

Welcome Grade 11s!

GESS Grads

2026

**TODAY: Planning for
Grade 12**



Overview

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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!



PLANNING for Post-Secondary

Lots of Options available to you!

UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC

ie: UBC, UVIC, SFU, etc.

UNIVERSITY TRANSFER

ie: Okanagan College

HANDS-ON & SKILL BASED

ie: BCIT, SAIT

✓Power Engineer

✓Radio Broadcasting

CREATIVE PROGRAMS

ie: CATO, MC College

✓Make-Up

✓Sound Engineering

TRADES

ie: Okanagan College, BCIT

ie: SD 23 Dual Credit Programs

~ 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 post-sec. transferable courses.

UBC Okanagan

- First year Engineering Course

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

- Nursing Unit Asst.
- Dental Office Asst.
- Medical Office Asst.
- Medical Device Reprocessing
- Admin. Asst.
- Education Asst.
- Health Care Asst.
- Office Admin.
- Early Childhood Ed.
- Health Care Sampler (10-12)
- Practical Nursing 113 (OC)

TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY

Okanagan College

- All Entry Level Trades 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)

School Based

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

PLANNING for Post-Secondary

University Entrance

ENGLISH 12

(70% ↑)

+

3-5 Grade 12

**courses [approved by
the institute you choose
to attend]**

*Some programs also require
Gr. 11 courses*

It is important to Research the Universities you are interested in.

PLANNING for Post-Secondary

Start at a college & transfer to a university

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

*Take 1 or 2 years at college
& transfer to university to
complete Arts degree.*

ENG 12 60% ↑

*College transcript then used
for university transfer*

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCES

*Take 1 or 2 years at college
& transfer to university to
complete Science degree.*

ENG 12 60% ↑

P.Calc 12 50% ↑

*College transcript then used
for university transfer*

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.

Graduation Requirements



Graduation Overview

GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
→ English 10	→ English 11	→ English 12
→ a Math 10**	→ a Math 11**	→ _____ 12 **
→ SS 10	→ a SS 12 (or 11) **	→ _____ 12 **
→ Science 10	→ a Science 11**	→ _____ 12 **
→ a PHE 10**	→ Careers 11	→ Career Life Connections 12B/Capstone
→ Career Education 10	→ Elective**	→ Elective**
→ Elective**	→ Elective**	→ Elective**
→ Elective**	→ Elective**	→ Elective**

** = Choices to be made

→ 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

Capstone- CLC 12B

- Inquiry driven, self paced passion project where students showcase who they are, their skills and what they are interested in.
- Creating and preparing students for their final Capstone presentation in May.
- Paired with the students spare, and once project is complete, a full spare will be earned.

Possible Project Formats:

- 1.) Tangible Project
- 2.) Inquiry
- 3.) Entrepreneurship
- 4.) Career Passport
- 5.) Hosting an Event
- 6.) 4 Food Chiefs



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

➤ English 12

One option for grade 12 English courses. It will contain elements of literature, poetry, and short stories. Original composition, synthesis of texts, and oral presentation are developmental skills.

➤ English First Peoples 12

English 12 First Peoples is an academic English course which can be taken in place of English 12. English 12 First Peoples interactive and engaging course with an emphasis on writing, both in expository and creative forms, and on the study of First Nations literature. There is a strong emphasis on the development of writing skills.

Taken in conjunction with Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12 - a SS 12

Course offerings dependent upon # of participants.

English AP

AP classes are based on First-year university courses. Students who successfully complete these will receive credit for the Grade 12 equivalent and the AP course (8 credits total)

Student will have the opportunity to write the standardized AP exam and if a high enough score is obtained may get a first-year credit at the College or University they attend.*

**assignment of credit is at the discretion of the college or university and not guaranteed*

Course offerings dependent upon # of participants.

Social Studies

Students will choose a Social Studies 12 course during grade 11 or 12 to meet graduation requirements.

- Law 12
- Genocide 12
- Physical Geography 12
- 20th Century World History
- Social Justice 12
- BC First Peoples 12 (taken in Indigenous Studies 11)
- Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12 (taken in Indigenous Studies 12)



Course offerings dependent upon # of participants.

