

Welcome Grade 10s!



TODAY: Planning for
Grade 11

Overview

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- ✓ Graduation Requirements
- ✓ Academic Course Options
- ✓ Elective Course Options
- ✓ Future Planning
- ✓ Things to Consider
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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

***Now 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/ 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 à la carrière 10	✓ Elective ** / Français Langue 11	✓ Elective ** / Français Langue 12(2026/27)
✓ Elective ** / Français Langue 10	✓ Elective **	✓ Elective **
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**** = Choices to be made**

*** NOTE- New for Grad 2024, all students must have at least one 4 credit Indigenous Studies course.**

Graduation = 80 credits

Acquired in Grades 10, 11, & 12

***French Immersion Requirements**



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 10 - all students take English 10 or First Peoples English 10
- ▶ English 11- all students take First People's English 11
 - this satisfies the new Indigenous course graduation requirement.
- ▶ English 12- Choose between; AP English, English Studies 12 or First People's English 12
 - all meet University entrance requirements

See the Course Description Booklet online for course information.

Course offerings dependent upon # of participants.

Social Studies

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

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



Course offerings dependent upon # of participants.

Science

- **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 Math 10 minimum! Recommended take Pre-calculus Ma 11 before or concurrently with Physics 11.

- **ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE 11**

The study of how living organisms, soil, air, water and energy are interconnected and interdependent

- **EARTH SCIENCE** – *The exploration of the Earth and its orientation in space*

Course offerings dependent upon # of participants.

Science

- **ANATOMY & 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.

Math

Workplace
Math 10



Apprenticeship
Math 12

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

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

Pre-Calculus 12



Foundations 12 and Apprenticeship 12 are NOT approved grade 12 courses for calculation of university entrance to UBC.

Calculus 12

✓ Strongly recommended for science or math programs in post-secondary (also some business programs)

Course offerings dependent upon # of participants.



AP Passion to Action



Connecting to and Creating Impact in our Community





AP Passion to Action 11

Connecting to and Creating Impact In Our Community

- Build a strong community with your peers through conversations and shared 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 your future and our local community.
- Receive 3 credits at OC or UBC that count towards a degree.

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

AP PASSION TO ACTION 11

In the AP Passion to Action course, students will receive 10-12 credits:

1. AP Seminar (4 credits)
2. CLC 12A (2 credits)
3. English FP 11 (4 credits)



Elective Programs



Remember:

GRADE 11 ELECTIVES

Open to all grade 11 & 12 students regardless of prior experience.

Some exceptions apply (ie: Band, languages)



Course offerings dependent upon # of participants.

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 Education

PE Options**

- Active Living 11-12
- Lifetime Fitness 10-12
- Fitness & Conditioning 10-12
- High Performance Volleyball 10-12
- High Performance Basketball 10-12
- Hockey Academy 10-12
- Soccer Academy 10-12

**** These courses can all count as your Grade 10 PE requirement for Graduation if you don't already have it**



Course offerings dependent upon # of participants.

Physical Education ACADEMIES

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



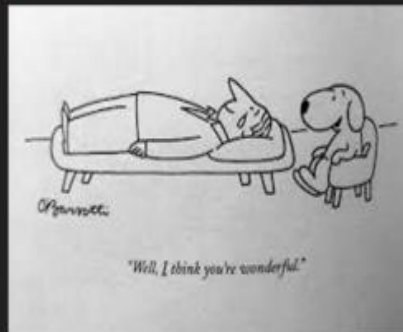
Course offerings dependent upon # of participants.

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.

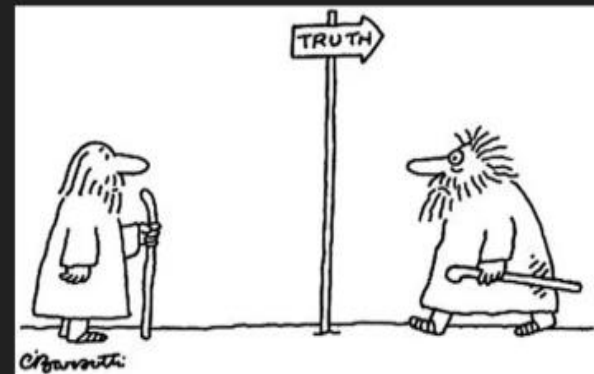


Philosophy 12

"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.

INDIGENOUS VISUAL ARTS 10/11/12

The goal of this course is to honour and celebrate the Indigenous community through visual art and provide an opportunity for any student to learn and experience these visual art forms.

