

Graduation Years Program



Changes to the graduation program:

Implementation Timeline	
Grade 10 curriculum is implemented in BC schools	September 2018-2019
Grade 11 and 12 curriculum is implemented in BC schools	September 2019-2020

Provincial Graduation Assessments:

The Graduation Numeracy Assessment was implemented in January 2018, and the Graduation Literacy Assessment will be implemented in January 2020.

- Language Arts (LA) 12 Provincial Exam will continue to be administered, and weighted 40% of final mark, until the Graduation Literacy Assessment is implemented.
- The following set of policies is associated with the new assessments:
 - Stand-alone assessment (not tied to a specific course).
 - Students can take the graduation assessments at any time during their graduation years (Grades 10-12).
 - Students must write each assessment once and may choose to rewrite up to two times, if required.
 - Scored on a 4-level proficiency scale.
 - Results will appear on Student Transcripts and their best outcome (proficiency score) will be recorded on their final transcript.

Implementation Timeline	
Numeracy Assessment	January 2018
Literacy Assessment	January 2020

Qualifying for graduation in BC- There are 4 different ways to earn a Certificate of Graduation:

I. B.C. Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma)

The B.C. Certificate of Graduation, or Dogwood Diploma, is awarded to students who successfully complete the provincial graduation requirements.

Graduation Requirements (Dogwood Diploma)

Requirement	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Required 52 Credits			
English Language Arts	4 credits required (two 2-credit course or one 4-credit course) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Composition 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Literary Studies 10 <input type="checkbox"/> New Media 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Spoken Language 10 <input type="checkbox"/> EFP Writing 10 <input type="checkbox"/> EFP Literary Studies 10 <input type="checkbox"/> EFP New Media 10 <input type="checkbox"/> EFP Spoken Language 10 	Choose one 4-credit course: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Composition 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Literary Studies 11 <input type="checkbox"/> New Media 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Spoken Language <input type="checkbox"/> EFP Literary Studies and Writing 11 <input type="checkbox"/> EFP Literary Studies and New Media 11 <input type="checkbox"/> EFP Literary Studies and Spoken Language 11 	Choose one 4-credit course: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> English Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> English First Peoples 12
Mathematics	Choose one 4-credit course: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Mathematics and Pre-calculus 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Mathematics 10 	Choose one 4-credit course: <i>(Grade 11 or Grade 12)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Mathematics 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-calculus 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Mathematics 11 <input type="checkbox"/> History of Mathematics 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science 11 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Mathematics 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Apprenticeship Mathematics 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-calculus 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Calculus 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Geometry 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Statistics 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science 12
Science	Required 4-credit course: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Science 10 	Choose one 4-credit course: <i>(Grade 11 or Grade 12)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Physics 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Life Sciences 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Earth Science 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Science for Citizens 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Science 11 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Physics 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Anatomy and Physiology 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Geology 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Science 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Specialized Science 12

Requirement	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Social Studies	Required 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies 10	Choose one 4-credit course: (Grade 11 or Grade 12) <input type="checkbox"/> Explorations in Social Studies 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Francophone History 11	<input type="checkbox"/> BC First Peoples 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Comparative Cultures 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Comparative World Religions 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Theory 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Human Geography 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Geography 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century World History 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Genocide Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Political Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Law Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Social Justice 12
Arts Education/ ADST	Choose 4 credits: (Grade 10, 11 or Grade 12) For course listings, see Arts Education and Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies (ADST) Tables on pages 26-33.		
Career Education	Two required Career Education courses, during Grades 10-12 (8 credits total) <input type="checkbox"/> Career Life Education <input type="checkbox"/> Career Life Connections Each course may be delivered as two 2-credit courses or one 4-credit course, depending on the school.		
Physical and Health Education (PHE)	Required 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> Physical and Health Education 10		
Electives: minimum 28 Credits			
Depending on the school's offerings and student's choice, the number of electives in each grade level will vary. The 28 elective credits in Grade 10–12 can come from the following options:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ministry-developed or ministry-approved coursesBoard/Authority Authorized (BAA) coursesIndependent Directed Studies (IDS)External CredentialsPost-Secondary ("dual") credit			
Grade 10: 2-5 electives <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	Grade 11: 3-5 electives <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	Grade 12: 6-8 electives* <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	
Total: 80 Credits required for Graduation			
*Of the 80 credits needed for graduation, at least 16 credits must be at the Grade 12 level, including a Grade 12 Language Arts course.			
Examinations/ Assessments	Requirement: <input type="checkbox"/> Graduation Literacy Assessment (any time in Grades 10, 11, 12; two rewrites possible) <input type="checkbox"/> Graduation Numeracy Assessment (any time in Grades 10, 11, 12; two rewrites possible)		

II. For French Immersion/Francophone Dual Dogwood

French Immersion students can earn both a British Columbia Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) and a Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires en Colombie-Britannique.

In order to graduate with both diplomas, French Immersion students must meet the graduation requirements for the Dogwood Diploma, and of these 80 credits, French Immersion students must earn:

- At least 16 credits at the Grade 12 level (including Français langue seconde - immersion 12)
- Français langue seconde-immersion 10
- Français langue seconde-immersion 11 or IB French A2 (SL) 11
- Français langue seconde-immersion 12 and take the Provincial Exam, and
- At least 12 credits in Grade 10, 11 or 12 courses that are in French with at least four of these credits at the Grade 11 or 12 level. (Note: Graduation Transitions does not count toward the additional 12 credits of courses taught in French requirement.)

III. B.C. Adult Graduation Diploma (Adult Dogwood)

Students over the age of 18 have the choice of pursuing graduation through a Dogwood Diploma or an Adult Dogwood Diploma. Learners must be 18 or older to be an “adult learner” and take courses as credit towards their Adult Graduation Diploma. Courses can be taken at school district continuing education centres, or as part of the Adult Basic Education (ABE) program at a post-secondary institution.

To graduate with an Adult Dogwood, learners must have:

- a Language Arts 12 course (or higher);
- a Math 11 or 12 course; and
- at least three additional Grade 12 electives, or
- Social Studies 11 and two additional Grade 12 electives.

Courses and credits can be counted from the public secondary and post-secondary systems provided they have met the criteria for equivalency. Adult learners may also get credit recognition for current or past work skills or competencies or for post-secondary training courses they have completed.

Adult learners are not required to complete the Graduation Numeracy or Literacy Assessments.

IV. International Student Graduation Credit

To earn a Dogwood Diploma, international students must meet all graduation requirements and demonstrate competence in one of Canada's two official languages.

There are a number of specific conditions that pertain to international students. They must earn credit for courses from a British Columbia certified teacher as per the International Student Graduation Credit Policy.

No Equivalency review or Challenge process is permitted for these courses.

For those students who are not able to earn a Certificate of Graduation:

Completion Certificate-B.C. School Completion Certificate (Evergreen)

There are no changes to the Evergreen Certificate. The Evergreen Certificate does not represent graduation and therefore is not equivalent to a B.C. Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma).

It represents the completion of personal learning goals as identified in the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP).

The Evergreen Certificate is intended to celebrate success in learning and accomplishments of diverse learners. To be eligible for a school completion certificate, the student must have an IEP and be designated in one of the Ministry of Education's inclusive education categories.