

THINGS TO KNOW AND THINK ABOUT BEFORE YOU DROP A COURSE...

Students are expected to have a full-time table of 8 courses unless they are in grade 12. We encourage all senior students to use problem solving skills in addition to proactive communication with their teachers. Your willingness to have potentially difficult conversations is an important part of becoming an adult.

So, the class is not going well for you....

Are you doing everything you can to attend classes, do homework and prepare for tests? If you can answer yes then take these next steps.

1. Have I had an honest conversation with my teacher?
2. Have I used the FIT blocks in my schedule to get extra help, catch up on assignments or practice?
3. Have I gone to Peer Tutoring?
4. Am I able to get a-tutor outside of school?
5. Have my parents reached out to the teacher?

The above actions will need to be taken before a drop is considered.

IF all of these strategies have NOT resulted in improvement ask yourself:

- Do I need this course to graduate?
- Double check that you do NOT need this course to graduate.
- Do I need this course for any of my post-secondary options?
- Is this subject area truly what I want to pursue in post-secondary?

If you believe taking a course online is an option, ask yourself...

- What time will I set aside for consistent course work?
- Where do I plan to do this work? *** students are not permitted on school grounds when they have a study block.
- What supports do I have in place to be-successful? Tutors? Supportive family? Self-motivation? A quiet space? Strong time management skills? Home computer?

****Kitsilano does not have any involvement in the enrolment process or support of courses taken online.*

We want to make sure you have every opportunity for success. We also want to put the power for success in your hands. Before you drop a class like a hot potato, take the time to consider the issue, find ways to communicate with your teachers and be open to trying new ways of approaching difficulties.