

Grade 8 to 9

COURSE PLANNING

Mr. Jason de Couto

Land Acknowledgement



We would like to thank the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation, whose unceded traditional territory the North Vancouver School District resides on. We value the opportunity to learn, share and grow on this traditional territory.

The Tree As A Metaphor



[YouTube Link](#)

Topics to Cover

A typical Grade 9 course load

“What courses do I need to take next year?”

Considerations for Choosing Courses

“Which courses are most interesting to me and will help me with where I want to go?”

Looking ahead to Graduation Program

“What courses do I need to graduate?”

Info on Courses

“What are the courses about?”

Course Selection Timeline

“When should I be registering for my grade 9 courses?”

How to select Courses on MyEd

“How do I choose my courses for next year?”

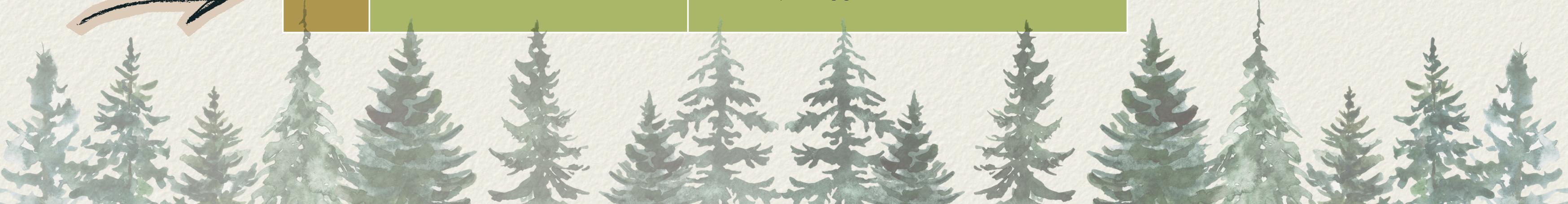


Typical ENGLISH PROGRAM Grade 9 Course load

These are the **ONLY**
courses you will be
selecting



	Subject	Courses
1	ENGLISH	English 9
2	SOCIALS	Social Studies 9
3	SCIENCE	Science 9
4	MATH	Math 9
5	PHE	Physical & Health Education 9
6	ELECTIVE	See course planning guide online
7	ELECTIVE	See course planning guide online
8	ELECTIVE	See course planning guide online



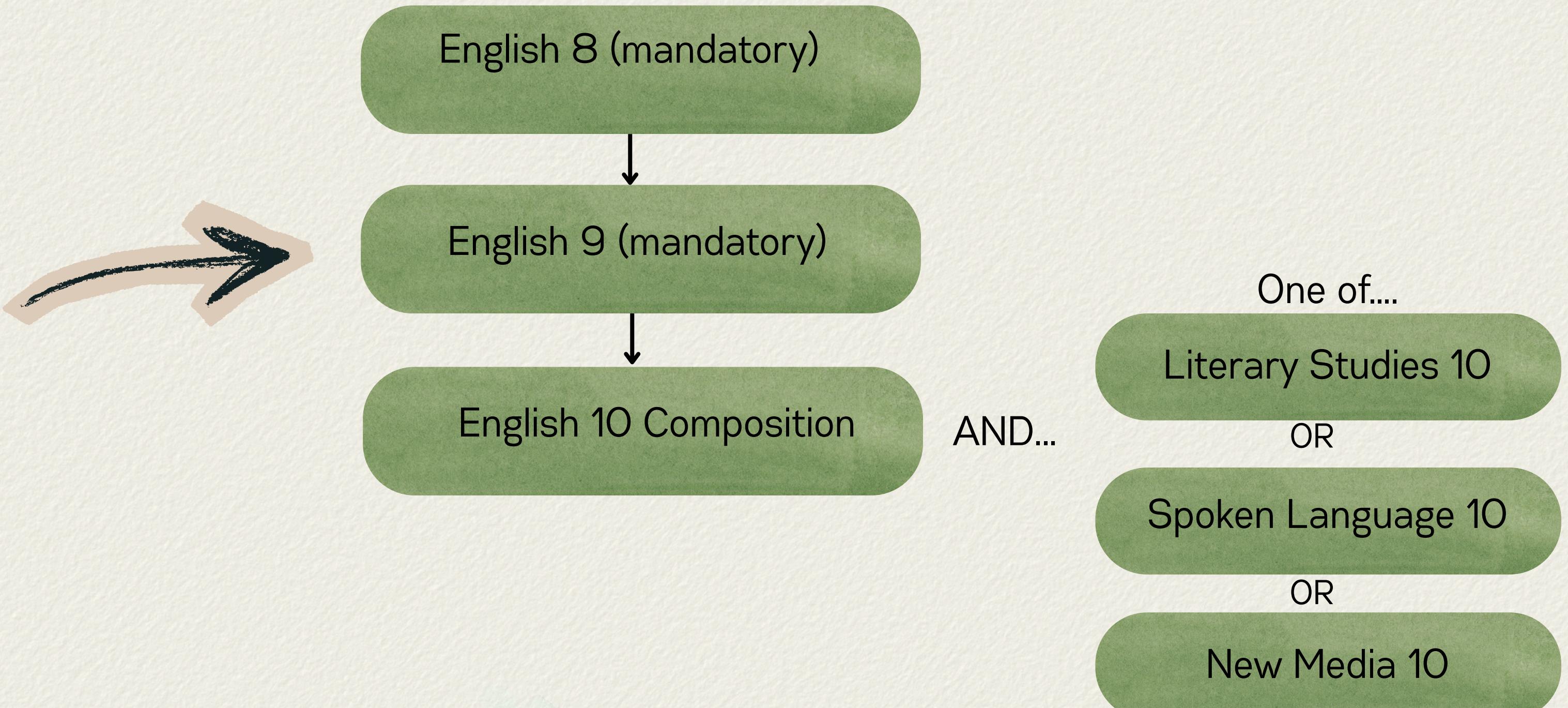
Typical FRENCH PROGRAM Grade 9 Course load

