

Welcome Grade 9s!

GESS Grads

2029

TODAY:

**Planning for
Grade 10**



Overview

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Course Policies



GES Course Policy

Grade 10: 8 courses inside timetable
NO SPARES

Grade 11: 8 courses inside timetable
NO SPARES

Grade 12: 8* courses inside timetable
* includes a mandatory Capstone course, which, when completed, becomes a spare.

**Online courses are 'extra' & not part of timetable course count.

Future Planning



PLANNING for Post-Secondary

DO YOUR RESEARCH!



www.educationplannerbc.ca

Explore post-sec options in BC, careers, where programs are offered, projected income, and apply to post-secondary institutions



myblueprint.ca/sd23

Create an account, complete inventories to assess your skills and receive career suggestions, research schools for programs across Canada, etc.

Remember to check institution websites too!



Dual Credit Programs

Career & Life Programs Coordinator:
MR. TIM FRECHETTE

ADVANCED ACADEMIC CREDIT

Available to all *Grade 12*
secondary school students

Okanagan College

Students can enroll in 1 to 2
first-year, university
transferable courses

UBC Okanagan

First year Engineering
Course (when available)

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Nursing Unit Asst.
Dental Office Asst.
Medical Office Asst.
Medical Device
Reprocessing
Office Admin.
Early Childhood Ed.
Health Care Sampler (11-12)
Practical Nursing 113 (OC)
Admin Asst.
Educational Asst.(CEA)
Health care Asst.

TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY

Okanagan College

All Entry Level Trade Programs(OC)
Water Tech Engineering (12)
Sampler Programs
Trades (10-12)
Gateway to Tech (10-12)

CATO

Interior Design (11-12)
Audio Engineering (11-12)
Vet Essentials (10-12)

School Based

Hairdressing (MBS)
Computer Information Systems
Administration (RSS)
Forestry (RSS)
EMR (RSS & Justice Institute of BC)
Apprenticeship (ITA Youth Work)

Graduation Requirements



GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
→ English 10	→ English 11	→ English 12**
→ a Math 10**	→ a Math 11**	→ _____ 12 **
→ SS 10/Sciences Humaines 10*	→ a SS 12 (or 11)**	→ _____ 12 **
→ Science 10	→ a Science 11**	→ _____ 12 **
→ a PHE 10**	→ Careers 11/Education au Choix de Carrière et Vie 12*	→ Career Life Connections 12B/ Capstone
→ Career Education 10/Education a la carriere 10*	→ Elective** /Français Langue 11*	→ Elective** /Français Langue 12*
→ Elective**/Français Langue 10*	→ Elective**	→ Elective**
→ Elective**	→ Elective**	→ Elective**

** = Choices to be made * French Immersion Requirements

→ NOTE- All students must have at least one 4 credit Indigenous Studies course.

Graduation = 80 credits
Acquired in Grades 10, 11, & 12

Graduation Overview

Provincial Examinations required for graduation

- Exams in numeracy and literacy are included in the graduation program.
- Results based on proficiency scale (4 point scale)
- Reported on transcript but separate from any specific school course mark.

GRADE 10	GRADE 12
→ Numeracy	
→ Literacy	→ Literacy



How do I get my 30 hours for Graduation?

Career Exploration and Career Volunteer hours help you gain the 30 hours you need for graduation. You can accumulate these hours in Grades 10 - 12. There are lots of possibilities - see below for some examples!

Explore

- Job Shadows
- Career Fairs
- Job Fairs
- Experience OC
- Experience UBC-O
- CAT Student for a day
- OC Student for a day
- Program Shadows
- GO ENG Girl
- Fire Boot Camp
- KGH Health Care Conference
- Spotlight Classroom Presentations
- Class Field Studies



It's easier than you think!

Volunteer

- Summer and Spring Break Camps
- Monster Bash
- Scarecrow Festival
- Christmas Light Up
- Downtown Christmas Market
- Kettlebells & Poppies
- Food Drives
- YLW Ambassador
- KGH/Interior Health
- YMCA
- SPCA
- Foodbank
- Art Gallery
- Church
- Sports



Visit your Career Centre for more information!

Academic Programs



English/Social Studies

➤ **English 10**

All students must take English 10 Made up of two, 2 credit courses, Composition and Literature Studies

➤ **Social Studies 10**

All students must take SS 10. This course looks at Canada and the World from 1919 to present day.

