

Anchor Academy Course Planning Guide

British Columbia Ministry of Education Graduation Requirements

(<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/legislation-policy/public-schools/graduation-requirements>)

To meet [graduation requirements](#) and be awarded a British Columbia Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma), students must earn a minimum of 80 credits (16 of which need to be at the Grade 12 level) and write the Provincial Graduation Assessments. The 80 credits must include 52 credits for required courses and a minimum of 28 elective credits.

***NEW GRADUATION REQUIREMENT:** Beginning in September 2023, at least 4 of the 80 credits must be an [Indigenous focused course](#). *Anchor Academy* is now offering English First Peoples 12 (which also meets the English 12 requirement) OR Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12 (which also meets the SS 11/12 requirement).

NOTE: All students planning to graduate from *Anchor Academy* must take at least one Bible course in Grade 10, 11, or 12. All Bible courses are considered electives (except Comparative World Religions which also meets the Social Studies 11 or 12 graduation requirement).

Required Courses (52 credits)

Credits must be earned in the following subject areas or courses:

- English Language Arts 10 (4 credits)
- English Language Arts 11 (4 credits)
- English Language Arts 12 (4 credits)
- Social Studies 10 (4 credits)
- a Social Studies 11 or 12 (4 credits)
- a Mathematics 10 (4 credits)
- a Mathematics 11 or 12 (4 credits)
- Science 10 (4 credits)
- a Science 11 or 12 (4 credits)
- Physical and Health Education 10 (4 credits)
- an Arts Education or Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies 10 or 11 or 12 (4 credits)
- Career Life Education (4 credits)
- Career Life Connections (4 credits) - *Anchor Academy* has decided to divide this into two 2-credit courses, CLCA is offered in Grade 11 and CLCB is offered in Grade 12

Electives (minimum of 28 credits)

Elective credits may be from:

- [Ministry-Authorized](#) courses
- [Board/Authority Authorized \(BAA\) courses](#)
- [Post-Secondary Dual-Credit](#) courses
- [External Credentials](#)
- [Independent Directed Studies](#)
- [Equivalency](#)
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Provincial Graduation Assessments

In addition to the course requirements, students must also complete three Provincial Graduation Assessments.

- Literacy 10 Assessment – *Anchor* schedules this in April of the Grade 10 year
- Numeracy 10 Assessment – *Anchor* schedules this in April of the Grade 11 year
- Literacy 12 Assessment – *Anchor* schedules this in January of the Grade 12 year

These assessments will focus on the demonstration and application of numeracy and literacy skills. More detailed information (including scoring and sample assessments) can be found at <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial-assessment>.

Courses and Scheduling

In Grades 10 to 12, students are assigned to homeroom teachers who will help with course planning and scheduling. Subjects are taught by specialist teachers, which means that students will have one teacher for Mathematics and Science and another who specializes in English and Social Studies. Depending on what electives are chosen, students might have other teachers as well. Although this might seem overwhelming at first, it gives a chance for students to learn from specialists in their fields – teachers who really love and understand the content and are experienced in teaching those courses.

High School students are encouraged to take four courses at a time. These courses are self-paced, so students can start and finish any time throughout the year. Students are strongly encouraged to complete each course within the school year (by the end of Quarter 4) but can have up to 12 months from activation if needed. Communication with the course teacher about completion goals is imperative for student success.

For Grade 10, it is recommended to start with English, Math, Physical and Health Education, and Career Life Education. Social Studies and Science will be added later along with an Arts Education or an Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies course. Second Language is optional, but if students want to go to university, it is highly recommended.

Some helpful websites in course planning

- <http://www.educationplanner.ca>
- <https://www.postsecondarybc.ca/>

Course resources

Many *Anchor Academy* courses are now available with paper or on-line resources. Most of our high school courses have standard resources that are mailed to the students from *Anchor Academy* (at no charge to the family). If students would like to use different resources, they must first gain approval from the course teacher. There may be an additional cost for materials that are not normally stocked through *Anchor Academy*.

