

Handsworth Secondary

Course Programming
2024/2025

Students entering Grade 12

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 12 STUDENT

- Individualised graduation program
- Growing independence and self-advocacy
- Juggling responsibilities
- Increased academic expectations
- Post-secondary considerations
- Life after secondary school



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

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



Required Assessments:

- 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
- Submitted to Ms. O'Connor
- Completed through "Community Connections" assignment in CLC 12
- See Handsworth website for document

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*
- More information on these assessments on the BC Ministry of Education website

*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.
- Moving forward, the Ministry is implementing an Indigenous-focused graduation requirement for all students in British Columbia.
- 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.

INDIGENOUS-FOCUSED GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

- The following three course options offered at Handsworth satisfy the Indigenous-focused graduation requirement:
 - English First Peoples (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
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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
Sciences Humaines 10	Histoire 12	Career Life Connections 12
Sciences 10 or Science Naturelles 10	Science 11 <i>or</i> 12	Français Langue 12
Math 10 (Workplace <i>or</i> Foundations & Pre-Calculus)	Math 11 <i>or</i> 12	Elective
Physical & Health Education 10	Français Langue 11	Elective
Career Life Education 10 <i>or</i> Carrières 10	Elective <i>or</i> Français Langue 11* option	Elective
Français Langue 10	Elective	Elective
Elective	Elective	Elective

HANDSWORTH FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM PLANNING TOOL



Blocks	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
1	Français langue 8	Français langue 9	Français langue 10	A Français langue 11 option*	Français langue 12
2	Sciences humaines 8	Sciences humaines 9	Sciences humaines 10	A Sciences humaines 11 or 12 option	CLC 12
3	Sciences naturelles 8 or Science 8	Sciences naturelles 9 or Science 9	Sciences naturelles 10 or Science 10	Science 11 option	Elective
4	PHE 8 or Academy 8 or Éducation physique et santé en plein air 8	PHE 9 or Academy 9 or Éducation physique et santé en plein air 10	PHE 10	Elective	Elective
5	Elective	Elective or Culture et communication 9	Career Life Education 10 or Carrières et leadership 10	Elective	Elective
6	Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective
7	English 8	English 9	English 10	English 11	English 12
8	Math 8	Math 9	Math 10	Math 11	Elective

FRENCH REQUIRED COURSES:

(must take all courses)

- Français langue 8
- Sciences humaines 8
- Français langue 9
- Sciences humaines 9
- Français langue 10
- Sciences humaines 10
- A Français langue 11 option (must take at least 1)
- A Sciences humaines 11/12 option
- Français langue 12

FRENCH OPTIONAL COURSES:

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

- Sciences naturelles 8
- Éducation physique et santé en plein air 8
- Sciences naturelles 9
- Education artistique 9 (open to grade 9/ 10) (elective)
- Sciences naturelles 10
- Carrières et leadership 10 (open to grade 10/ 11)
- *Culture et communication 11 (elective)

(At least one of these elective courses must be at the grade 10 or 11 level)

