

# Handsworth Secondary

Course Programming  
2025/2026

Students entering Grade 11

# LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

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# THE WORLD OF THE **GRADE 11** STUDENT

- Individualised graduation program
- Growing independence and self-advocacy
- Juggling responsibilities
- Increased academic expectations



# BC GRADUATION PROGRAM



- The Graduation Program begins in Grade 10
- Students require a minimum of **80 credits** in grades 10, 11, and 12 to graduate
- **52 credits** are required
- **28 elective** course credits
- A minimum of **16 credits** (4 courses) must be at the Grade 12 level
- Required Assessments:
  - Literacy 10 & Numeracy 10
  - Literacy 10 and 12
  - French Literacy 12 (for French Immersion students only)

# BC GRADUATION PROGRAM



## Required Courses

**52 credits**

|                                      |                       |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Lang Arts 10, 11, <i>and</i> 12      | 12 credits            |
| Social Studies 10                    | 4 credits             |
| Any Socials 11 <i>or</i> 12          | 4 credits             |
| Science 10                           | 4 credits             |
| Science 11 <i>or</i> 12              | 4 credits             |
| Math 10                              | 4 credits             |
| Math 11 <i>or</i> 12                 | 4 credits             |
| PHE 10                               | 4 credits             |
| Art Ed. or ADST 10, 11, <i>or</i> 12 | 4 credits             |
| Career Life Education 10             | 4 credits             |
| Career Life Connections 12           | 4 credits             |
| Indigenous Content                   | No credits associated |

## Elective Credits\*

**28 credits**

## Total

**80 credits minimum**

\*A minimum of 16 credits (4 courses) must be at the Grade 12 level

# BC GRADUATION PROGRAM



## Provincial Graduation Assessments (required to graduate)

- Literacy 10
- Numeracy 10
- Literacy 12
- French Literacy 12\*  
\*for French Immersion students only

## 30 Hours Work Experience

- Paid or volunteer experience over Grades 10 – 12

**\*Must be completed in community not within the school and cannot be community work with a school club**

- Forms will be handed out when students take career life connections 12 in their gr.12 year (mandatory)
- See Handsworth website for document or ask your counsellor if you do this before gr.12

## Capstone Project

- Completed through CLC 12

# BC GRADUATION PROGRAM



## Provincial Graduation Assessments

- Graded on a 4-point proficiency scale
  - Emerging; Developing; Proficient; Extending
- Reported separately on transcript; *not* blended with any course
- Post-secondary institutions are not interested in the Numeracy Assessment at this time
- Only UBC has made a statement about using the Literacy 12 assessment website
- ssment\*
- More information on these assessments on the BC Ministry of Education

\*BC High School students graduating in June 2022 are required to complete the Grade 12 Literacy Assessment to demonstrate high school graduation. UBC requires you to achieve “Proficient” on the Grade 12 Literacy Assessment to maintain your offer of admission. BC high school applicants who do not meet this level of proficiency will have their admission offers reviewed on a case-by-case basis.



# INDIGENOUS-FOCUSED GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

- As part of the Province of British Columbia's commitments to Truth, Reconciliation, and Anti-Racism, the Ministry of Education and Child Care has updated the BC Graduation Program requirements.
- The change requires that all students complete at least one 4-credit course with an Indigenous focus prior to graduation. It does not change the number of credits required for graduation which remains at 80.
- The three course options offered at Handsworth are:
  - English First Peoples 11(also satisfies English 11 requirement)
  - English First Peoples 12 (also satisfies English 12 requirement)
  - BC First Peoples (also satisfies Social Studies 11 or 12 requirement)

# 3-YEAR OVERVIEW ENGLISH PROGRAM

| GRADE 10                                                          | GRADE 11                | GRADE 12                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| English 10 (Lit Studies + Composition <i>or</i> Creative Writing) | English 11              | English 12                 |
| Social Studies 10                                                 | Socials 11 <i>or</i> 12 | Career Life Connections 12 |
| Science 10                                                        | Science 11 <i>or</i> 12 | Elective                   |
| Math 10 (Workplace <i>or</i> Foundations & Pre-Calculus)          | Math 11 <i>or</i> 12    | Elective                   |
| Physical & Health Education 10                                    | Elective                | Elective                   |
| Career Life Education 10                                          | Elective                | Elective                   |
| Elective                                                          | Elective                | Elective                   |
| Elective                                                          | Elective                | Elective                   |