Course offerings dependent upon # of participants.

Science 10 - *All student must take Sc 10*

Students will choose a science 11 or 12 during grade 11 or 12 to meet graduation requirements.

Science for Citizens 11-A *non-academic science. Does not meet university entrance requirements but works for graduation.*

Life Science 11- *A survey course on various biology topics with a focus on plants.*

Chemistry 11/12- *Strong math background needed! Foundations/Pre-cal Math 10 minimum!*

Physics 11/12- ***Strong math background needed!*** *Foundations/Pre-cal Math 10 minimum! Recommended take Pre-calculus 11 before or concurrently with Physics 11.*

Environmental Sc 11- *The study of how living organisms, soil, air, water and energy are interconnected and interdependent.*

Anatomy & Physiology 12- *Focus of this course is human anatomy*

Sciences

Math

WORKPLACE 10



APPRENTICESHIP
MATH 12

- ✓ Graduation
- ✓ University Transfer ARTS (OC) & ARTS @ UBC-O
- ✓ Business Degree (OC)
- ✓ Many trades

COMMON MATH 10

Foundations/Pre-Calculus 10



Foundations 11

- ✓ Graduation
- ✓ University Transfer ARTS (OC)
- ✓ ARTS @ UBC-O, SFU, & UVIC *** see below



Foundations 12

- ✓ Business Degree (OC)
- ✓ ARTS @ UBC-O, SFU, UVIC (strongly recommended for course pre-requisites)

Pre-Calculus 11

- ✓ Graduation
- ✓ University Transfer ARTS (OC)
- ✓ ARTS @ UBC-O, UBC-V, UVIC, & SFU



Pre-Calculus 12

- ✓ SCIENCES & BUSINESS DEGREES @ UBC-V, UBC-O, UVIC, & SFU, OC

INTEGRATED LEARNING

GRADE 9/10 SCIENCE, SOCIALS, & CAREERS

This course is for students who:

- Like learning by doing, not just listening
- Want their learning to connect to real issues and real places
- Care about the environment, community, and the future
- Want more voice, choice, and independence in their learning
- Like to learn on the land



THIS ISN'T A
SIT-AND-LISTEN CLASS

It's hands-on, inquiry-driven,
and shaped by you!



**Find your voice.
Then use it!**

**Discover what you
care about. Then
do something
about it.**

**NEW
COURSE**

Elective Programs



Remember:

ELECTIVES

Open to all grade 10 students regardless of prior experience.

Some exceptions apply (ie: Band, languages)

Look for more detailed information on courses in the Course Description Booklet

Languages

French

- French 9 through 12



Spanish

- Introductory Spanish 11, Spanish 11 and Spanish 12.

- 2nd Language to gr 11 level needed to go straight to university in some cases (Introductory 11 courses do not count)
- Language to gr 12 level needed for graduation from some university programs (particularly ARTS based)

Course offerings dependent upon # of participants.

Physical Health Education

Any of these courses can count
as the Grade 10 PHE
requirement for Graduation.

- Physical Health Education 10
- Lifetime Fitness 10-12
- Fitness & Conditioning 10-12**
- Hockey Academy 9-12
- Soccer Academy 9-12
- High Performance Volleyball 10-12
- High Performance Basketball 10-12
- Outdoor Education 10-12

**this class takes place after school in
the weight room.

WHY TAKE OUTDOOR EDUCATION?

Learn Real Skills

Want to know how to hike, camp, navigate, build shelters, or handle basic first aid? You'll learn all of it - for real, not just in theory.

Do Awesome Stuff Outside

Hiking, snowshoeing, camping, rock climbing... we're out there doing the fun stuff!

Explore Your Backyard

Get to know the forests, lakes, and wild places around us. We'll talk about sustainability and how to take care of the places we love.



Who should sign up?

EVERYONE!

Whether you've never set foot on a trail or you're already an outdoor pro, this class is made for you.

If you're confident, you'll get chances to lead the way. If you're brand new, you'll have a super supportive crew to learn with and a safe space to try things out.

Outdoor Ed is for anyone who wants adventure, good people, and a chance to push themselves in the best way.

Physical Education ACADEMIES

Soccer Academy	\$400	DEPOSIT: \$100 DUE: March 13th REMAINDER DUE: June 5th
Hockey Academy	\$725	
Goalies	\$360	



~ Band

~ Studio Art



~ Guitar

~ Commercial Music



~ Ceramics & Sculpture

Fine Arts

~ Creative Writing

~ Photography



~ Dice and Dragons:
Adventures in Tabletop
gaming

~ Drama/Theatre Production

See the Course Description Booklet online for course information.

