



# COURSE SELECTION

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MAY 2021

# 2021 - 2022 Course Selection

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- Grade 9,10 and 11 Course Selection will be open in PowerSchool from **Tuesday May 03 - Friday May 14th at 3pm.**
- Simply log onto your powerschool, on the left hand menu, select "**Class Registration**".
- Categories of classes will appear. On the **right hand side, there is an image of a pen/pencil.** Click on it to edit your selections in that category.
- Each category will list your class options. For example:

Category: Math

Your course options would be Math Essentials, Math at work, Math (academic)

# Graduation Requirements

To graduate from high school, you will need to:

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- Complete a minimum of 18 Credits
  - **Five of the 18 credits MUST be from grade 12:** *Global 12, English 12, Math 12, and two more grade 12s*
  - No more than 7 of the 18 credits can be from grade 10. (It is OK if you have more, just make sure you don't count them in your 18.)
- **3 English Credits** – one at each grade level.
- **3 Math Credits** – one at each grade level.
- **2 Science Credits** – Science 10 and one other.
- **1 more Math, Science or Tech Credits**
- **1 Canadian Studies 11** (Canadian History, African Canadian Studies)
- **1 Global Studies 12** (Global History or Global Geography)
- **1 Fine Art** (Visual Art or Drama,)
- **1 Physical Education** (Phys Ed or PAL 11)
- Minimum of **5 more courses of your choice!** (Most students graduate with more than 18 credits.)

# Frequently Asked Questions

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## English

In grade 11 and 12 you can opt between Academic English and English Communications.

Academic English is preparing you for University studies. (It is also required for some college programs.) You will study things like Shakespeare, write research papers, etc.

English Communications is preparing you for most college level programs. You will study English in a very practical way.

Your English teacher will support you with a recommendation that will allow you to choose the most appropriate level based on: your achievements and demonstrated abilities, your ability to work independently and your work habits and attendance records. You can see this recommendation when you login to PowerSchool to select your classes. If you do not agree with your teacher's recommendation, reach out to them for an explanation.

You can register in a course against the recommendation of your teacher. There will be follow-up conversations with you and your family to ensure everyone understands the decision being made.

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## **Math**

In grade 10-12 you can select between Math Essentials, Math at Work, Academic Math.

This is one of the great myths of education. There are MANY college AND university programs for which you do NOT require Academic Math. No program, of which we are aware, differentiates between Math at Work or Math Essentials. (If they will accept you into the program with Math at Work, they would also accept you with Math Essentials.)

Your math teacher will support you with a recommendation that will allow you to choose the most appropriate math level based on: your mathematics achievements and demonstrated abilities, your ability to work independently and your work habits and attendance records. You can see this recommendation when you login to PowerSchool to select your classes. If you do not agree with your teacher's recommendation, reach out to them for an explanation.

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## Science

### *What is the difference between Human Biology and Academic Biology?*

- Human Biology is a general level course that satisfies the need for a second high school science credit. It does NOT prepare you for Biology 12 and is not accepted by universities.
- Biology is an academic course preparing you for further science study.
- A student can NOT receive credit for both Human Biology and Biology 11.

### *I don't love science and do not plan on pursuing any post secondary courses that have a science requirement. What science should I take?*

- Human Biology, Oceans or Agriculture are less intensive than the academic science options of: Biology, Chemistry or Physics.

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## **Canadian History**

At some point in high school you must take **one** of: Canadian History or, African Canadian Studies.

You are welcome to take more than one Canadian History credit. They will be counted in your elective category.

## **Global Studies**

In grade 12, you must take **one** of: Global History or Global Geography

## **Fine Arts and Physical Education**

You must take ONE Fine Art and ONE Phys Ed credit during your high school years.

You do NOT need to take one each year.

Fine Arts: Drama or Visual Art

Phys Ed: Physical Education or PAL (Physically Active Lifestyles)

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