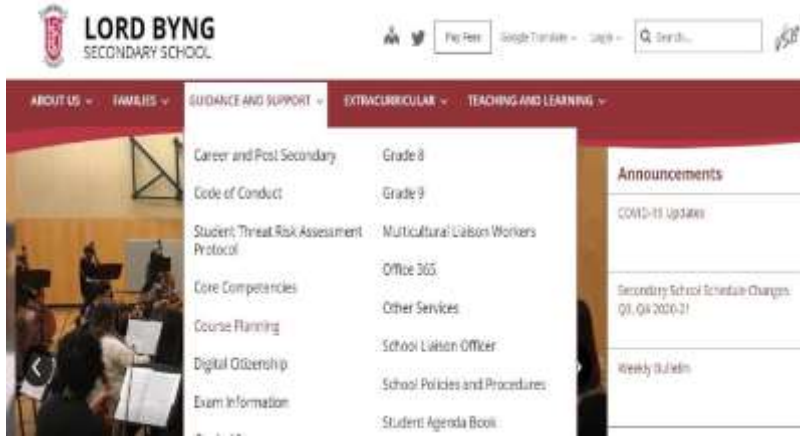
Schools are staffed and time-tabled
according to the information in MyEd



Only those courses with a sufficient
number of students enrolled will be
available

THE LORD BYNG WEBSITE

Guidance and Support Tab



- [2025 - 2026 Byng Course Planning Guide](#) (includes course descriptions)
- Course planning presentations for each grade
- [Ministry Graduation Requirements](#)
- [Byng Arts Course Planning Guide](#)
- [MyEd BC instructions on how to enter course requests from home](#)
- [Counselling Page](#) for additional information (summer school, AP, mental health resources)

DOGWOOD DIPLOMA

Questions?

Check out Ministry of
Education

Website: [Ministry Website](#)

Required Courses	
Subject Area	Minimum Credits
two 2-credit English Language Arts 10	4
an English Language Arts 11	4
English Studies 12 or English First Peoples 12	4
a Mathematics 10	4
a Mathematics 11 or 12	4
an Arts Education or Applied Design, Skill and Technologies 10, 11 or 12	4
Social Studies 10	4
a Social Studies 11 or 12	4
Science 10	4
a Science 11 or 12	4
Physical Health and Education 10	4
Career Life Education	4
Career Life Connections (and 30 hours of work experience/career exploration)	4
	52 Credits
Elective Courses	
Minimum Credits	
Students must earn at least 28 elective credits from Grade 10, 11 or 12	28 Credits
Provincial Graduation Assessments	
Numeracy 10	
Literacy 10	
Literacy 12 (implemented in 2021/2022)	
Overall Total	80 Credits
Of the 80 credits required for graduation, a minimum of 16 must be at the Grade 12 level, including English Studies 12/English First Peoples 12. All others may be required or elective courses.	

REQUIRED COURSES (GRADE 9)



English 9/Byng
Arts
English 9 / ELL



Social Studies
9/Byng Arts
Socials 9



Science 9



Math 9



Physical
Education 9 (PE
9 or Dance PE 9)



Career 9 (Off Timetable)

REQUIRED COURSES (GRADE 10)



A Language Arts 10 (Eng 10, / Eng First People 10)/ Byng Arts English First People 10)



Social Studies 10



Science 10



Math 10 (Foundations of Math 10 and PreCalc 10)



Physical Education 10 (PE 10, Dance 10, or Fitness 10)



Career Life Education (Off Timetable)

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.