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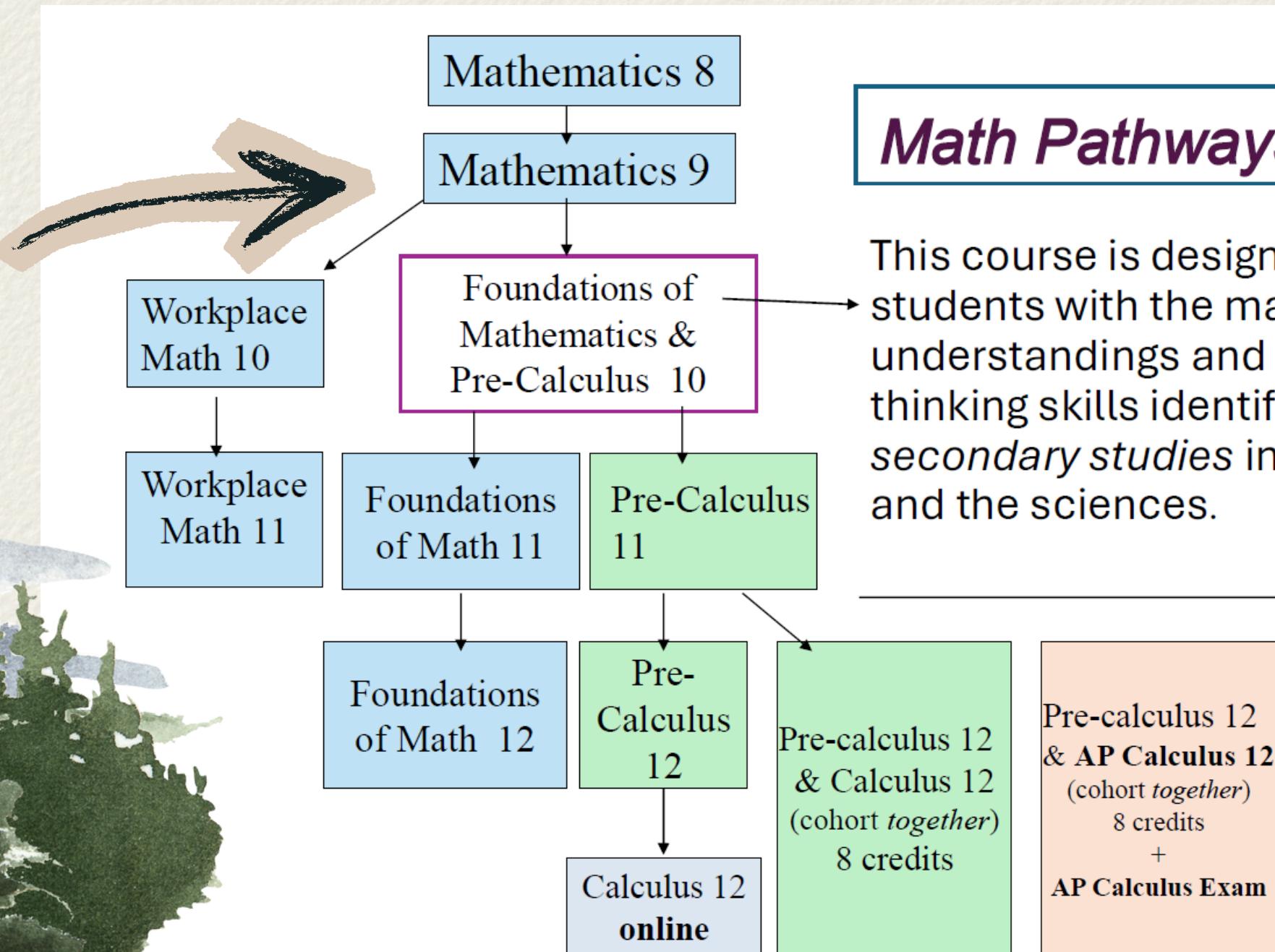
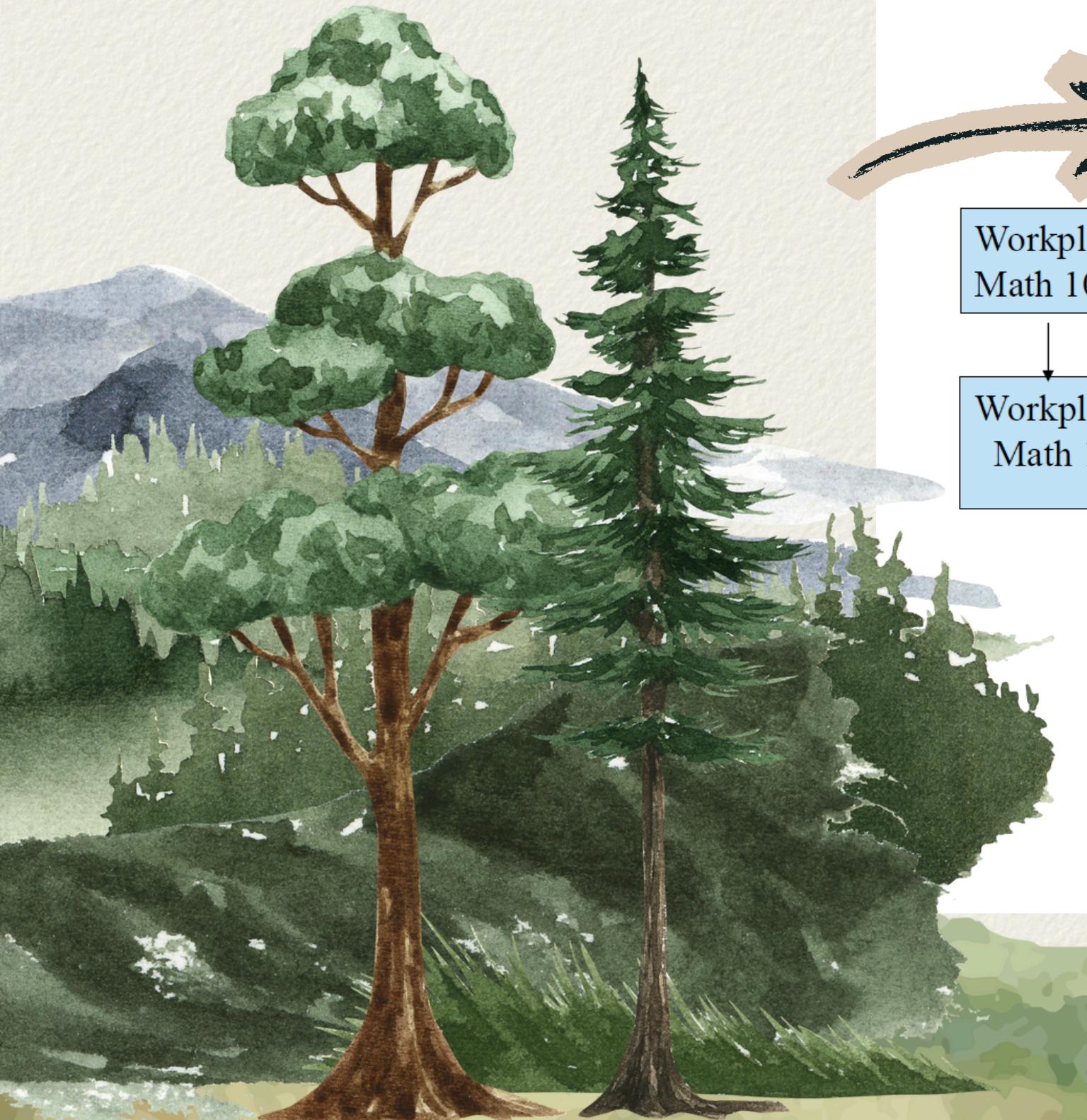


	Subject	Courses
1	ENGLISH	English 9
2	SOCIAL STUDIES	Science humaines 9
3	SCIENCE*	Sciences naturelles 9 OR Science 9
4	MATH	Math 9
5	PHE*	Education physique 9 OR Physical & Health Education 9
6	FRENCH	Français langue 9
7	ELECTIVE	See course planning guide online
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English Pathways



Math Pathways



Elective Choices



Please check the Argyle Course Planning Web Page Online [here](#).



There are many courses in modern languages, fine arts, home economics, tech. ed., business ed., etc . Be open to new opportunities for learning!



Grade 9's may take some grade 10 options - however, older students will have priority for those courses. Please be aware that electives are *requests* only, and alternatives will need to be considered depending on space!



Choose a variety of courses for your requests and alternates.



Elective Choices

- Food Studies 9
- Spanish 9 Year 1
- French 9
- Concert Band 9
- Junior Jazz Band 9 (*audition required*)*
- Strings 9*
- Concert Choir 9
- Vocal Jazz Ensemble 9 (*audition required*)*
- Chamber Choir 9 (*audition required*)*
- Music Composition and Production 9
- Drama 9
- Theatre Company 9*
- Theatre Production 9*
- Engineering Technology 9
- Woodwork 9
- Metalwork 9
- Visual Arts 9
- Textiles 9

*X-block Courses - see next page for more details

X-Block Courses (Off-Timetable Courses)

X-block courses provide flexibility in scheduling and can allow you to squeeze in more courses. The minimum course load within the timetable is 8 blocks, even with an X-block.

X-Block Courses offered next year include:

- Chamber Choir 9 (*audition required*)
- Vocal Jazz 9 (*audition required*)
- Jazz Band 9 (*audition required*)
- Strings 9
- Theatre Company 9
- Theatre Production 9



Things to Consider

Make Your Selection Based On:

- ✓ The core required subjects you need
- ✓ What aligns with your interests - and what you are curious about or open to trying?
- ✓ What drives you and inspires you?
- ✓ What will help you achieve a balance and well-rounded education?

Don't be afraid to try new things! You might find something you are really interested in that you never thought you'd enjoy!