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Work Experience and Apprenticeship: If a student volunteers or is paid for work and wants to gain Work Experience in a career field, he/she must first speak with the homeroom teacher about enrolling in the course. Work Experience 12A requires 100 hours and 12B requires an additional 100 hours. Initial paperwork must be submitted to the course teacher before students can start counting hours towards these courses. *Anchor Academy* is unable to grant credit for hours worked prior to this. For students working in a trade under a Red Seal supervisor, this could also lead to earning dual credit for Youth Work in Trades high school courses and hours towards earning an apprenticeship through Skilled Trades BC (formerly Industrial Trades Authority).

External credits: For students involved in extra-curricular clubs and lessons, external high school credit may be available. For example, if a student is involved in Royal Conservatory Music, 4H, Lifeguarding, etc. he/she could receive course credit. Please note that because these are external courses (delivered and assessed outside of *Anchor Academy*), there is no government funding available for them. The following link provides information on approved organizations and courses <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/graduation/getting-credit-to-graduate/external-credentials/organizations-offering-approved-external-credentials>

Independent Directed Studies (IDS): If a student would like to learn about something that does not currently exist as a course, he/she has an option to work with an *Anchor Academy* teacher to build a specialized course as an Independent Directed Study (IDS).

Cross-enrolling: If a student is interested in courses that *Anchor Academy* does not offer, a student may cross-enroll at another school to take the course. The homeroom teacher should be notified of any courses the student is taking at other schools, so all paperwork can be processed correctly. Cross enrolling is a fantastic way for students to participate in dual credit/college programs offered through their local public high school.

Dual Credit College Courses: For students within driving distance of Northern Lights College campuses (Chetwynd, Dawson Creek, Fort Nelson, Fort St. John, Tumbler Ridge), *Anchor Academy* now has an agreement for our students to take certain in-person college courses with their institution. Please contact tracy@ark.net if you would like more information.

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Scheduling

Below is a sample schedule of what courses to take each year. It is merely a suggestion as students can often take any course during any year unless it has a prerequisite like Math or English. The chart contains the minimum number of courses a student must complete to graduate. Students are welcome and encouraged to take more. It is advisable to review any post-secondary programs the student is planning to attend and ensure that all the necessary prerequisites are completed in high school. Depending on the student's choice, the number of electives in each grade level may vary.

Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English Language Arts 10 <i>-Composition and Literary Studies 10</i>	English Language Arts 11 <i>-Choice of one 4-credit course</i>	English Language Arts 12 <i>-choice of English Studies 12 OR English First Peoples 12</i>
Mathematics 10 <i>-See choices</i>	Mathematics 11 or 12 <i>-See choices</i>	Career Life Connections B <i>-2-credit required course</i>
Social Studies 10	A Social Studies 11 or 12 <i>-See choices</i>	Elective 12
Science 10	A Science 11 or 12 <i>-See choices</i>	Elective 12
Physical and Health Education 10	Career Life Connections A <i>-2-credit required course</i>	Elective 12
Career Life Education	Elective 10 or 11 or 12	Elective 10 or 11 or 12
Arts Education -OR- Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies	Elective 10 or 11 or 12	Elective 10 or 11 or 12

NOTE: All full-time students must take at least one Bible course in Grade 10, 11, or 12 to graduate from *Anchor Academy*. This Bible course would fit into one of the elective slots above.