# 3-YEAR OVERVIEW FRENCH PROGRAM

| GRADE 10                                                          | GRADE 11                                             | GRADE 12                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| English 10 (Lit Studies + Composition <i>or</i> Creative Writing) | English 11                                           | English 12                 |
| <b>Sciences Humaines 10</b>                                       | <b>Histoire 12</b>                                   | Career Life Connections 12 |
| <b>Sciences 10 or Science Naturelles 10</b>                       | Science 11 <i>or</i> 12                              | <b>Français Langue 12</b>  |
| Math 10 (Workplace <i>or</i> Foundations & Pre-Calculus)          | Math 11 <i>or</i> 12                                 | Elective                   |
| Physical & Health Education 10                                    | <b>Français Langue 11 option</b>                     | Elective                   |
| Career Life Education 10 <i>or</i> <b>Carrières 10</b>            | Elective <i>or</i> <b>Français Langue 11* option</b> | Elective                   |
| <b>Français Langue 10</b>                                         | Elective                                             | Elective                   |
| Elective                                                          | Elective                                             | Elective                   |

# FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM PLANNING TOOL

| Blocks | Grade 8                                                         | Grade 9                                | Grade 10                                               | Grade 11                                | Grade 12            |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1      | English 8                                                       | English 9                              | English 10                                             | English 11                              | English 12          |
| 2      | Français langue 8                                               | Français langue 9                      | Français langue 10                                     | Français langue 11                      | Français langue 12  |
| 3      | Sciences humaines 8                                             | Sciences humaines 9                    | Sciences humaines 10                                   | Sciences humaines elective 11/12        | Grad Transitions 12 |
| 4      | Math 8                                                          | Math 9                                 | Math 10                                                | Math 11                                 | Elective            |
| 5      | Sciences naturelles 8 or Science 8                              | Sciences naturelles 9 or Science 9     | Sciences naturelles 10 or Science 10                   | Science (Physics, Bio or Chem)          | Elective            |
| 6      | PE 8 or Academy 8 or Education physique et santé en plein air 8 | PE 9                                   | PE 10                                                  | Elective OR Culture et communication 11 | Elective            |
| 7      | Elective                                                        | Elective or Culture et communication 9 | Career Life Education 10 OR Carrières et leadership 10 | Elective                                | Elective            |
| 8      | Elective                                                        | Elective                               | Elective                                               | Elective                                | Elective            |

## CORE COURSES CHECKLIST: *(must take all courses)*

Français langue 8  
 Sciences humaines 8  
 Français langue 9  
 Sciences humaines 9  
 Français langue 10  
 Sciences humaines 10  
 Français langue 11  
 Sciences humaines elective 11/ 12  
 Français langue 12

## FRENCH OPTIONAL COURSES CHECKLIST:

*(must take minimum 4, of at least 1 must be at grade 10, 11 or 12 level)*

Sciences naturelles 8  
 Éducation et santé en plein air 8  
 Sciences naturelles 9  
 Culture et communication 9 (open to grade 9/ 10)  
 Sciences naturelles 10  
 Leadership et carrières 10 (in grade 10/ 11)  
 Culture et communication 11 (open to grade 11/ 12)