Graduation Requirements

Language Arts (English) 10, 11, 12

Science 10, 11

Math 10, 11

Socials 10, 11 or 12

CLE 10

Physical Health Education 10

Fine Arts/Applied Skills (x1) 10, 11, or 12

Elective (x4) 10, 11, or 12

Elective (x3) 12

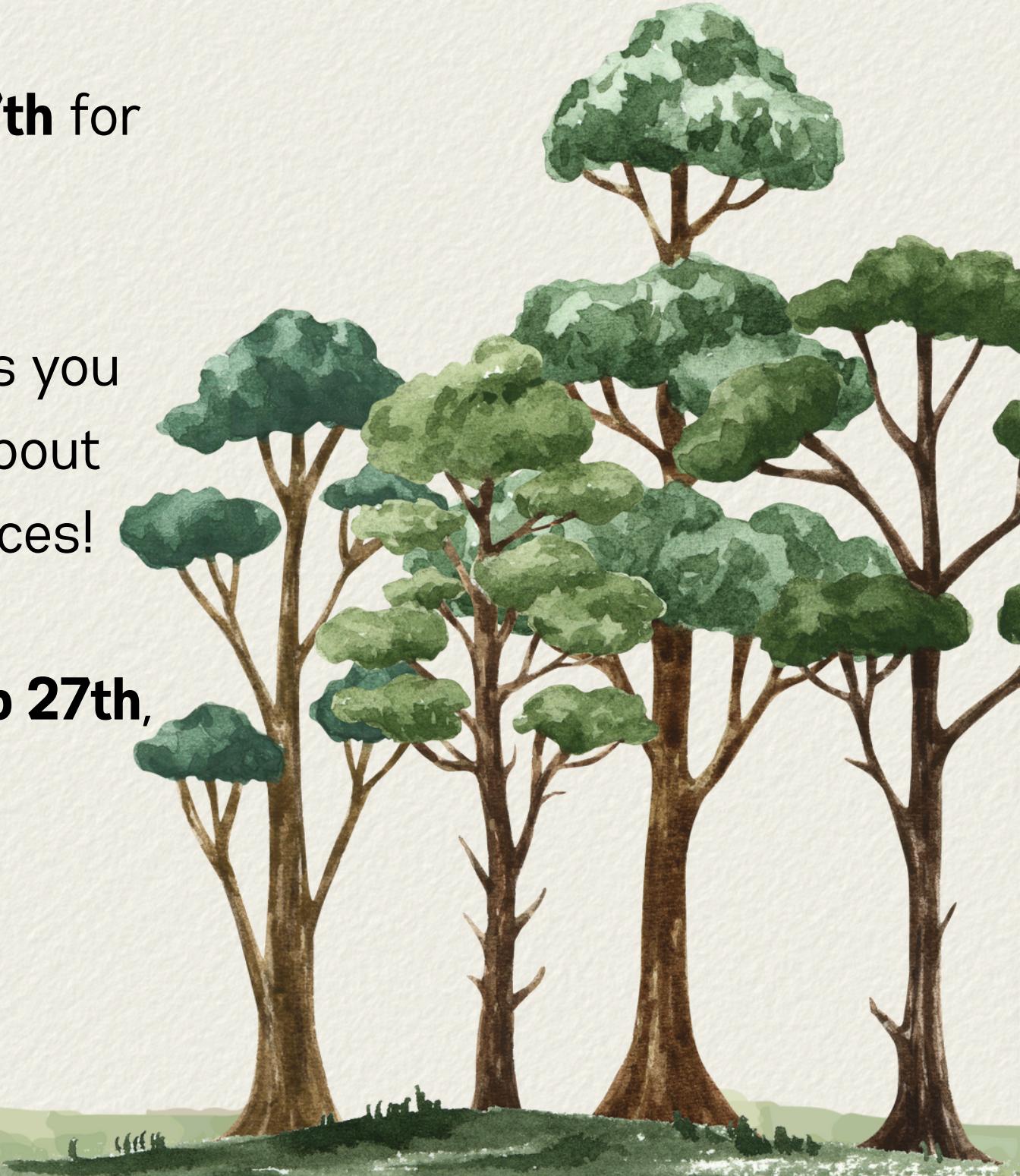
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- 4 Credits of English and/or Socials must be Indigenous-focused
- Social Studies may be taken in gr 11 or 12 to meet the requirement
- These are the minimum requirements to meet 80 credits

For more information: [Click Here](#)

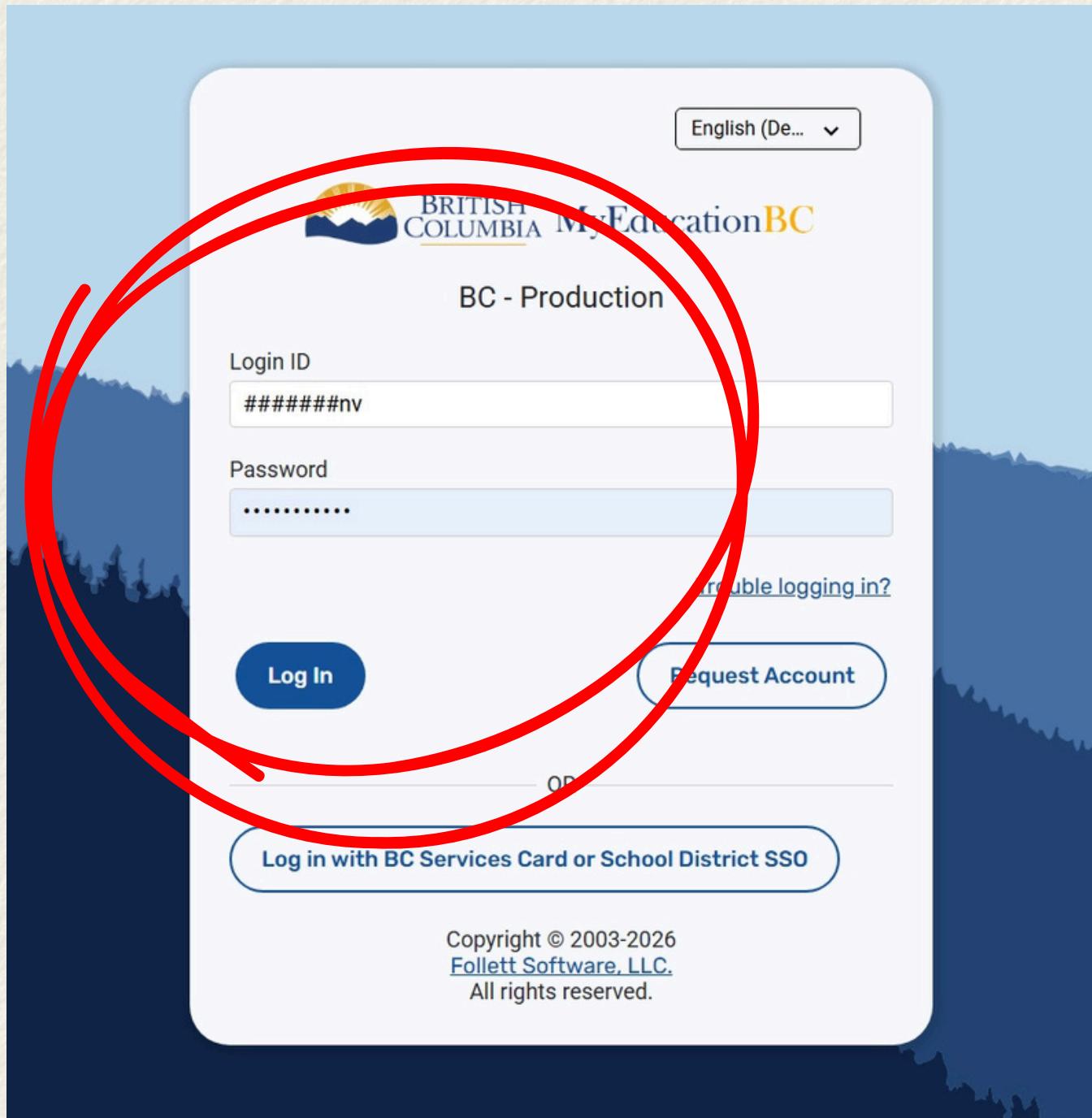
Course Planning Timeline

- MyEducation BC is **open** TOMORROW (**Feb 6th**) and will **close** on **Feb 27th** for your Course Selections!
- You can add/delete/change your course selections in MyEd as much as you need during this period! Please discuss with your **parents/guardians** about your course selections and be sure to also make **alternate elective** choices!
- You will be able to see a list of your course requests on MyEd after **Feb 27th**, and a **verification sheet** will be sent to your guardians in the Spring for confirmation.