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Graduation Requirements: Dogwood Diploma			
	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Required: minimum 52 credits			
English Language Arts	Students must take: <input type="checkbox"/> Composition 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Literary Studies 10 <input type="checkbox"/> English First Peoples Writing and Literary Studies 10	Choose one 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> Composition 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing 11 <input type="checkbox"/> New Media 11	Choose one 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> English Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> English First Peoples 12*
Mathematics	Choose one 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Mathematics and Pre-calculus 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Mathematics 10	Choose one 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Mathematics 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Calculus 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Mathematics 11 <input type="checkbox"/> History of Math 11	
Science	Required 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> Science 10	Choose one 4-credit course (Grade 11 or 12) <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Earth Sciences 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Life Sciences 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Physics 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Anatomy and Physiology 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Specialized Science 12 (choices include Marine Science, Forensic Science, Veterinarian Science, or an Individualized course design)	
Social Studies	Required 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies 10	Choose one 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> Explorations in Social Studies 11 <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century World History 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Comparative World Religions 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12* <input type="checkbox"/> Genocide Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Human Geography 12	
Career Education	Required 4-credits: <input type="checkbox"/> Career-Life Education	Required 2-credits: <input type="checkbox"/> Career-Life Connections A	Required 2-credits: <input type="checkbox"/> Career-Life Connections B
Physical and Health Education	Required 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> Physical and Health Education 10		
Arts Education/ ADST	Choose 4 credits at either <i>Grade 10</i> , or <i>Grade 11</i> , or <i>Grade 12</i> (see course offerings for a list of courses available at <i>Anchor Academy</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Arts Education <input type="checkbox"/> Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies (ADST)		
Electives: minimum 28 credits (Students graduating from <i>Anchor Academy</i> are required to take at least one Bible course in Grade 10 or 11 or 12)			
1. choice of Bible course	5.		
2.	6.		
3.	7.		
4.			
NOTE: At least 16 of all credits must be at the Grade 12 level and at least 4 of all credits must be Indigenous focussed.			
Graduation Program Assessments			
Required for Graduation	<input type="checkbox"/> Literacy 10	<input type="checkbox"/> Numeracy 10	<input type="checkbox"/> Literacy 12

A full list of course offerings and descriptions can be found on www.ark.net under "High School".

* Courses marked with an asterisk will meet the new Indigenous focused graduation requirement.

**Elective Course. Does not meet English 12 requirement.

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Courses offered by Anchor Academy

Information on the overall purpose, intention, and goals of each course is available on the [BC Ministry of Education curriculum website](#).

Course descriptions can be found in the Anchor Academy Grades 10-12 Course Descriptions. All courses are 4 credits unless otherwise noted.

* Courses marked with an asterisk will meet the new Indigenous focused graduation requirement.

NOTE: If you are interested in courses that are not on this list, please talk with the High School Vice Principal.

English Language Arts		
Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
-Composition 10 (2 credits) -Literary Studies 10 (2 credits) -English First People Writing and Literary Studies (4 credits)	-Composition 11 -Creative Writing 11 -New Media 11	Required 4 credit course choice of: -English First Peoples 12* -English Studies 12 <u>Electives:</u> -Creative Writing 12
Mathematics		
Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
-Foundations of Mathematics and Precalculus 10 -Workplace Mathematics 10	-Foundations of Mathematics 11 -Pre-Calculus 11 -Workplace Mathematics 11 -History of Math 11	-Precalculus 12 -Calculus 12
Science		
Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Science 10	-Chemistry 11 -Earth Science 11 -Life Science 11 -Physics 11 -Science for Citizens 11 -Environmental Science 11	-Anatomy and Physiology 12 -Chemistry 12 -Physics 12 -Specialized Science 12 choice of: - Individualized - Forensic Science - Marine Science - Veterinarian Science