Required courses for bilingual Dogwood

Courses offered in French

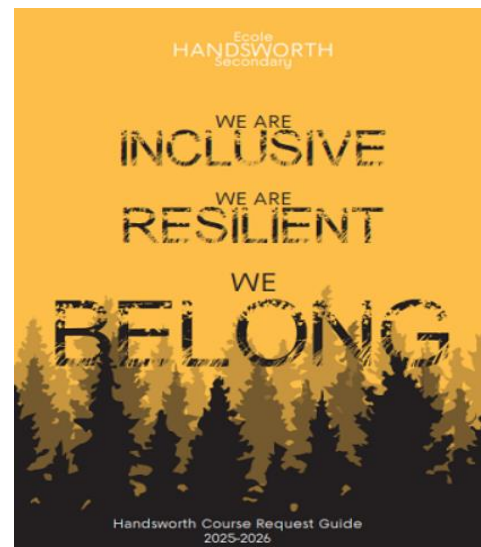
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**PLEASE DO NOT HAND THIS DOCUMENT INTO COUNSELLING.**

# COURSE OPTIONS

# COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

- For detailed course descriptions, please refer to the **Handsworth Course Request Guide**, available on the Handsworth website



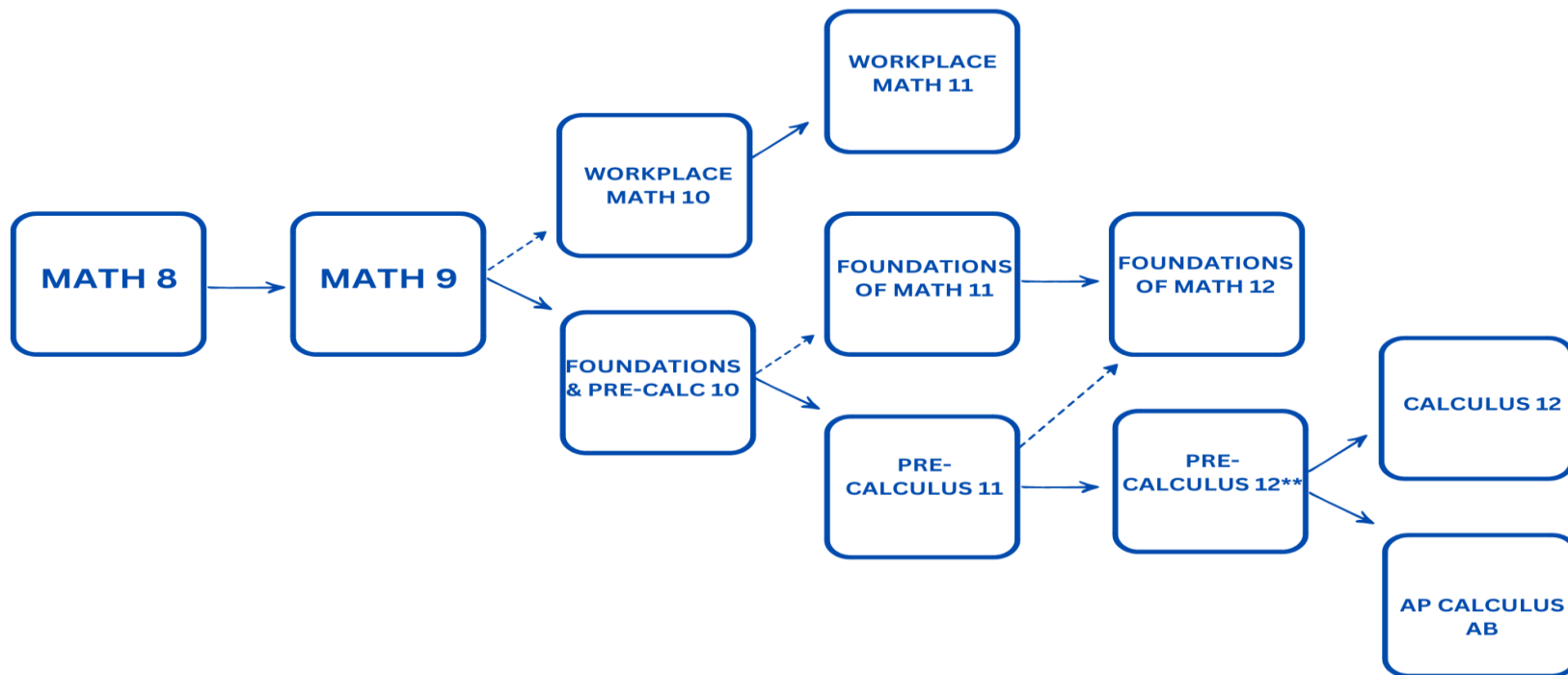
# COURSE OPTIONS – LANGUAGE ARTS

## Grade 11

- Composition 11
- Literary Studies 11
- English First Peoples 11



# COURSE OPTIONS – MATH PATHWAYS





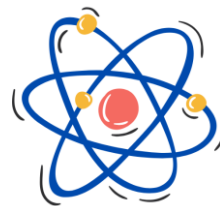
# COURSE OPTIONS – SOCIAL STUDIES

**Students must take a minimum of one Social Studies course at the Grade 11 or 12 level to meet the graduation requirement**

- Explorations in Social Studies 11
- Psychology 12\*
- 20<sup>th</sup> Century World History 12
- BC First Peoples 12 (also satisfies Indigenous-focused graduation requirement)
- Physical Geography
- Social Justice 12
- Comparative Cultures 12
- Genocide Studies 12
- Law Studies 12

\*Please note: Psychology 12 does not meet the Social Studies graduation requirement

# COURSE OPTIONS – SCIENCE



**Students must take a minimum of one Science course at the Grade 11 or 12 level to meet the graduation requirement**

- Chemistry 11/12
- Physics 11/12
- Life Sciences 11
- Anatomy and Physiology 12
- Environmental Science 12

# COURSE OPTIONS – LANGUAGES

## Grade 11

- French 11
- French 11 Enriched
- Introductory Spanish 11
- Spanish 11

## Grade 12

- French 12
- French 12 Enriched
- Spanish 12



# LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT– EXIT VS. ENTRANCE

## EXIT – High School Graduation

- A second language is **not** required for graduation

## ENTRANCE – Post-Secondary

- As of Fall 2026, **no** Canadian post-secondary institutions will require a second language

# Study Block Considerations

## Criteria:

- Challenging Course load
- Good attendance history – 2024-2025
- Good record of school citizenship