Course Selection Process

Step 1 (Login)



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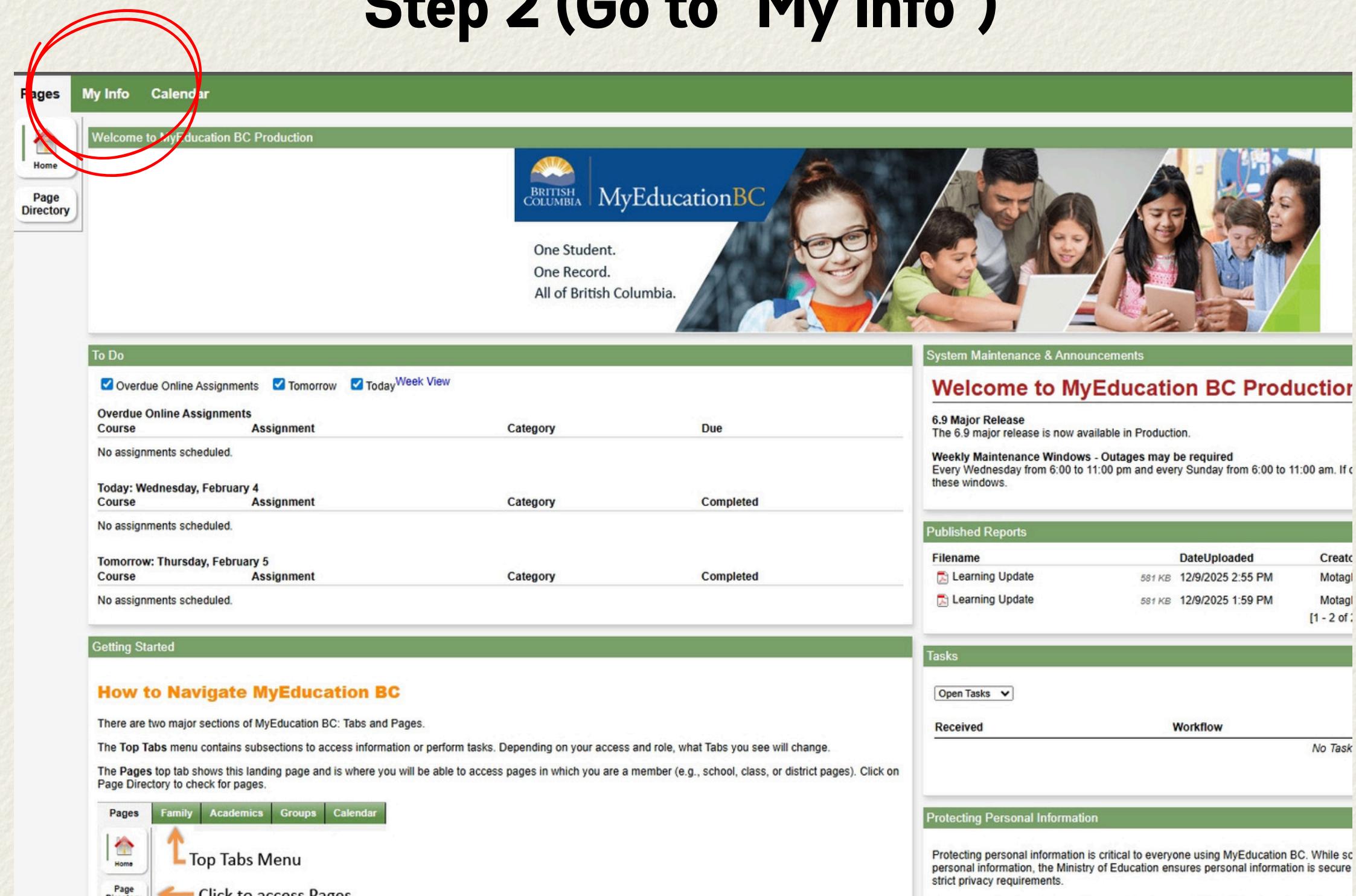
Password

Log In Request Account

Log in with BC Services Card or School District SSO

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Step 2 (Go to "My Info")



Pages My Info Calendar

Welcome to MyEducation BC Production

BRITISH COLUMBIA MyEducationBC

One Student.
One Record.
All of British Columbia.

To Do

Overdue Online Assignments Tomorrow Today Week View

Course	Assignment	Category	Due
No assignments scheduled.			

Today: Wednesday, February 4

Course	Assignment	Category	Completed
No assignments scheduled.			

Tomorrow: Thursday, February 5

Course	Assignment	Category	Completed
No assignments scheduled.			

System Maintenance & Announcements

Welcome to MyEducation BC Production

6.9 Major Release
The 6.9 major release is now available in Production.

Weekly Maintenance Windows - Outages may be required
Every Wednesday from 6:00 to 11:00 pm and every Sunday from 6:00 to 11:00 am. If you are experiencing issues, please check these windows.

Published Reports

Filename	Date Uploaded	Created
Learning Update	581 KB 12/9/2025 2:55 PM	Motag
Learning Update	581 KB 12/9/2025 1:59 PM	Motag

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Tasks

Open Tasks ▾

Received Workflow

No Task

Protecting Personal Information

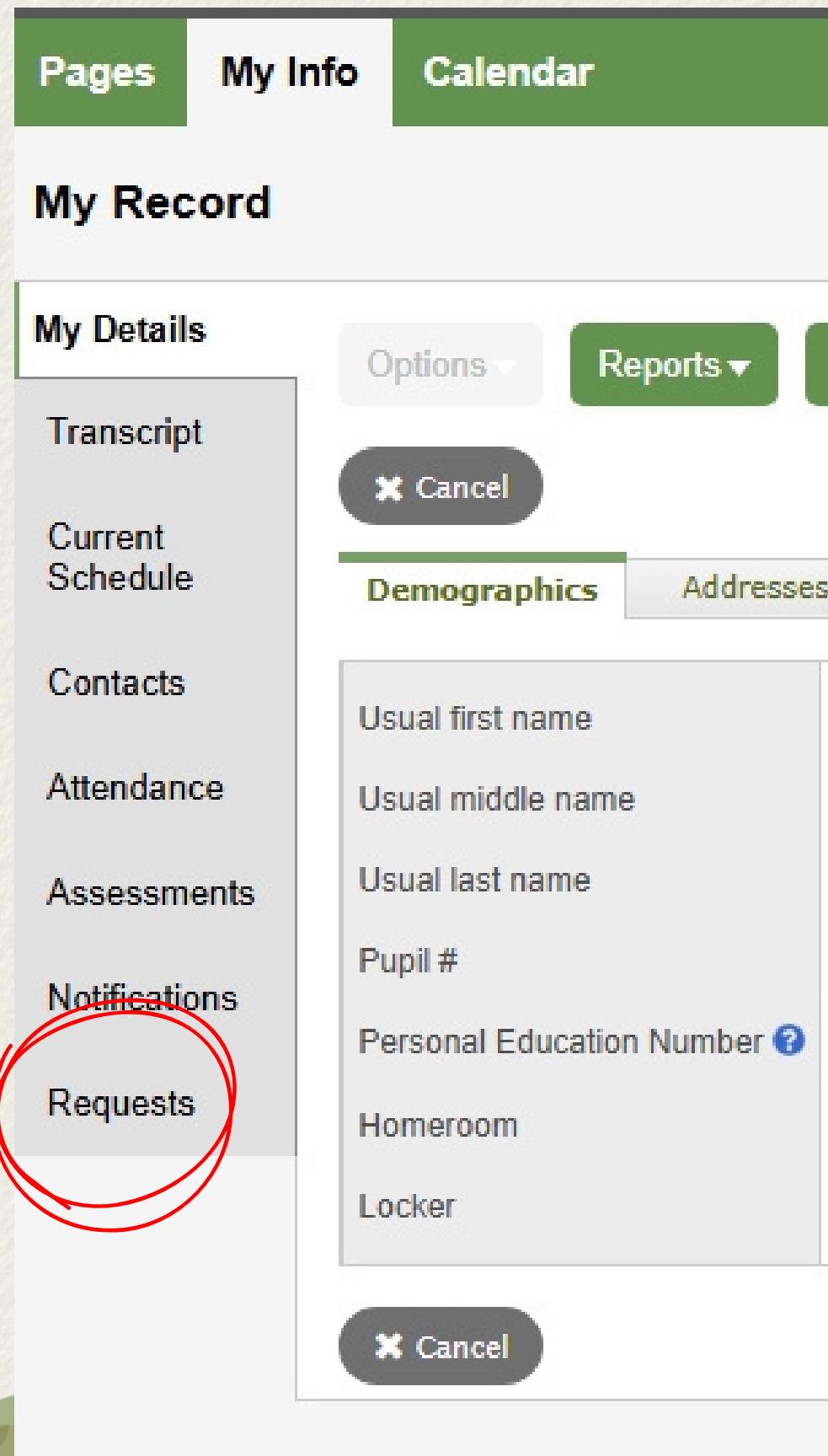
Protecting personal information is critical to everyone using MyEducation BC. While securing personal information is important, the Ministry of Education ensures personal information is secure and protected by strict privacy requirements.