Science

Grade 11/12

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

Physics 11- *Strong math background needed! Foundations/Pre-cal Math 10 minimum! Recommended take Pre-calculus Ma 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.*

Earth Science 11- *The exploration of the Earth and its orientation in space.*

Science

Anatomy and Physiology 12

A&P 12 focuses on structures and functions of the human body

Chemistry 12

Strong math background needed! Must have Chem 11 credit prior to this course.

Physics 12

Strong math background needed! Must have Physics 11 credit prior to this course. Recommended take Precalculus Ma 12 before or concurrently with Physics 12.

Course offerings dependent upon # of participants.

ASPIRE

Applied Sciences



ASPIRE CHEMISTRY 12

Chemistry 12 (4 credits)

- ChemCorp: ASPIRE Division
- Solve Real-World Problems
- Focus on Scientific Skills

Advanced Lab Science 12 (4 credits)

- Post-Secondary Level Labs
- Specialized Instruction
- UBCO Mentorship - **BRIDGE Program**

CLC 12 (2 credits)

- Personalized Capstone Project
- All Volunteer Hours Completed
- Off-Campus Learning Experiences



***Note that students who choose to take ASPIRE can request a spare in their**

ASPIRE GALLERY: Fall 2024



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

Math

Important notes:

✓ ALL Math course paths are valid & “good” courses.

✓ Consider your skills, your interests, & your path

✓ Pre-Calculus leaves maximum options for post-secondary but is it the right path for you?

✓ Talk to your teachers!

Foundations 12

✓ Business Degree (OC)

✓ ARTS @ UBC-V, & SFU & UVIC

Foundations 12 is NOT an approved grade 12 course for calculation of university entrance at UBC.

Pre-Calculus 12

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



Calculus 12

✓ Strongly recommended for science or math and some business programs in post-secondary

Course offerings dependent upon # of participants.

Elective Programs



Remember:

ELECTIVES

Open to all grade 12 students regardless of prior experience.

Some exceptions apply (ie: Band, languages)

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

What about a LANGUAGE?

~ great idea!

BUT is a 2nd language required ??

For graduation? **NO**

For trades or vocational programs? **NO**

For university entrance? ... maybe

It depends on if you go straight to university from high school, the program you choose, & the university/college you attend.

It's a good idea to keep your options open!



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 your Grade 10 PHE
requirement for Graduation if
you do not already have it.

- Active Living 11-12
- 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

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

Physical Education ACADEMIES

SOCCER ACADEMY	\$400	DEPOSIT: \$100 DUE: March 8th REMAINDER DUE: June 3rd
HOCKEY ACADEMY	\$725	
Goalies	\$360	

Psychology 12

Psychology is the scientific study of behavior and mental processes.

Some topics included are: psychological disorders, memory, cognition, language & intelligence, motivation & emotion, the stages of human development, and sensation & perception.

The course is very focused on student choice and project-based learning.

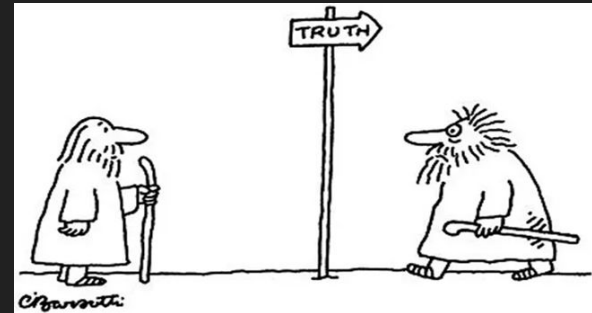


Philosophy 12

"Who am I?" "What is the meaning of life?" "What is right and wrong?"

Philosophy takes on many of life's big questions.

Students will use their critical and creative thinking and engage in discussions, debates, written essays, and projects.





~ 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.

Academy of Art & Design

What is it?

- a program for students who are passionate artists and interested in pursuing the arts after graduation, either professionally or at post-secondary. You will get to spend the whole semester working with other similarly passionate and artistic students.