COURSE OPTIONS

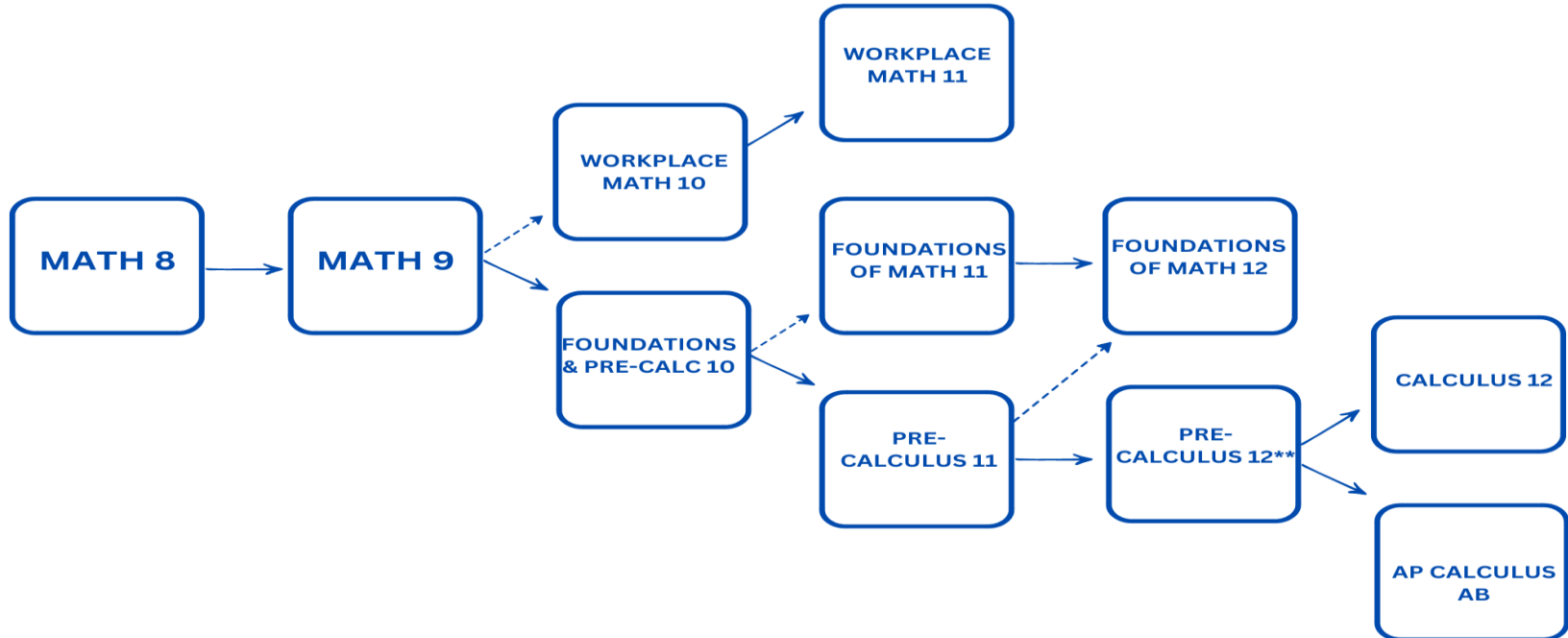
COURSE OPTIONS – LANGUAGE ARTS

Grade 12

- English Studies 12 *or*
English First Peoples 12
(required)
 - Literacy Studies 12
(elective)
 - Creative Writing 12
(elective)



COURSE OPTIONS – MATH PATHWAYS



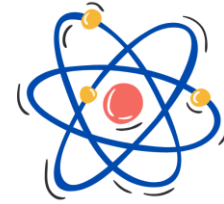
COURSE OPTIONS – SOCIAL STUDIES

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*
- 20th 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.

Grade 12 Science offerings:

- Chemistry 12
- Physics 12
- Anatomy and Physiology 12
- Environmental Science 12

COURSE OPTIONS – LANGUAGES

Grade 12 Language offerings:

- 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

- *Most* Canadian post-secondary institutions **do not** require a second language
- Exceptions:
 - SFU requires a Language 11 (will accept a Beginner Language 11)
 - UBC requires a Language 11

COURSE OPTIONS – FINE ARTS & APPLIED SKILLS

- Home economics – Textiles & Foods
- Business Education – Accounting & Marketing
- Physical Education
- Info Tech – Computer Programming, Digital Media, & Media Design
- Theatre
- 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 & dependent on requests – see Handsworth Course Guide
- Successful completion of an AP course earns credit toward graduation
- Successful completion of an AP exam may provide opportunity for first year university course credit in that specific subject (depending on university)
- 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. Deadline to register Nov 1st
- Students can also self-study & register for exams: www.apcentral.collegeboard.com

Handsworth AP Coordinator: Mr. Mike Forsyth

MYED STUDENT COURSE REQUEST ENTRY

- **Step 1** – Login to STUDENT MyEd account and reset password (prior to Feb. 14)
 - Student MyEd login username information on labelled Course Request Sheets. Instructions to be sent home to families.
- **Step 2** – From February 14th to February 29th, MyEd Student Course Request Entry window is OPEN. Students enter course requests at home.
- **Step 3** – Course Request Sheet (completed AND signed) due to Main Office by March 1st, 2024

**Students unable to complete course request entry from home
can get support at school on March 12th or 13th**

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

- **Peak Performance Program** – no credits towards graduation
- **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
- Hockey
- Soccer
- Rowing
- Robotics, Mechanics, & Digital Fabrication
- Dance
- Artists for Kids
- Business & Gaming Entrepreneurship Lab

NVSD ACADEMIES

- Registration Jan. 19th – Feb. 29th for initial offers
- Ongoing registration & waitlisting after February 29th
- Limited financial bursaries are available
- For further information or to apply go to [NVSD Academies](#)
- For questions, contact academies directly at academies@sd44.ca or Justin Wong - jwong@sd44.ca

NVSD ACADEMIES: INFO NIGHT

- **Wednesday, January 31, 6 to 8 pm** – Enhanced Program and Academies Information Night, on the 5th Floor, Education Services Centre (2121 Lonsdale Avenue, North Vancouver)
- The event will include short presentations and booths hosted by NVSD staff, academy providers, program facilitators and coaches. More information can be found on the 'Academies' page of the SD44 website.

NORTH VANCOUVER SUMMER LEARNING



Who is it for?