Pages Family Academics Groups Calendar

Top Tabs Menu

Click to access Pages

Step 3 (Go to "Requests")



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Current Schedule

Contacts

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Demographics

Addresses

Usual first name

Usual middle name

Usual last name

Pupil #

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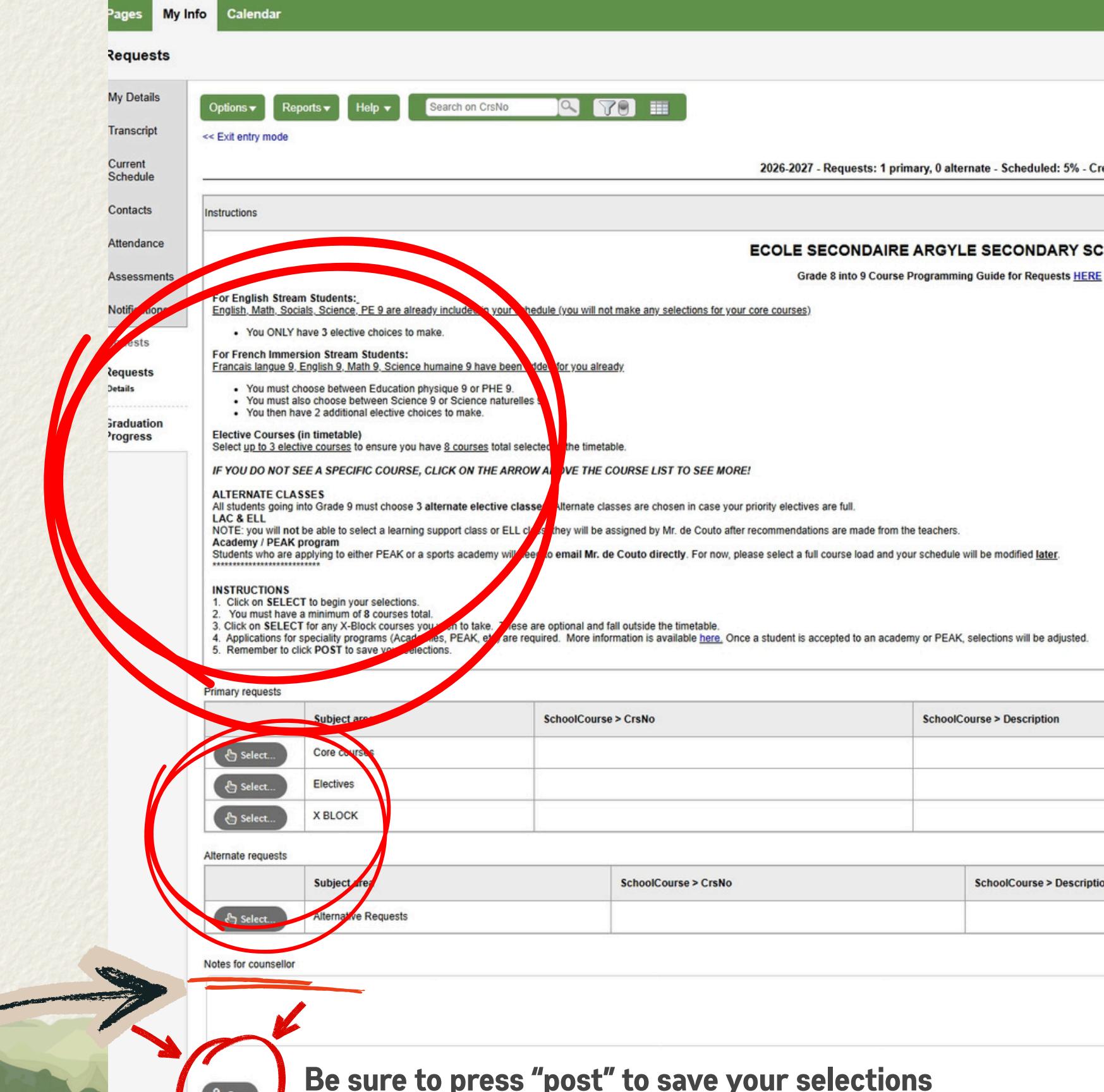
Locker

Cancel

Options Reports

Cancel

"Notes for Counsellor" is where you can share any relevant information with Mr. de Couto for consideration



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Graduation Progress

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Grade 8 into 9 Course Programming Guide for Requests [HERE](#)

2026-2027 - Requests: 1 primary, 0 alternate - Scheduled: 5% - Crea

Instructions

For English Stream Students:
English, Math, Socials, Science, PE 9 are already included in your schedule (you will not make any selections for your core courses)

- You ONLY have 3 elective choices to make.

For French Immersion Stream Students:
Français langue 9, English 9, Math 9, Science humaine 9 have been added for you already.

- You must choose between Education physique 9 or PHE 9.
- You must also choose between Science 9 or Science naturelles 9.
- You then have 2 additional elective choices to make.

Elective Courses (in timetable)
Select up to 3 elective courses to ensure you have 8 courses total selected in the timetable.

IF YOU DO NOT SEE A SPECIFIC COURSE, CLICK ON THE ARROW ABOVE THE COURSE LIST TO SEE MORE!

ALTERNATE CLASSES
All students going into Grade 9 must choose 3 alternate elective classes. Alternate classes are chosen in case your priority electives are full.
LAC & ELL
NOTE: you will not be able to select a learning support class or ELL class. They will be assigned by Mr. de Couto after recommendations are made from the teachers.
Academy / PEAK program
Students who are applying to either PEAK or a sports academy will need to email Mr. de Couto directly. For now, please select a full course load and your schedule will be modified later.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Click on SELECT to begin your selections.
- You must have a minimum of 8 courses total.
- Click on SELECT for any X-Block courses you plan to take. These are optional and fall outside the timetable.
- Applications for specialty programs (Academies, PEAK, etc.) are required. More information is available [here](#). Once a student is accepted to an academy or PEAK, selections will be adjusted.
- Remember to click POST to save your selections.