- Have demonstrated a commitment to completed requested courses

## Responsibilities:

- Studying in library, cafeteria or at home
- Under the supervision of a parent/guardian if off campus

Requires an additional form, submitted by deadline, to be picked up at counselling suite.

# COURSE OPTIONS – ELECTIVES

- Home economics – Textiles & Foods
- Business Education – Accounting & Marketing
- Physical Education
- Info Tech – Computer Programing, Digital Media, & Media Design
- Theatre (Theatre Tech, Acting, Musical Theatre, Improv)
- Dance
- Engineering, Woodworking, & Drafting
- Music – Choir, Band, & Strings
- Visual Arts – 2D, 3D, Photography, & Graphic Design



Please see Handsworth Course Guide for complete list & course descriptions

# ADVANCED PLACEMENT – COURSES

- Offered in some subject areas – see Handsworth Course Guide
- Successful completion of an AP course earns credit toward graduation
- Course results appear on student transcripts; **AP exam results *do not* appear on student transcripts**
- Exams are set by the AP college board; **students are responsible for sharing exam results** with post-secondary institutions
- Internationally recognized AP exams written in May
- [www.apcentral.collegeboard.com](http://www.apcentral.collegeboard.com)

# FLEXIBLE OPTIONS

- **External Credits** may be available for the following: membership on a provincial or national sports team, dance exams, voice lessons, driving lessons, lifeguarding certificates, etc. Documentation must be provided.
- **Delta Language Challenge Exam** is available for French, Mandarin, Farsi, Korean, Punjabi, & Spanish. Students must submit registration packages in October; exams in January.
- **North Vancouver Online Learning** (NVOL)
- **North Vancouver Summer Learning** (Summer School)



# FLEXIBLE OPTIONS

- **Young Entrepreneurship and Leadership Launch Pad** – learn keys to success in business; earn credits, off timetable, Grades 11-12
- **Skilled Trades BC** – Grades 10, 11, & 12 (Work Experience Coordinator)
- **Work Experience** – unpaid internship, real-world work experience, earn credits, Grades 11-12