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

Registration

- Opens May 1st – June 21st
- 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	Lit Studies & Spoken Language First Peoples	Chemistry
Science	Explorations in Social Studies	English First Peoples
Social Studies	Foundations of Math	English Studies
	Life Sciences	Physics
	Literary Studies	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

POST-SECONDARY – ENTRANCE



- Entrance requirements change over the years
- Becoming familiar with post-secondary entrance requirements is a joint responsibility of the students & families and the grade counsellor
- It is imperative for students and families to check (and recheck!) specific post-secondary institution admission requirements
- Virtual information sessions and open houses coming up in Grade 11 and 12
- For specific questions, reach out to the post-secondary institution directly

FUTURE EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITIES

- **Career Pathways**: Houses most all career exploration opportunities for students in our district
- **Trade Program Parent Information Night**: Explore trades opportunities available in Grade 10-12. Learn from local businesses, SkilledTrades BC, post-secondary representatives and NVSD career program educators. **6:00pm-8:00pm February 1st @ Handsworth. Registration open until January 30th, 2024.**
- **Career Fair - The Arts**: For students and their families to explore career opportunities and post-secondary options in visual, music, dance and theatre arts. **6:00-7:30pm February 7th @ Gordon Smith Gallery - 2121 Lonsdale Avenue.**
- **Education Planner BC**: A resource for BC post-secondary programs & entrance requirements -
- **Work BC**: A great resource for career exploration

Trades Programs - Information
Night



Careers in the Arts!



REFERENCE LETTER REQUESTS – PROCESS

- In Grade 12, students might require a reference letter for post-secondary or job applications
- Requests for reference letters must be made a minimum of **two weeks** prior to when you will need the letter. **Always give yourself more time than you think you need.**
- **TIP:** Ask for reference letters as soon as you know you need them, not just before the due date.
- **How to request a letter of reference?**
 1. Message Ms. Wong via MS Teams
 2. She will provide you with a MS Office Form for you to complete – your submission must be completed two weeks prior to the letter's due date

Reference Letter Request Form

Requests for reference letters must be made a **minimum of TWO weeks** prior to when you will need the letter. Always give yourself more time than you think you need.

TIP: Ask for reference letters as soon as you know you need them, not right before they are due.

Your counsellors are busy and requests for letters made with less than two weeks notice may not be possible.

Double check that the universities/colleges you are applying to require a reference letter. You should not be asking for a reference letter if it is not required.

- Generally, Canadian universities do NOT require letters.
- Generally, US universities on the Common App REQUIRE letters.
- The University of California system (9 campuses) does NOT accept letters.

If you are applying to the US, you must make a Common App account prior to your request for a reference letter.

If you are requesting a character reference for a job, please specify this in your request below.

Hi Julia, When you submit this form, the owner will see your name and email address.

* Required

1. Your FULL legal name *

Enter your answer

2. Preferred name *

Enter your answer

3. Preferred pronouns *

Enter your answer

4. To what programs are you applying? (ie. engineering, arts, sciences). If you are not applying to post-secondary, please specify why you are asking for a reference letter.

*

Enter your answer

5. Reference letter due date *

Please input date (dd/MM/yyyy)

6. Why are you asking me specifically (your counsellor) to write this reference letter? *

Enter your answer

7. What two adjectives best describe you? Give one example of why one of those words came to

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

- For detailed course descriptions, please refer to the [Handsworth Course Request Guide](#), available on the Handsworth website



WHAT COURSES SHOULD I TAKE?

CONSIDER:

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

IMPORTANT REMINDERS



- We build the timetable based on the courses students request
- Take time to carefully consider the options
- Request courses based on *current* and *future* interests
- Course changes may not be possible after schedules are created

COURSE PROGRAMMING **TIMELINE**

<p>JANUARY 30TH 7-8PM</p> <p>PARENT INFORMATION EVENING</p> <p>THEATRE</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 9TH 8:30AM</p> <p>STUDENT INFORMATION PRESENTATION</p> <p>THEATRE</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 12TH – 20TH</p> <p>PRESENTATION FOLLOW UP CLASSROOM VISITS</p>
<p>FEBRUARY 14TH – 29TH</p> <p>COURSE REQUEST ENTRY AT HOME</p> <p>STUDENT MYED LOGIN LABELS ON REQUEST SHEET</p>	<p>MARCH 1ST</p> <p>COURSE REQUEST FORMS DUE TO THE MAIN OFFICE</p>	<p>MARCH 13TH</p> <p>STUDENT SUPPORT FOR COURSE REQUEST ENTRY AT SCHOOL – <i>IF NEEDED</i></p>

COMMUNICATION

HANDSWORTH WEBSITE

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



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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- Foundry North Shore: offering young people 12-24 access to mental health and substance use support, primary care, peer support and social services
- Hollyburn Family Services a range of professional counselling services to individuals, couples and families, supports families of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other pervasive developmental disorders, provides residential care for children and adults with developmental disabilities and mental health challenges, and offers training and support to foster parents and extended families
- Sleep Hygiene Protocol: straightforward daily plan to aid in healthy sleep
- Anxiety Canada: provides self-help resources, programs and services for children, youth, adults and educators on anxiety.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- Education Planner BC: search engine for most post-secondary programs in BC, along with admission requirements, pricing, length of program, etc.
- Screen Time Parental Control (app)
- North Shore Youth Volunteer Directory- Youth Volunteer Directory has opportunities for youth of all ages
- Impact North Shore-organization creating opportunities for success for immigrants and newcomers
- North Shore Family Services- counselling, support, education, and volunteer engagement opportunities
- Child and Youth Mental Health free and voluntary community-based mental health supports and services

THANK YOU

Questions?