Primary requests

	Subject area	SchoolCourse > CrsNo	SchoolCourse > Description
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<input type="button" value="Select..."/>	Electives		
<input type="button" value="Select..."/>	X BLOCK		

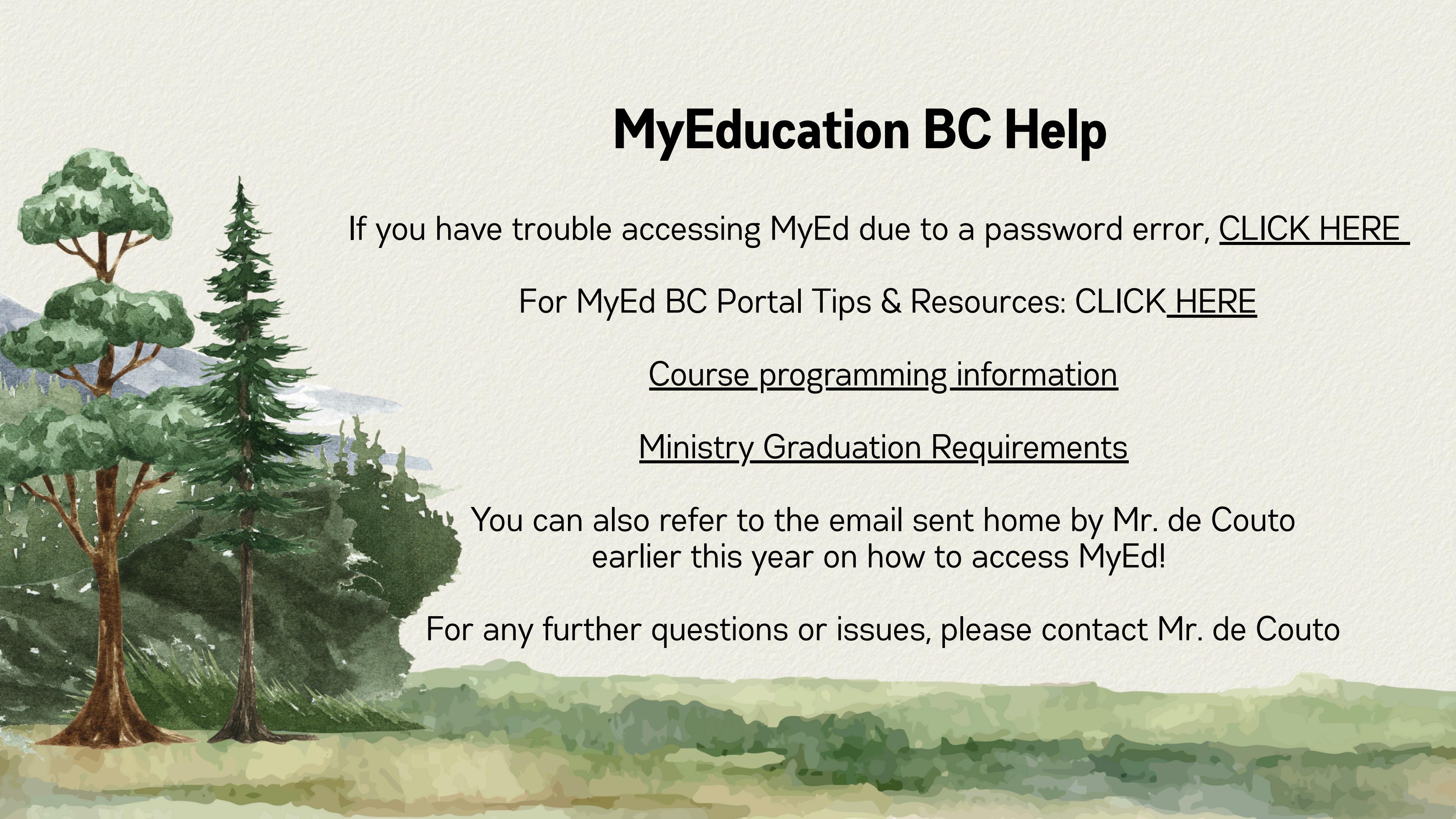
Alternate requests

	Subject area	SchoolCourse > CrsNo	SchoolCourse > Description
<input type="button" value="Select..."/>	Alternative Requests		

Notes for counsellor

Post

Be sure to press "post" to save your selections



MyEducation BC Help

If you have trouble accessing MyEd due to a password error, [CLICK HERE](#)

For MyEd BC Portal Tips & Resources: [CLICK HERE](#)

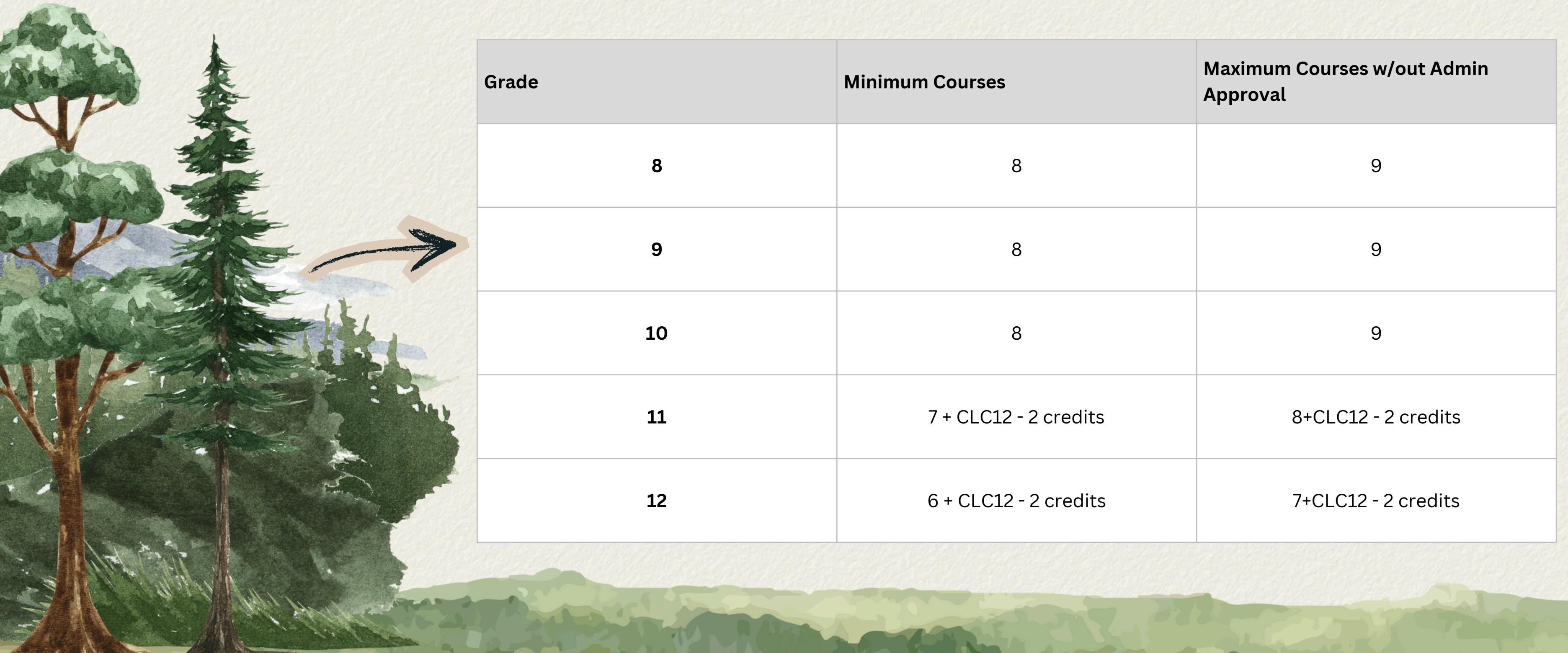
[Course programming information](#)

[Ministry Graduation Requirements](#)

You can also refer to the email sent home by Mr. de Couto earlier this year on how to access MyEd!