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Social Studies		
Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Social Studies 10	Explorations in Socials Studies 11	-20 th Century World History 12 -BC First Peoples* -Comparative Cultures 12 -Comparative World Religions 12 -Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12* -Genocide Studies 12 -Human Geography 12
Second Language		
Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
-Core French Introductory -Core French 10 -Spanish Introductory -Spanish 10	-Core French 11 -Spanish 11	-Core French 12 -Spanish 12
Arts Education		
Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
<p><u>DANCE OPTIONS:</u> Dance Foundations 10</p> <p><u>DRAMA OPTIONS:</u> Drama 10</p> <p><u>MUSIC OPTIONS:</u> -Choral Music 10 -Contemporary Music 10 -Instrumental Music 10 -Musical Theatre 10</p> <p><u>VISUAL ARTS OPTIONS:</u> Art Studio 10 Photography 10</p>	<p><u>DANCE OPTIONS:</u> Dance Foundations 11</p> <p><u>DRAMA OPTIONS:</u> Drama 11</p> <p><u>MUSIC OPTIONS:</u> -Choral Music 11 -Contemporary Music 11 -Instrumental Music 11 -Musical Theatre 11</p> <p><u>VISUAL ARTS OPTIONS:</u> -Art Studio 11 -Photography 11</p>	<p><u>DANCE OPTIONS:</u> Dance Foundations 12</p> <p><u>DRAMA OPTIONS:</u> Drama 12</p> <p><u>MUSIC OPTIONS:</u> -Choral Music 12 -Contemporary Music 12 -Instrumental Music 12 -Musical Theatre 12</p> <p><u>VISUAL ARTS OPTIONS:</u> -Art Studio 12 -Photography 12</p>

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Applied Design Skills and Technologies		
Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
<p><u>BUSINESS EDUCATION OPTIONS:</u> - <i>not currently available</i></p> <p><u>HOME ECONOMICS OPTIONS:</u> -Food Studies 10</p> <p><u>INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY OPTIONS:</u> -Computer Studies 10 -Web Development 10</p> <p><u>TECHNOLOGY OPTIONS:</u> -Power Technology 10</p>	<p><u>BUSINESS EDUCATION OPTIONS:</u> -Accounting 11 -Marketing & Promotion 11 -Tourism 11</p> <p><u>HOME ECONOMICS OPTIONS:</u> -Food Studies 11 -Interpersonal and Family Relationships 11</p> <p><u>INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY OPTIONS:</u> - <i>not currently available</i></p> <p><u>TECHNOLOGY OPTIONS:</u> - <i>not currently available</i></p>	<p><u>BUSINESS EDUCATION OPTIONS:</u> - Entrepreneurship 12</p> <p><u>HOME ECONOMICS OPTIONS:</u> -Culinary Arts 12 -Child Development and Caregiving 12 -Interior Design: Housing and Living Environments 12</p> <p><u>INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY OPTIONS:</u> -Digital Media Development 12</p> <p><u>TECHNOLOGY OPTIONS:</u> - <i>not currently available</i></p>
Physical and Health Education		
Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Physical and Health Education 10	-Active Living 11 -Fitness and Conditioning 11	-Active Living 12 -Fitness and Conditioning 12
Career Education		
Career-Life Education	Career-Life Connections A – 2 credits	Career-Life Connections B – 2 credits
Work Experience and Apprenticeship Training		
<p><u>Ministry Authority:</u> -Work Experience 12A and 12B -Workforce Training Certificates 12</p>		
<p><u>ITA Authority:</u> -Youth Work in Trades 11A and 11B (formerly Secondary School Apprenticeship) -Youth Work in Trades 12A and 12B (formerly Secondary School Apprenticeship)</p>		

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Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) courses

Bible courses

- Christian Studies 10, 11, 12
- Doctrines of the Bible 10
- Introduction to Missions 10 (includes an *Anchor Academy* Mission Trip to YWAM bases in BC)
- New Testament Studies 10
- Old Testament Studies 10
- Biblical Worldview Thinking 11
- Discipleship through Missions 11 - (includes an *Anchor Academy* Mission Trip Internationally)
- Missions 12: Global Citizens - (includes an *Anchor Academy* Mission Trip Internationally)
- New Testament Church History 11
- Genesis and Revelation 12
- Life of Christ 12

Other BAA courses

- Data Essentials 10 (Learning to use Microsoft Office Tools)
- Psychology 11

Independent Directed Studies courses are available at all grade levels

Dual Credit College Courses

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