Who is it for?

- grade 11 or 12 students passionate about the arts (any or all of the following: drawing, painting, filmmaking, photography, animation, design, etc.). Especially students who have practiced a lot in arts classes or extensively at home.
- students will spend an entire semester focused on what they love and building a portfolio they get to take with them.

Course offerings dependent upon # of participants.

Classes:

- Foundation Arts 12
- Photography/ Video Production 12
- Design/Animation 12
- Arts-based Careers 12
- *Independent Study
- *Work Experience

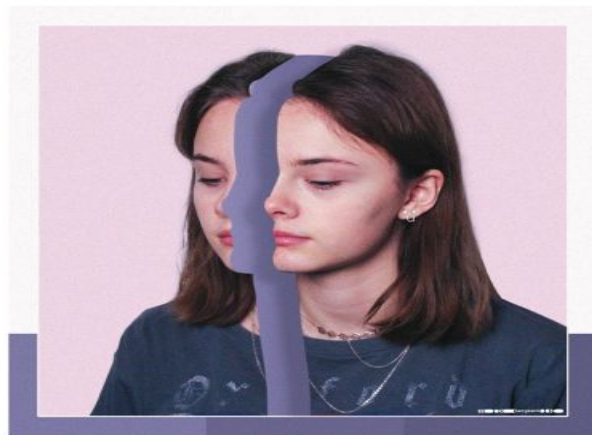
*these are the types of courses that have been offered in the past.

Cost:

- \$350

This will cover the costs of your portfolio and other materials needed for the program. It also will cover part or all of any field trips around the Okanagan and potentially further. For families who need support, the school will work with you on a case-by-case basis.

GES ACADEMY OF ART & DESIGN



SCARLETT SERGEANT, 2019



FEDERICO VACCA, 2020



MARCELLA YOUNG, 2020

The academy is an arts-based, intensive and immersive program that will intentionally guide and encourage students to focus solely on their creative goals while honing a variety of skills and developing a diverse body of works for their portfolios.

In a single semester, students will take the following 4 credit courses:

Art Foundations 12	Careers 12
Film & Photography 12	Independent Studies 12
Digital Design & Animation 12	Work Experience 12 (optional)

Students will take these classes as a cohort to encourage development of innovative ideas, hone skills, allow students to become experts in their chosen area of study, and apply that expertise in individual and collaborative settings. Students will collaborate and learn alongside like-minded creatives in a collegiate atmosphere modeled after the post-secondary fine arts experience.

A portfolio and equipment fee of \$350 is required, but special considerations and options are available.

Contact your school counsellor for more information.

BE WHO YOU ARE. REALIZE YOUR CREATIVITY.

Excited?

This Academy is meant to be the dream semester for passionate and experienced Arts students who want to:

Work with passionate people.

- Learn more skills while honing existing ones.
- Build your portfolio.
- Meet industry professionals.
- Get a solid start for a life in the arts after high school.

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**Woodcraft,
Metal**



Leadership

Applied Skills



**Video
Production,
Digital
Design,
Animation,
Drafting**



Auto Technology 11/12

Foods



Course offerings dependent upon # of participants.

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.



"AP Passion to Action" is a dynamic Grade 12 course which invites students to **explore their passions and curiosities through land-based, inquiry-driven learning**, while focusing on **making a meaningful impact for themselves, for their community, and/or for the land**. Students will **co-design** their learning experiences, allowing them to engage deeply with **topics they care about**, while gaining **hands-on experience** that connects them with the land and the community around them.

Throughout the course, students will explore key issues related to **environmental sustainability, social justice, and community well-being**. They will be encouraged to **develop actionable ideas and solutions, working closely with Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers, mentors, experts, and community leaders** who will help them bring their vision to life. Students will also learn how to apply for micro-grants which can support them with their **'Do Good Projects.'** Whether addressing local environmental challenges, advocating for social equity, or shaping their own career pathways, students will learn how to **create positive change in the world**.