For any further questions or issues, please contact Mr. de Couto

Class Minimums and Maximums



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

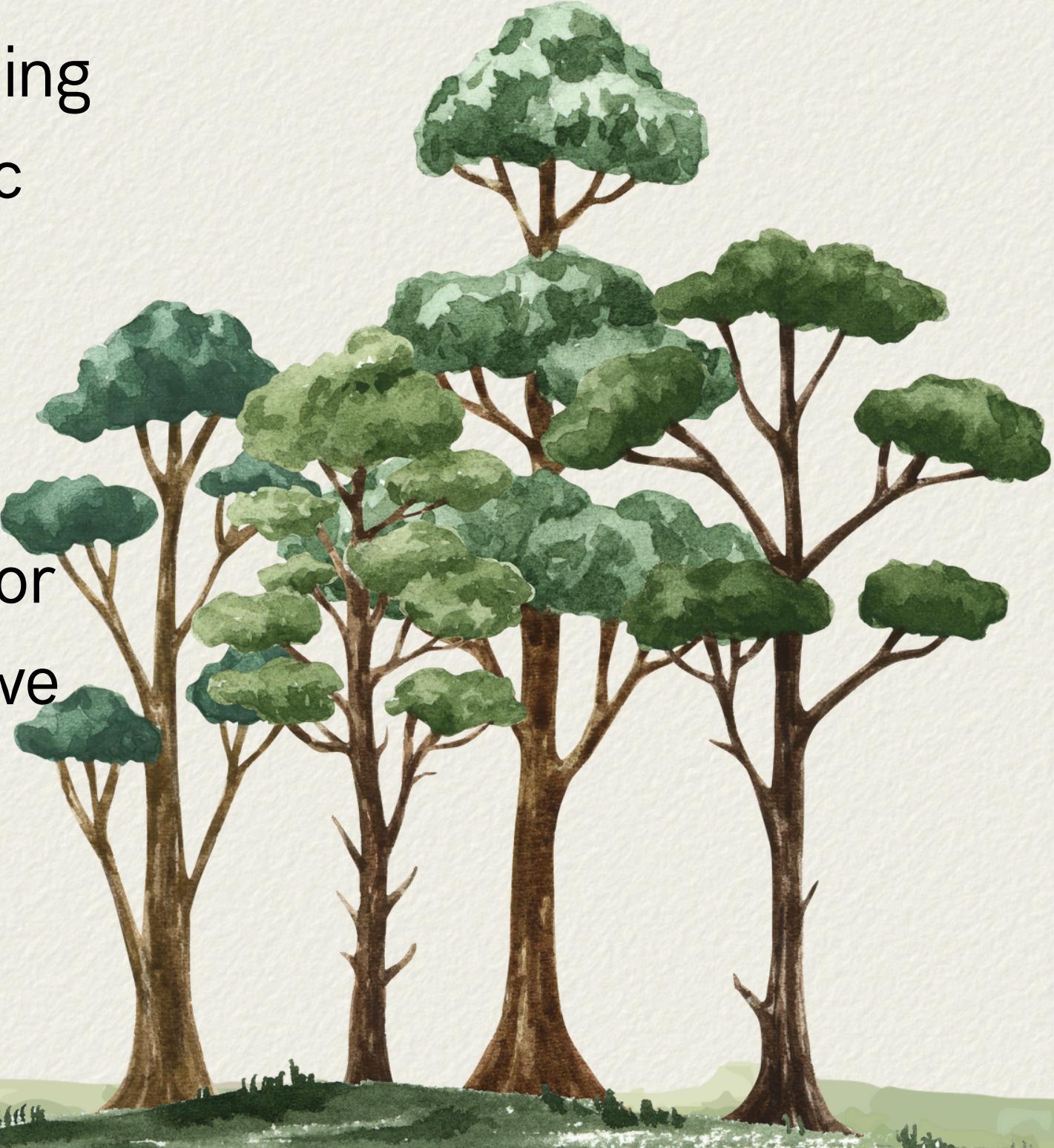
A watercolor illustration of a landscape. In the foreground, there is a green grassy area with a few small, dark green bushes. In the middle ground, there are several trees: a large tree with a wide, rounded canopy of green leaves on the left, a tall, slender evergreen tree next to it, and a smaller, more rounded evergreen tree to the right. In the background, there are more trees and a range of blue mountains under a light blue sky.

Additional Programs

(for your consideration)

LAC (Learning Assistance Center)

- Available for students who have been identified as needing extra support in order to be successful in their academic classes.
- Students are referred to LAC by classroom teachers, school-based resource teachers, and counsellors.
- Parents/guardians also sometimes notify us of a need for their child. As a School Based Resource Team (SBRT), we come up with a plan of support, which may include LAC.



LAC Tiers



What are the LAC tiers?

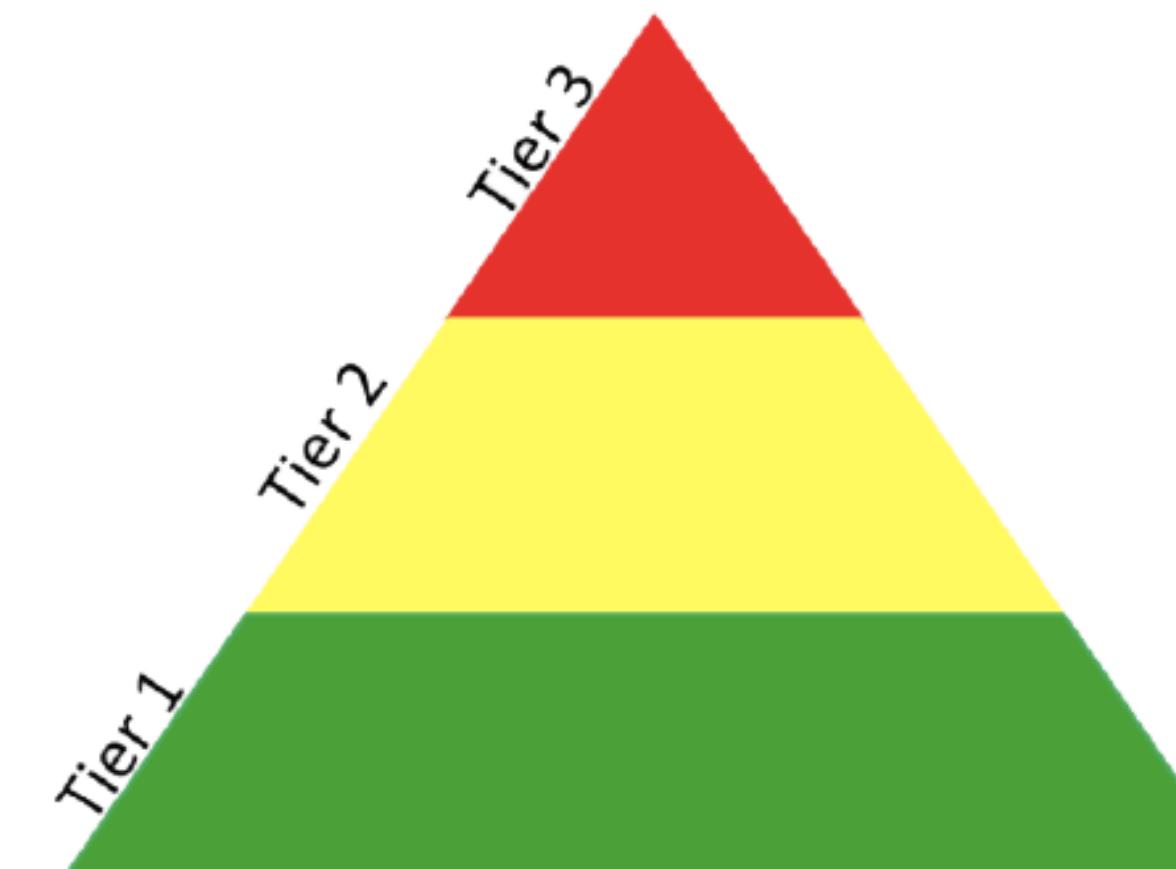
LAC has several tiers to meet the varying support needs of our students and appropriately disperse and allocate our resources. Students may move up or down in these tiers as their needs and supports change.

LAC Tier 1 – Lowest level of support: Students have access to LAC during Tutorials and class time, but there is no mandatory attendance. An LST will take case management of this student and check in with teachers for progress updates.

LAC Tier 2 – Students still retain their full schedule of registered courses. They are required to attend LAC during Tutorials weekly for closer monitoring and have access to LAC during class time during independent work time and quizzes/tests. Most students are in Tier 2 LAC.