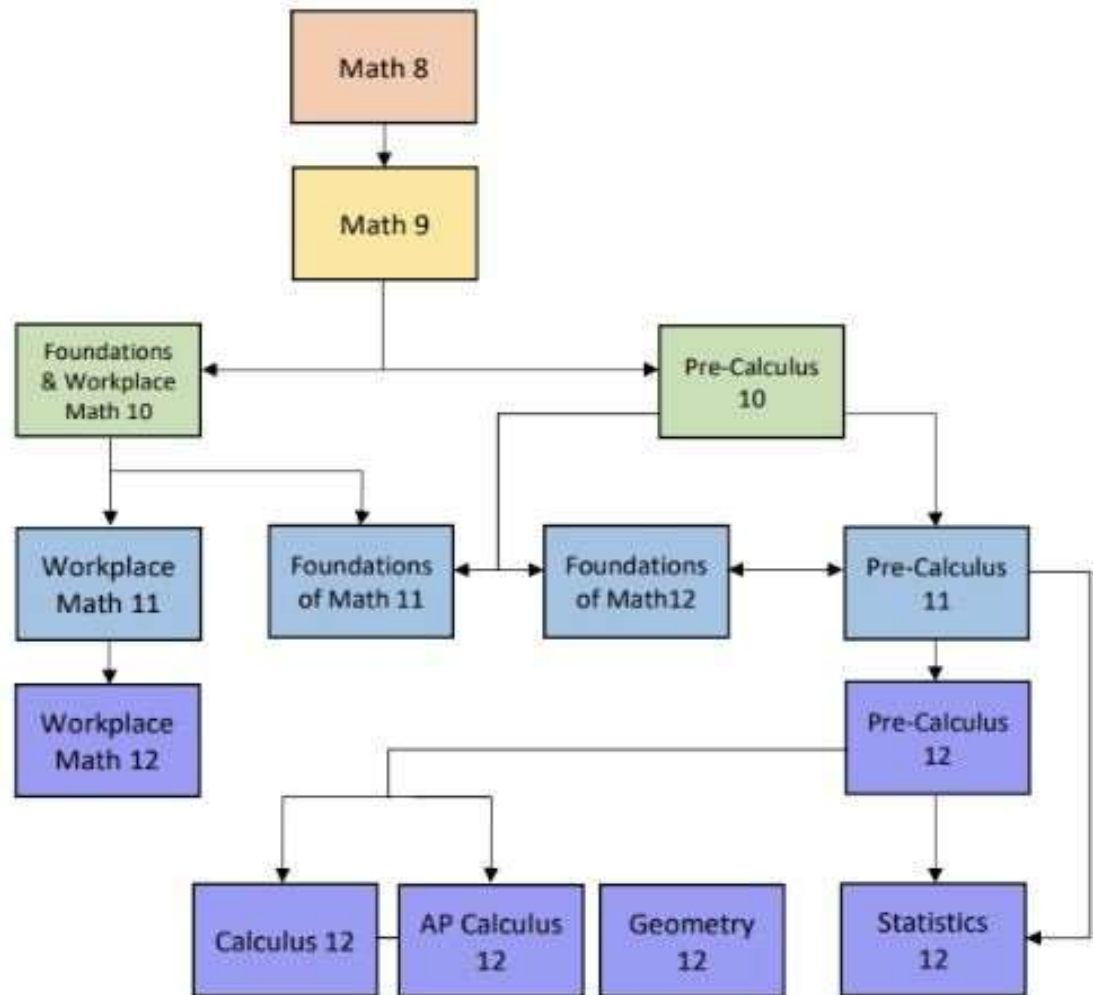
Senior English ELECTIVES

- 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

LB Math Options



ELL STUDENTS

ELL teachers advise counsellors on required ELL classes. Counsellors will input into MyEd for the students.

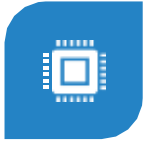
Assessments at the end of each semester will determine student placement.

Resource Support/ Learning Hub

A resource block provides students with support throughout one semester

Please talk to your child's counsellor if you think this is something they may benefit from

ELECTIVES



APPLIED
DESIGN,
SKILLS AND
TECHNOLOG
IES



BUSINESS
EDUCATION



FINE
ARTS



HOME
ECONOMICS



MUSIC




PERFORMING
ARTS



PE/LEADERSHIP LANGUAGES



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
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BYNG ARTS: Electives

Visual Arts

Drama

Band

Choir

Strings

Media



MUSIC

Choose the BA electives:

- Gr. 9 Visual Arts - Honours Art 9 and one more Art
- Gr. 9 Drama - Drama 9: BA Theatre Arts and regular Drama 9
- Gr. 9 Music - At Least two music courses, and 1 must be on timetable
- Gr. 9 Media Arts - Media Arts Advanced and Photography 9

BYNG ARTS ELECTIVES:

VISUAL ART

DRAMA

BAND

STRINGS

CHOIR

MEDIA ARTS

Musi
c

Choose BA electives

- Gr. 10 Visual Arts: *Visual Art 10 Honours and 1 more Art course*
- Gr. 10 Drama: *Studio Performance 10 and 1 more Drama course*
- Gr. 10 Music: at least *2 Music courses (at least one on timetable)*
- Gr. 10 Media Arts: *Media Arts 10 Advance and 1 more Fine Arts course*

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BYNG ART

Mr. Hartley-Folz and S your counsellors
are your best contacts!