Connection to Place: Land based learning and multiple field studies across the Okanagan

- Learning alongside syilx Elders and Knowledge Keepers
- Learn a diverse set of skills including creating ecodyes, using medicines to create natural products, weaving, printmaking, beading, painting, and more.
- Use a variety of mediums to create art, such as: natural materials, felt, wool, beads, plants, paints, wire, clay, and more.
- Be inspired by historical and modern Indigenous art
- Students will co-designing our learning experiences

This hands-on course is open to all grade 10, 11, and 12 students. This course satisfies the "Elective" graduation requirement as well as the Indigenous graduation requirement.



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.

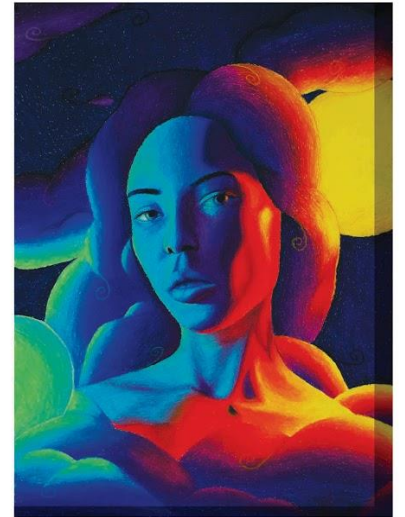
GES ACADEMY OF ART & DESIGN



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.

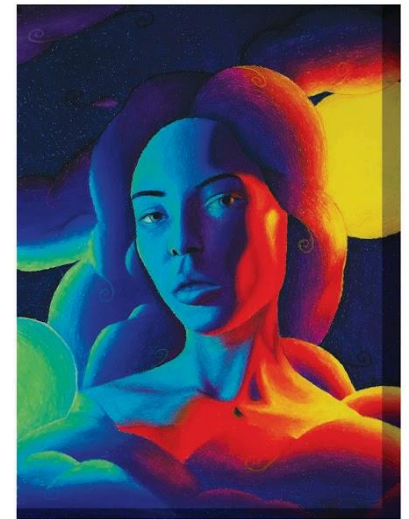
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Leadership



Woodcraft

Metal

Applied Skills

Video
Production

Digital
Design

Auto Technology 11/12



Animation
Drafting

Foods



See the Course Description Booklet online for course information.

Course offerings dependent upon # of participants.



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

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.

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:

- 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!**



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.
- Session 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.

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

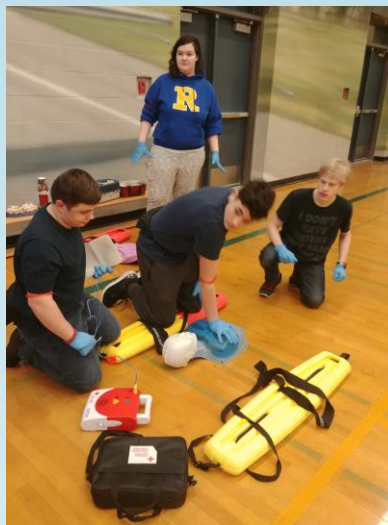
You can become fully certified as a Lifeguard with just 2 high school courses!
These courses are taught through RSS.

- 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



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**



PLANNING for the FUTURE

~ CHOICES for PROGRAMS! ~

UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC

ie: UBC, UVIC, SFU, etc.

CREATIVE PROGRAMS

ie: CATO, MC College

✓ Make-Up

✓ Sound Engineering

UNIVERSITY TRANSFER

ie: OK College

TRADES

ie: OK College, BCIT

ie: SD 23 Dual Credit Programs

HANDS-ON & SKILL BASED

ie: BCIT, SAIT

✓ Power Engineer

✓ Radio Broadcasting

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www.educationplannerbc.ca

PLANNING for Post-Secondary

~ University Entrance ~

ENGLISH 12
(80% ↑)

+

3-5 Grade 12
courses [approved by
the institute you choose
to attend]

Some programs also require
Gr. 11 courses

RESEARCH & Keep your options open ...

PLANNING for the FUTURE

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*

RESEARCH & Keep your options open ...

~ 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)

Things to
consider



Distance Education

Be realistic!

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



Plan Carefully!

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

**BALANCE
YOUR
LIFE!**



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

Get more information:

Course Selection Booklets can be
viewed at:

GESS School Website

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

(Student tab - Course Selection)

Course Selection:



Course selection will occur online for students going into Grade 9-12.

You will be able to log in to MyEd between the dates of Feb 18th & Mar 9th.



Course Selection:

Instruction to log in and select your courses.

What you need to know;

1. Use a computer, not your phone. The site works much better this way.
2. Use the link to the MyEd site on the GES webpage.
3. For electives and Social Studies, be sure to choose an alternate course in addition to your primary choice.



Questions?

*About Courses;
Contact Mr. Shaw*

*About MyEd;
Contact the school*