



Coyote Connections

WEEK OF: May 5 – 9



Monday – May 5 C/D	Red Dress Day GESS Mental Health Week: Colouring contest (counselling centre) - Cultural Assembly – Axis Theatre (am) - Grad Write-up submissions open
Tuesday – May 6 A/B	GESS Mental Health Week – Socks and Sandals Day & Take a Tech Break by handing in your phone before school in the foyer and get it back at lunch for pizza - Grad (Prom) Committee mtg. @ 7 pm in the Library
Wednesday – May 7 C/D	GESS Mental Health Week – Hockey Jersey Day and retired NHL player guest speaker (am), Corey Hirsch
Thursday – May 8 A/B	GESS Mental Health Week – Wear Green day & Take a Hike - Indigenous student grad retreat @ 10 am – 1 pm
Friday – May 9 C/D	GESS Mental Health Week – Pajama Day - Pizza Friday \$2/slice

May – Mental Health Awareness Month

May 12 – PAC meeting in the library @ 6:30 pm

May 15 – **Gr. 12 CAPSTONE DAY** (Gr. 11s observing)

– D Block (9-10:18 am) / C Block (10:27-11:45 am)

– Half Day for Grade 9 & 10's (9-11:45 am)

– Early Bus pick up – 12:00 pm for gr. 9/10's

– Regular Bus pick up – 3:15 pm for gr. 11/12's

May 19 – Victoria Day Holiday – **School Closed**

June 2 – 2025-'26 Academy balances due

June 4 – Indigenous Grad – doors open @ 5pm



RED DRESS DAY MONDAY, MAY 5

Red Dress Day is a National Day of remembrance and activism honouring the lives of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirited People, which began with the REDress Project created by Métis artist Jaime Black in 2010. GESS students from all grades have been contributing their dress designs to a display that will be showcased in the library all throughout the week.

GLOBAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT
BLUE MOUNTAIN, ONTARIO, CANADA
APRIL 27-APRIL 29, 2025



Transit4Teens Kelowna is a student group advocating for free city bussing for students aged 18 and under. Many students face financial challenges, making it difficult for them to afford daily transportation. Their goal is to campaign for a change in the current policy to ensure that students can travel on the city bus without financial barriers.

To further this cause, they've developed a survey aimed at gathering feedback from students regarding the potential benefits and impact of offering free bus service for those aged 18 and under. The data collected will play a crucial role in shaping advocacy efforts and will provide valuable insights to present to city officials.

To support this initiative, you must be a student with a sd23 email address to complete [THIS](#) survey.

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GRAD ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. LAKE COUNTRY BOTTLE DEPOT FUNDRAISER:

Have refundables? Donate them to the 'GESS GRAD 2025' account at the Lake Country Bottle Depot. There's **no need to sort them!** Proceeds reduce the cost of prom tickets.

1

- May 3 @ 8:30 am
- Winfield Easter Seals Camp
- BBQ lunch @ 12 PM
- This is a grad legacy commitment!

2

- May 3 @ 9:00 am
- Winfield Cemetery (beside LC School of Dance)
- If possible, bring your own gloves and rakes!

If you can volunteer your time for either of these events, connect with Ms. Marples in rm. 302 ASAP!

SATURDAY,
MAY 3

COMMUNITY
CLEAN UP
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED



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Central Okanagan
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Dual Credit Programs – Central Okanagan Public Schools

Computer Information Systems Administration

Begin your post-secondary career path while in grade 12. The **Computer Information Systems Administration (CISA)** Dual Credit program is currently accepting applications for the January 2026 intake. For over 20 years this program has been successfully transitioning students from high school into BCIT and now Okanagan College. Discover the benefits of getting a head start on a fulfilling and rewarding career. Tuition sponsorships available for all participating students.

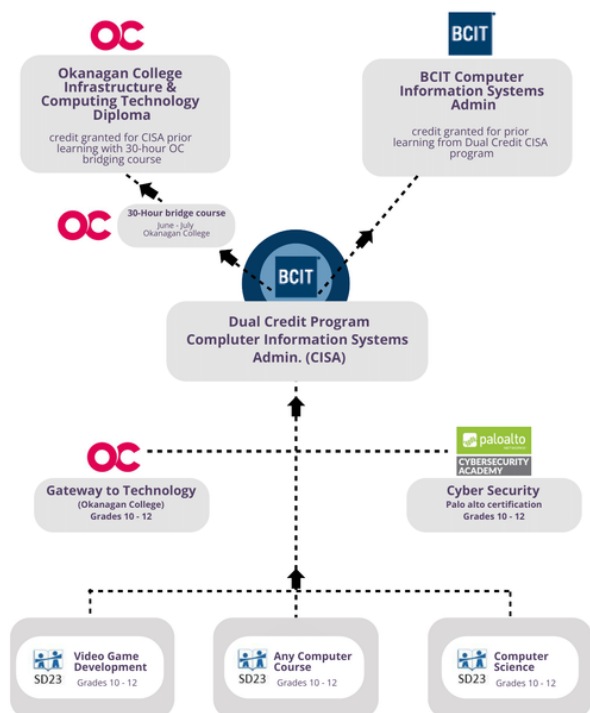
Space is still available for semester 2 (January 2026). Apply NOW!