[Byng Arts Course Planning Video](#)

COURSE SELECTION

Students will enter their course choices at home using MyEd. Instructions on how to do this are on the Lord Byng Website.

Students will have access to the MyEd portal until January 26th

MyEducationBC Student Online Course Selection

- Click on My Info Top Tab
- Click on Requests Side Tab
- Click on "Entry courses" if you see it
- Read and follow the instructions for the grade you are entering info
- Click the "Select" button see options of courses in that subject area

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- Read and follow the instructions
- Select course(s) by clicking on the checkbox
- Click the "OK" button when done
- You may have a drop-down menu to select more pages of course options
- For elective course you can choose up to 2 alternate courses
- Use the scroll bar to the right to see the Alternate columns
- Use the drop-down to select alternate course
- Click the "OK" button when done
- All your primary requests will be displayed when done
- Enter notes that your counselor can reference when you meet about your course selections
- Click the "Post" button
- You will see confirmation box that you posted successfully

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How Parents Can Help

- Ask open-ended questions (“What did you enjoy?”)
- Focus on effort, not on grades alone
- Encourage balance (academics and electives)
- Normalize struggle as part of learning
- Remember that secondary school is a time of discovery and exploration



What is not so helpful.....

- Comparing your child to siblings, peers or yourself
- Over-focusing on future careers
- Making decisions for the student
- Treating one year or one class as “make or break”
- Overly focusing on weaknesses rather than a child’s strengths

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

Please keep in mind that for completion courses, you may not be able to retain all the information from summer school course in order to do well in the next level of that course





ONLINE COURSES

Self-paced

You are responsible for your own learning

You must be motivated to complete the course

You cannot take a course online and at Byng at the same time

An online course does not replace taking an on timetable course at Byng

Online might offer courses not offered at Byng

VSB CAREER PROGRAMS

[Apprenticeship Program - Youth work in Trades Program](#)

Combine high school instruction with paid, part-time, on-the-job training and receive credit towards apprenticeship and high school graduation.

Start an apprenticeship training in Grade 11 or 12 and earn up to 16 high school credits.



CAREER
PROGRAMS

VSB CAREER PROGRAMS

Program Offerings

- Aircraft Maintenance Engineer
- Auto Service Technician
- Automotive Collision Repair
- Automotive Refinishing Prep
- Baking & Pastry Arts
- Carpentry
- Cisco and IT Networking
- Electrical
- Hairstylist
- Hamber Fashion Design and Technology
- Health Care Assistant
- Heavy Mechanical Trades
- Killarney Enhanced Trades

Program Offerings

Dec. 7, 2020

Discover the many career opportunities available for high school students



EXTERNAL CREDITS.

[HTTPS://WWW2.GOV.BC.CA/GOV/CONTENT/EDUCATION-TRAINING/K-12/SUPPORT/GRADUATION/GETTING-CREDIT-TO- GRADUATE/EXTERNAL-CREDENTIALS](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/graduation/getting-credit-to-graduate/external-credentials)

Language
Challenge
Exams

Music

Dance

Leadership

Sports

Coaching

First Aid

ICBC Driver
Training

Cadets

Scouts

Lifeguarding

QUESTIONS? CONCERNS?

- **Feel free to contact your child's counsellor.**
- Email:
 - (A-G) Ms. Milinazzo kmilinazzo@vsb.bc.ca
 - (H -L) Ms. Radic jradic@vsb.bc.ca
 - (M-T) Ms. Davies cdavies@vsb.bc.ca or Ms. Smith msmith@vsb.bc.ca (in for Ms. Schumacher)
 - (U-Z) – Ms. VanderKlippe mvanderklippe@vsb.bc.ca