More information available on the North Vancouver School District website

# NVSD ACADEMIES

- Basketball
- Digital Media Academy
- Volleyball
- Field Hockey
- Soccer
- Ice Hockey
- Rowing
- Robotics, Mechanics, & Digital Fabrication
- Dance
- Artists for Kids

# NORTH VANCOUVER SUMMER LEARNING



## Who is it for?

- Students enhancing their skills
- Students wanting to earn credit towards graduation

## Registration

- May 1<sup>st</sup> – June 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Register through School Cash Online or the Summer Learning website

## Good to Know:

- Summer Learning courses are intensive: 84 hours in 4 weeks
- Daily attendance is mandatory
- Academic integrity expectations are high
- Courses fill up quickly; register early to avoid disappointment

# SUMMER LEARNING COURSE OPTIONS

| Grade 10                           | Grade 11            | Grade 12                 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| English Composition & Spoken Word  | Chemistry           | Anatomy & Physiology     |
| Foundations of Math & Pre-Calculus | Foundations of Math | BC First Peoples 12      |
| Physical & Health Education        | Life Sciences       | Chemistry                |
| Science                            | Literary Studies    | English Studies          |
| Social Studies                     | Physics             | English First Peoples 12 |
|                                    | Pre-Calculus        | Physics                  |
|                                    |                     | Pre-Calculus             |



# NORTH VANCOUVER ONLINE LEARNING



## What is NVOL?

- Online courses with instruction & resources delivered online by a NVSD teacher
- Self-paced
- Continuous entry
- Engage with teachers virtually

## Course Offerings

- Grade 8-12 courses
- Academic and elective courses
- Full list available on the NVOL website

## Registration

- Students register online via the NVOL website

[www.sd44.ca/school/onlinelearning](http://www.sd44.ca/school/onlinelearning)

# POST-SECONDARY – ENTRANCE



- Entrance requirements change over the years
- It is imperative for students and families to check (and recheck!) specific post-secondary institution admission requirements
- Information sessions are scheduled throughout the year

## Common Myths

- It is important where I get my degree; employers value some schools over others
- Doors will be closed if I don't do well or take certain courses in high school
- Post-secondary programs are solely focused on course grades and number of volunteer hours
- Admission to post-secondary institutions involves secret strategies and/or need a 95% GPA



# WHAT COURSES SHOULD I TAKE?

## CONSIDER:

- What post-secondary programs interest me and what are the program entrance requirement?
- What electives do I enjoy?
- What career directions interest me?
- Do I want to take any District Programs?



# IMPORTANT REMINDERS



- Take time to carefully consider your options
- The Timetable and number of seats available for a course are guided by the number of requests made for the course.
- Course withdrawals will affect scholarship/award, references, and athletics opportunities
- Request courses based on *your* interests and *your* future
- Requests are just that. We will do our best.
- Course changes may not be possible after schedules are created



# COURSE PROGRAMMING **TIMELINE**

**Feb. 12 , 8:30 am** – Grade 10 programming assembly to students

**Feb.14 -28<sup>th</sup>** – Students enter course requests at home via MyEd Portal

***\*Instructions emailed home***

**Week of Feb.17-21** – Counsellor visit to all classes to take questions from students

**March 3** - Course request forms due to main office

**March 5 and 7** - **Student Course Request Entry support at school for those who need it**

**April 14** - Course Request Verifications to student

**April 17** - Course Request change deadline

# COMMUNICATION

## HANDSWORTH WEBSITE

- Course programming guide
- Staff contact information
- School activities
- Newsletter
- Important information from the PAC



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# Useful Links

[2025-2026 Handsworth Course Guide](#)

[Delta Language Challenge Exams](#)

[Post Secondary Planning Search Engine\(BC\)](#)

[Post Secondary Planning Search Engine \(International and Domestic\)](#)

[NVSD Academies](#)

[North Vancouver Summer Learning](#)

# THANK YOU

Questions?

