



Tuesday, January 20th, 2026

Dear Argyle families,

In February, students will need to select their courses for the 2026-2027 school year. Below you will find important information and upcoming dates for students and families to support course programming.

Course Programming Information Events for Students

Grade counsellors will share key information about course selection, graduation requirements, and elective choices.

For current grade 8 students:

- February 5th 8:30am – Mandatory assembly for all grade 8 students. Arrive 8:30am for 8:30am start. Attendance is mandatory.
- February 6th – Homeroom – students will have a chance to ask questions and explore the Argyle website to learn about course programming information

For current grade 9-11 students:

- February 6th – Course programming presentations in homeroom classes. Attendance is mandatory.

Counsellors and Administration will be available for course programming and MyEducationBC support in the cafeteria/multipurpose space during Flex time from 8:30AM to 9:00AM on February 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 25th, and 26th. A laptop cart will be available for use at this time. This is an excellent time to connect regarding general course questions, and to receive technical support for MyEducationBC's course selection process.

Course Programming Information Events for Parents

Grade counsellors will share key information about course selection, graduation requirements, and elective choices.

Parents/ guardians of **current grade 8 students**: Tuesday, February 10th 6:00pm in the Cafeteria

Parents/ guardians of **current grade 9 students**: Tuesday, February 10th 6:00pm in the Large Gym

Parents/ guardians of **current grade 10 students**: Tuesday, February 10th 7:00pm in the Large Gym

Parents/ guardians of **current grade 11 students**: Tuesday, February 10th 7:00pm in the Cafeteria

Online Course Selection

This year, we are continuing with online-only course selection. Students will need to select their courses for 2026-27 online in MyEducation BC: they will have the chance to choose required courses, electives, and alternate choices. In March, we will be sending home course verification reports requiring parent/ guardian signature to confirm students' course choices for 2026-27.

Please have your student come to the Argyle office if they do not have access to MyEducation BC.

[Help with accessing MyEd BC is available here.](#)



Graduation Diploma Verification

Graduation diploma verification reports will be published to MyEducation BC student and parent accounts of current 11 students on February 6th. This report shows the graduation requirements students have completed or that are in progress, as well as which requirements are outstanding. Grade 11 students should consult this report to assist in course selection for 2026-27. Any questions can be directed to the grade 11 counsellor Ms. Jessa Peers - jpeers@sd44.ca. [Help with accessing MyEd BC is available here.](#)

Post Secondary Information

The November 19th parent session about post-secondary information is available on the Argyle website [here](#). MyBlueprint and Education Planner are valuable tools for post-secondary research.

Every student has access to [MyBlueprint](#) through their SD44 account. MyBlueprint is a powerful tool to build resumes, research post-secondary institutions, and more. Parents can create a free account linked to their students to help with post-secondary research. Information and instructions are [here](#).

[Education Planner BC](#) allows students to search for post-secondary programs and apply to most post secondary institutions in BC.

Minimum Courses

Next year, all Argyle students will be expected to take a minimum course load to retain full time student status. This minimum course loads are required for: Argyle scholarships, all Argyle awards, and participation in Argyle Athletics.

Grade	Minimum Courses	Maximum Courses w/out Admin Approval
8	8	9
9	8	9
10	8	9
11	7 + CLC12 - 2 credits	8+CLC12 - 2 credits
12	6 + CLC12 - 2 credits	7+CLC12 - 2 credits



What About Study Blocks?

All students in grades 10-12 will have some schedule flexibility with our hybrid careers course models (more info to come in course programming presentations). Argyle will not be approving additional study blocks beyond the course minimums above. How come?

Students who attend classes regularly feel more connected to their school and see greater success in school.

- Regular attendance allows learners to keep up with their studies, resulting in stronger academic performance.
- The more time students spend at school, the more connected they feel to the people and the place.
- Multiple study blocks, or spending more time at home, can result in reduced sense of belonging, disconnection from peers and teachers, and worsening mental health.
- Engaged students who take a variety of classes (especially in their senior years) are better able to explore areas of interest and identify post-graduation pathways.
- Students who are encouraged to take 7-8 classes are typically more resilient and open-minded.
- Disengaged students are at greater risk of absenteeism, dropping out, or declining mental health.

Very occasionally, students have individual circumstances that require personalized timetables (for example, serious health conditions, or participation in a provincial or national-level sport). In these situations, please contact your grade counselor for more information.

Course Changes

We need students to submit finalized course choices by February 28th. We use this data to staff the school for 2026-27 and build the timetable. This process begins in March and ends in July.

From August 31st – September 18th students may request course changes, however we are not able to guarantee any course changes requested in September. Argyle is very full and class spaces are limited, particularly in senior grades.

It is important that senior students make realistic choices now about the academic load they can carry in the Fall. We will not be approving additional study blocks beyond the course minimums above in 2026-27.

Please take the time in February to research post-secondary requirements, electives choices, and help students make wise choices for next year.



Enhanced Programs

For more information about **District Academies**, [please visit this webpage](#).

For more information about **Peak Performance** altered schedules, [please visit this webpage](#). (The website will be updated for 2026 soon.)

For more information about **Careers programs**, please visit [Career Pathways 44](#). There will also be an information session about Career programs held at Carson Graham Secondary on February 3rd, 2026 at 6:00pm.

Course Programming Questions

Any questions about course programming can be directed to your grade counsellor:

Current Grade 8's: Jason De Couto jdecouto@sd44.ca

Current Grade 9's: Tracy Romano trmano@sd44.ca

Current Grade 10's: Lauren Lyons llyons@sd44.ca

Current Grade 11's: Jessa Peers jpeers@sd44.ca

Thank you for your attention to this very important upcoming course programming season.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Tim Ireland, Vice Principal

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