

Secondary Graduation Program Information

June 2020

April 24, 2020

Due to COVID-19 and the [suspension of in-class instruction in K-12 schools](#), the Ministry of Education has directed all school districts to deliver learning opportunities to students in an alternate method (remote learning).

Graduation and Student Assessment

With the changes in the delivery of an education program, the Ministry has provided information about graduation and student assessment.

Excerpts from Section 4 of the [Ministry's FAQ on Continuity of Learning](#) are provided here for clarification:

- As in any given school year, students on track or eligible to graduate will be able to graduate provided the student has completed sufficient learning in their coursework. This includes what they have learned since the course started, along with the learning they will complete from now until the end of the school year.
- To be “eligible to graduate” means a student will satisfy all graduation requirements upon successful completion of courses they currently have underway and are continuing through to June 2020. This does not mean that students will graduate no matter what.
- Students are expected to continue their learning for each course they are enrolled in and to complete assignments set out by their teachers to finish their courses. These assignments must be reasonable for each student in their home learning environment, recognizing that it is not a regular classroom.

What does this mean for our Grade 12s?

- Every student eligible to graduate from Grade 12 this year will graduate, but *eligible to graduate* does not mean students will graduate ‘no matter what’.
- To be eligible to graduate:
 - Students must meet all *graduation requirements* (see below).
 - Students must successfully complete all of the required courses they currently have underway and in progress for completion this June.
- Teachers will support all students as part of the continuity of learning and help those students who may need additional supports to meet graduation requirements.

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Graduation Requirements

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

Students require a minimum of **80 credits** to graduate. Of these 80 credits:

- At least 16 credits must be at the Grade 12 level, including a required Language Arts 12
- At least 28 credits must be elective course credits
- 52 credits are required from the following:
 - Career-Life Education (4 credits), and Career-Life Connections (4 credits)
 - Physical and Health Education 10 (4 credits)
 - Science 10 (4 credits), and a Science 11 or 12 (4 credits)
 - Social Studies 10 (4 credits), and a Social Studies 11 or 12 (4 credits)
 - A Math 10 (4 credits), and a Math 11 or 12 (4 credits)
 - A Language Arts 10, 11 and a required 12 (12 credits total)
 - An Arts Education 10, 11, or 12 and/or an Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies 10, 11, or 12 (4 credits total)

In addition, current Grade 12 students must complete the Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment

- Grade 12 students who have not yet completed this assessment and who are otherwise on track to graduate will be able to meet this graduation requirement
- Further information will be forthcoming with details regarding this assessment

Career Life Connections and Capstone

- Teachers will work with students to fulfill the requirements of Career Life Connections, including the Capstone project
- Teachers will use their professional judgement in determining student marks and the granting of graduation credit for these requirements
- For the specific requirement of 30 hours of work experience or career-life experience, students can be given many opportunities to fulfil these requirements in alternative ways. For example, students could do work around their home such as babysitting younger siblings, household cleaning, yard maintenance, food preparation, maintenance work or household accounting.
- For capstone projects, students will be able to complete many aspects of the self-assessment and critical analysis, as well as the planning for Capstone presentation.
- Teachers will communicate with grade 12s their school's specific requirements for Capstone.
- Students can be given many different options and significant flexibility regarding how to design and present a more limited Capstone via alternative methods

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Report Cards and Final Grades

- In June, all students will receive a report card based on their grade prior to spring break plus the assessments of the essential learning the students engage in during the learning at home period.
- Final Grades will be equal to their pre-Spring Break grade or greater than their pre-Spring Break grade (cumulative mark up to March 13, 2020).

Post-Secondary Selections for 2020 Graduates

- Grade 12 students can view and order their transcripts to be sent to PSIs, prospective employers and themselves on the StudentTranscripts Service at: www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca/.
- Students must create a Basic BCeID account to access their information.
- Students need only complete their PSI selections once in the current school year. Students should make their PSI selections by May 1, 2020, but if needed, may add to their selections at any time through July 10, 2020.
- Students should contact their grade counsellor for information and support with this.

Guidance Sources

- Before making PSI selections for this school year, students are encouraged to download the poster and view the following YouTube how-to videos (available in English, French and Mandarin):
 - Registering for a BCeID and accessing the StudentTranscripts Service
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xJcK3Uj3P0Q>
 - How to order/send a transcript to a Post-Secondary Institution
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SSo_U7XmH8k
 - How to send a transcript to an employer, yourself or anyone
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QoV4K6Hdz2k>

Additional Notices for Students

- **IMPORTANT:** Canada Post has posted a notice of potential delivery delays to USA and temporary suspension of international service to some countries due to COVID-19. If you need to deliver a transcript to a post-secondary institution in a country listed for suspension of international mail service, please contact that institution to find an acceptable delivery method.
- For PSIs that only accept paper transcripts, the default selection is "Send Final Marks when they become available."
- Students may make up to 25 PSI selections free of charge within six months after completing their last course. After six months, students will be charged \$10 per transcript, payable on the StudentTranscripts Service.

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- Under the heading “Send your transcript to an employer(s), yourself or anyone,” graduating students can also order their own free printed transcript (by mail) as soon as their transcript shows a graduation date at the bottom of the page, or can send an electronic copy via PDF download to anyone they choose.
- For students having difficulty accessing StudentTranscripts Service, please use your legal name as it appears on your Unofficial Transcript of Grades. Contact your school if corrections to legal name or birthdate are needed or if your transcript is missing course information.

Transition to Post-Secondary Studies

- The Ministry of Education is working with post-secondary institutions to ensure graduating students will transition successfully.
- The Ministry of Education will ensure transcripts reflect all final course marks submitted by schools to enable postsecondary institutions to proceed with their admission processes under the current circumstances.
- The Ministry will continue to work with the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training and with post-secondary institutions to ensure the smooth transition of graduating students
- Transcripts remain available to students through the [Ministry of Education’s Student Transcript Service](#).
- The transcripts will be updated when schools are able to report final marks.

Questions

- Students with questions can contact StudentTranscripts@gov.bc.ca.
- If offshore schools have questions, please email Offshore.Administrator@gov.bc.ca.