- Grade 8 – 9 students also have several morning lessons on executive functioning skills and learning skills such as note-taking, studying and self-advocacy.
- Grade 10 – 12 students can get credit for LAC in Tier 2 upon completion of a portfolio

LAC Tier 3 – Highest level of support: Students replace one of their regular courses with a full block of LAC. Students get support with homework, as well as coaching and lessons on other skills such as organization, time management, self-advocacy, and learning habits.



Tier 1/2 Supports PLUS
Enrolling Block of LAC, focus on homework support & skill development in executive functioning/ foundational skills

Tier 1 Supports PLUS
Required LAC Tutorial attendance, focus on executive functioning skills & homework support.

Optional access to LAC during Tutorials & class time, progress monitoring by an LAC teacher.

Academies

Academies:

- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Rowing
- Field Hockey
- Soccer
- Hockey
- Dance
- Artist for Kids Studio Art
- Digital Media Academy LITE

- Online Applications - Jan 15th to Feb 28th
- Students must RE-APPLY each year
- Bursary available for every Academy
- Email questions to academies@sd44.ca

PEAK Performance Alternate Timetable Request

Peak Performance is a non-credit adjusted timetabling request option for elite-level student athletes and performers in Grades 8-12.

- Minimum of 15 hours per week of supervised, year-round training in one sport or discipline at the provincial and/or national level or at the highest category or level for their specific age group.
- Recommendation of coach or person responsible for training program indicating that the applicant is training a minimum of 15 hours per week under their supervision. The letter must also detail the specific training and activities undertaken by the applicant
- Students must **RE-APPLY** each year (**please note that there have been significant updates**)

Submit a completed application to your counsellor as soon as you can, and if you have any questions, please connect with your counsellor.

North Vancouver Online Learning (NVOL)/L' École Virtuelle de Vancouver Nord

- Online Learning courses in gr. 8-12
- Taught by NVSD44 teachers
- New Brightspace Learning Management System
- Self-paced & flexible
- Start any time during school year & complete within 1 calendar year

NVOL offers academic and elective courses in English and French
Registration is completed online through NVOL
[Check the website](#)



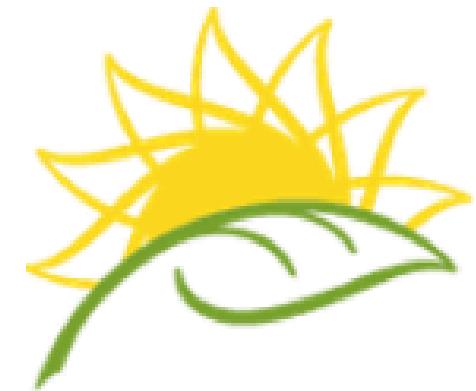


Summer Learning



Who is Summer Learning for?

- **Grade 7 students** getting ready for secondary school transition
- **Grade 8 & 9 students** reviewing their skills or preparing themselves to be better learners. (Literacy, Numeracy)
- **Grade 9 to 12 students** wanting to earn full credits towards grade 10-12 graduation courses or create space in their Fall schedules.



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Summer Learning



Why take a summer course?
Create room for extra electives!
Reduce academic pressure!
Catch up, or get ahead!

APPLY EARLY! COURSES FILL VERY QUICKLY!

Things to keep in mind:

- Choose your courses for the Fall based on the assumption that you have completed summer classes successfully.
- Summer Learning courses are intensive
- Daily attendance is mandatory
- They have high expectations for academic integrity

Summer Learning



Important Dates

May 1, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.	Summer Learning online registration opens for North Vancouver School District 44 students.
May 15, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.	Summer Learning online registration opens for students who attend a school outside of North Vancouver School District 44, including all independent/private schools.
June 23, 2025 at 12 noon	Summer Learning online registration closes.
June 26, 2025 at 3 p.m.	Last day to request a course transfer.
July 2 - July 18, 2025	Secondary Foundations non-credit courses (7/8 Transition, English Language Learning (ELL), Literacy & Numeracy) are in session from 8:30 a.m. - 11:55 a.m. at Argyle Secondary (1131 Frederick Road).
July 2 - July 31, 2025	Grades 10 - 12 Full-Credit courses are in session from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Argyle Secondary (1131 Frederick Road).
July 2 - July 15, 2025	Eslha7an Secondary review and completion from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Eslha7an Learning Centre (345 5th St W).
8:30 a.m. sharp July 31, 2025	Final deadline to return all borrowed materials and learning resources in order to receive a refund of your resource deposit balance in August 2025. Please note: Resource deposits will not be refunded if any borrowed materials and resources are returned after this date and time.

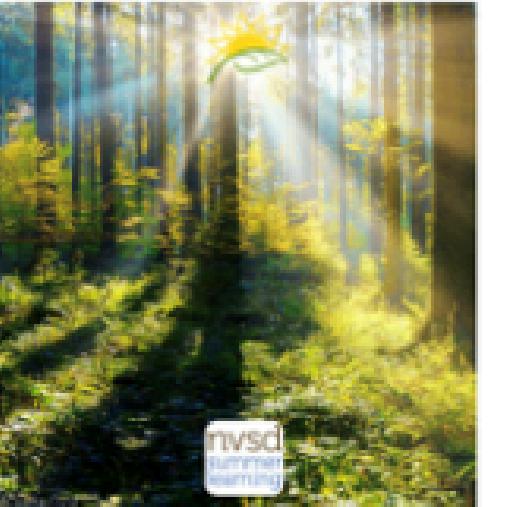
Summer Learning Details



Programs	Foundations Courses (Gr 7-9)	Full Credit (Gr. 10-12) Academic Courses
	ELL Language Building Literacy Numeracy 7/8 Transition	Gr. 10 - 12 Full Courses Required for Graduation
Location	Argyle Secondary	Argyle Secondary
Dates	July 6 – July 22, 2026	July 2 – July 31, 2026
Times	8:30am – 12:00pm	8:30am - 12:30pm

Visit the website for more info: <https://www.sd44.ca/school/summer>

Summer Learning 2026



Summer Learning offers students an engaging learning environment to:

- explore and extend your learning
- challenge yourself academically
- earn credits toward graduation
- fulfill your personal learning goals

For more information and to register, visit www.sd44.ca/school/summer

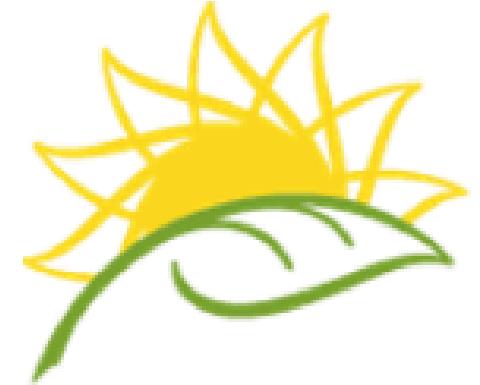
Registration is open to all students within and beyond the North Vancouver School District:

- Registration opens May 1st, 9 a.m. for NVSD students
- Registration opens May 19th, 9 a.m. for students outside the NVSD
- Registration closes June 22nd, 12 p.m. (noon) for all students

TO LEARN MORE: www.sd44.ca

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To Consider...

Full credit Summer Learning courses are INTENSIVE. (80+ hours in 1 month.)

Daily attendance is mandatory.

Academic integrity and engagement expectations are high.

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Summer Learning course offerings:

- Full Credit Academic Grade 10-12 Courses (including options to meet the Indigenous Focused Graduation Requirement)
- 2/3 Transition into Secondary school
- English Language Learning (ELL)
- EdTech Secondary Review & Completion
- Numeracy 9 Foundations
- Literacy 9 Foundations

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Registration
May 1 - June 22, 2026

Register through School
Cash Online or Summer
Learning Website

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Questions?

Laptop Support in Cafeteria: **Feb 9-12 (Flex Time)**

Q&A in your Classes: **Feb 17-19**

Gr 8 (into 9) Counsellor - **Mr. de Couto**

Email: **jdecouto@sd44.ca**

Thank you!