Course offerings dependent upon # of participants.

Indigenous Art & Textiles 9/10

This creative, hands-on class explores Indigenous art, with a focus on textiles and natural materials. Students will create art through projects such as beading, fibre work, clay, natural dyes and paints, and mixed media..

This is designed as an entry point into studio-based art courses. It provides a foundation for students interested in continuing into S.C.R.A.P. Studio or other senior art classes.



No experience required



Foods



Leadership



Video
Production

Applied Skills

Drafting



Woodcraft, Metalwork

Digital Design



Course offerings dependent upon # of participants.

Acoustic Guitar Making Academy

**NO previous woodwork classes or experience
needed for Acoustic Guitar Making 11 or 12**

**Full Year - After School
Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30.
Total Material Cost \$395.00**

Please contact Mr. Tambasco if you have questions or potential
schedule conflicts that might occur within a portion of the year.

**Your solid wood acoustic guitar will be
comparable to a Larrivee OM valued at \$1300.00**



Launching Tomorrow's Entrepreneurs



Entrepreneurship and Marketing 10
Marketing and Promotion 11
Entrepreneurship 12

These courses will offer students hands on experience with all phases of owning a business. Students will have the opportunity to participate in SD23's IGen Challenge.

Course offerings dependent upon # of participants.

Fitness and Conditioning

Jazz Band

Outside of the Timetable

Yearbook

Theatre Production

Work Experience

Courses run before and/or afterschool and do not take the place of a course within your schedule. See the course description booklet for more information

Course offerings are dependant on the number of participants

George Elliot Jr Firefighter Bootcamp in Partnership with Lake Country Fire Dept.



March 16-20, 2026
8:00am-4:30pm
Lunch provided each day
Cost: \$75



Firefighting Academy

- Outside of the timetable in Semester #2.
- Sessions are Mondays and Thursdays from 4-6 pm at LCFD and attendance is mandatory.
- Minimum Grade to apply is Grade 10, preference given to older students.

Certifications and School Credits

4 credits for school

Enrolled into the Red Cross;
BLS (First Responder), AED, CPR, Spinal MR

B.C. Wildfire Service Forest Fire Suppression Fundamentals and Safety and Fire Behavior (S100, S185, ICS 100),
Participate in Live Fire training at North Okanagan Fire Training Centre.

Upon completion of the course, students will receive a syllabus with job performance skills and a record of achievement to support their future career goals and job placement opportunities.

Cost \$300

Work Experience 12

SEE MR. FRECHETTE FOR ENTRY!

- **Outside of timetable!**
- **present job, not PAST employment**

Requirements:

- Register work placement with Career Centre
- Accumulate 100 hours of work experience (paid or unpaid)
- Complete a post-work experience report



External Credits

A student can earn school credits for some specific programs:

For Example;

- Driver Training Course
- Girl Guides / Cadets
- Provincial & National level sport teams
- NLS & Bronze Cross (swimming)
- Royal Conservatory Music levels

*** Credits are given for SPECIFIC levels of participation as determined by the Ministry of Education.**

Check with a counsellor!



Things to
consider



Plan Carefully!

Changing courses will NOT be simple and extra space in any course is not guaranteed.



Oh no!
I changed my
mind about
Foods and now
there is no room
in Video!

Get more information:

Further Course Descriptions can
be viewed at:

GESS School Website

<http://www.ges.sd23.bc.ca>

(Student tab - Course Selection)

MyEd Course Selection

Course selection will occur online for all students.

You will be able to log in to MyEd between the dates of Feb 12th to March 1st.



MyEd Course Selection

Some hints for successfully selecting course on MyEd

1. KNOW YOUR USERNAME AND PASSWORD!!!!
2. Use a computer, NOT your phone! The site is not designed for cell phones.
3. Use the link to the MyEd site on the GES webpage to ensure you have the correct one.
4. Please ensure you pick alternate courses when asked to, in case your primary choices don't work.
5. A tutorial/helpful presentation on how to do course selection on Myed, as well as this presentation and the 2026/27 course description booklet can be found at <https://ges.sd23.bc.ca/course-selection-students>



Questions?

*About Courses;
Contact Mr. Shaw*

*About MyEd;
Contact the school*