By the end of the course, students will have developed a **strong sense of their role** in addressing global and local challenges, while also **gaining skills** in critical thinking, project management, and community collaboration. They will leave with a **sense of accomplishment**, having made meaningful contributions to their community and the land, while also **gaining clarity about their own futures** and how they can **make a lasting difference** in their communities and beyond.



AP Passion to Action 12

Connecting to and Creating Impact In Our Community

- Build a strong community with your peers through conversations and shared experiences.
- Co-design and personalize your learning experiences
- Through an inquiry based approach, learn more about yourself, your passions, and your role in the community.
- Choose your own adventure by exploring your interests, curiosities, and potential future pathways.
- Personalize your learning journey by embracing off-campus learning experiences
- Spend quality time outdoors, learning from the environment & gaining insights from community experts and local Indigenous Knowledge Keepers.
- Transform your passions into meaningful contributions for our local community.
- Receive 4 credits at OC or UBCO that count towards a degree

*****The course follows a linear structure & would run half day, every other day*****

AP PASSION TO ACTION 12

In the AP Passion to Action course, students will receive 10 credits:

1. AP Seminar (4 credits)
2. CLC 12B (Capstone)
(2 credits)
3. English FP 12 (4 credits)



Fitness and Conditioning

Theatre Production

Outside of the Timetable



Choir

Jazz Band

Yearbook

See the Course Description Booklet online for course information.

Course offerings dependent upon # of participants.

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



March 17-21, 2025
8:00am-4:30pm
Lunch provided each day



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!



School District 23 now has a **LIFEGUARD ACADEMY!!**

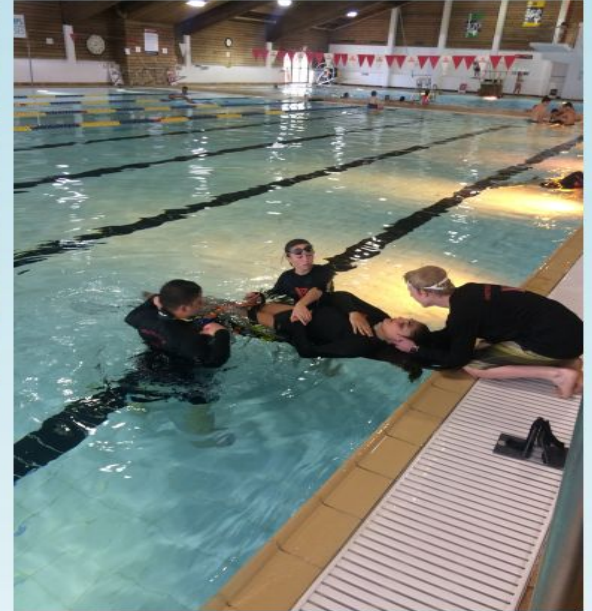
You can become fully certified as a Lifeguard with just 2 high school courses!
These courses are taught through RSS.

- The lifeguard certifications that candidates can attain in Pre-Lifeguarding 11 are:
 - Standard First Aid certification
 - Bronze Medallion certification
 - Bronze Cross certification
 - YMCA Water Safety Instructor certification
- The Lifeguard Certifications that candidates can attain in Pre-Lifeguarding 12 are:
 - National Lifeguard Pool certification
 - National Lifeguard Waterpark certification
 - Lifesaving Instructor certification
- Follow us and message your interest on Instagram at :



GuardingRutland

Or email Mr. McNabb directly at
allen.mcnabb@sd23.bc.ca



Things to
consider



Online Education



Be realistic!

This is NOT the 'easier' way to take a course!

****Gr 12: online courses required for graduation must be on track for completion by middle of May.**

****Gr 12: check with your prospective Universities regarding their rules around online completion dates.**



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 18th to March 9th.



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 a couple of alternate courses in case your primary choices don't work.
5. Watch the MyEd tutorials on the GES webpage for detailed instructions on the selection process.

<http://www.ges.sd23.bc.ca/Students/StudMyEd/Pages/default.aspx#/=>



Questions?

About Courses;
Contact Mr. Shaw

About MyEd;
Contact the school