For more information see your high school **Career Center** and speak with a career coordinator or visit our website, www.dualcredit23.sd23.bc.ca

See the attached computer technology pathway chart to view the exploratory options for students starting in grade 9!

Computer Technology

Pathways for Students



COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATION (CISA)



CISA is a dual-credit program in partnership with BCIT. Successful students in the CISA program are also able to apply to Okanagan College's Infrastructure and Computing Technology (ICT) diploma program with prior learning credit as well. Through a series of labs and projects students will learn; Computer Hardware & Maintenance (Cisco IT Essentials), Network Fundamentals (CCNAV7: Introduction to Networks) and NDG Linux Fundamentals (Linux Essentials), the program is based upon appropriate industry standards, infrastructure and technology. It covers computer hardware, operating systems, networking and internet technology.

Career Opportunities

Graduates from this program will find job opportunities in every sector of business that processes, installs, configures, and troubleshoots both PC hardware, software and networking components as part of its activities and/or day-to-day operations. Manufacturers such as Cisco, HP and IBM, typically have "partners" who sell their products. It is with these partners that our students find employment. Other sources of employment include Internet Service Providers (ISPs), government, municipalities, hospitals, health authorities, management companies, airports, transportation services, insurance companies, and many small businesses.

WorkBC - www.workbc.ca

Tuition

Tuition for dual credit programs may be paid in part or fully by the school district. Secondary school students will be responsible to pay for course materials & student tool kits.

- Tuition: n/a
- Student cost: \$250
- *All program costs are approximate and subject to change without notice.



Program Schedule

Schedule: 20 weeks (+3 weeks in June/July ITUS 120)
Start Date: Semester 2 - every second day
Monday - Friday, 9 am - 3 pm



Location

705 Rutland Rd N., Kelowna
Rutland Senior Secondary School



Student for a Day

Arrange your Student for a Day experience by contacting your school Career Coordinator.

Program Outline

This program combines theory and hands-on training in the following courses.

- Computer Hardware & Maintenance (Cisco IT Essentials)
- Network Fundamentals (CCNAV7: Introduction to Networks)
- NDG Linux Fundamentals (Linux Essentials)
- ITUS 120-Bridging course to OC's ICT Diploma program.

Credentials Received

On successful completion of the CISA Program at SD#23, students will receive a Year-1, Level-1 advanced standing to transfer into the CISA Program, Year 1 Level 2 at BCIT in Burnaby upon successful completion of remaining 3 of 6 articulation/bridging courses and successful competitive acceptance.

Students will also have the opportunity to complete an additional 30-hour bridging course through Okanagan College to provide advanced placement into the ICT diploma program at Kelowna's OC campus.

Finally, students will earn up to 16 grade 12 elective credits towards high school graduation for successful completion.

Physical Requirements

- Lift and carry tools, equipment, supplies and materials weight up to approximately 7 kg
- Ability to work in a seated position for an extended period of time.

Recommendations for Success

- Good general health
- Capable of stationary work for extended periods of time
- Ability to tolerate noise and vibration
- Commitment to continuous learning and training
- Good inter-personal and team work skills

Recommended Prerequisites

- SD23 students are encouraged to take the following IT courses prior to the CISA program:
 - Cybersecurity (Delivered at RSS)
 - Credits: 4
 - Prerequisite: Math 10, Gr. 11 or 12 students
 - Gateway to Technology (Delivered by OC)
 - Credits: 4
 - Prerequisite: none

Sponsorship Requirements for SD23 Students

- Attend "Student for a Day" at the Rutland Senior Secondary
- Complete the School District application package and hand it into your Career Programs Coordinator
- Be on track to graduate with a Dogwood diploma
- Meet with Career Coordinator to review program and school district exemptions
- BCIT course requirements/admission requirements met for program
- Application approved and accepted by School District
- An interview may be required for potential applicants

Focus on Safety

BCIT is committed to providing a safe learning environment for students. All students are responsible for:

- Knowing safe work procedures in classroom, shop and work areas
- Following the safety standards as taught by the instructor. These standards meet or exceed the regulatory requirements of the WorkSafe BC Occupational Health and Safety Regulation.

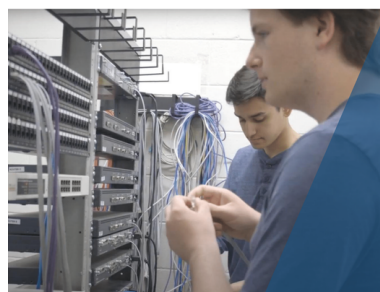
Failure to do so may result in suspension from the program. Each student is expected to report any unsafe condition or unsafe behavior to their instructor.

Applications are available at your school Career Centre or www.dualcredit23.sd23.bc.ca

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