



# Sentinel Secondary

Course Planning 11  
(Current grade 11 students)

February 2021

# COVID-19

*Dear Parents/Guardians,*

*We miss seeing you in person! This year, unlike previous years, we are unable to invite you to the school for this presentation. As a result, slides have been revised to include additional details that would normally be delivered in person. For your reference, you will also find multiple links to aid you and your child(ren) in the course planning process.*

*All the best,*

*The Sentinel Counselling Team*

# Counselling Team



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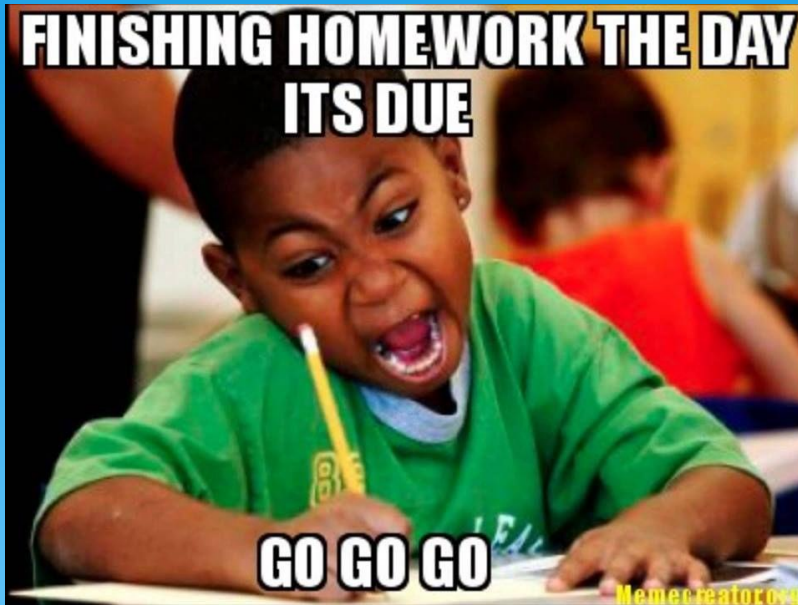
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Hey Grade 11s:  
Let's Check in...

What's going well?

What's been challenging?

# Presentation Overview

There are many links provided throughout the presentation to provide additional information

- Course planning process
- Course planning resources
- Dogwood diploma (graduation) requirements
- Grade 12 curriculum
- Grade 12 electives
- WV School District Programs
- WVS Premier Sports Academies
- Summer School
- Online courses
- Post secondary requirements
- UBC/SFU admissions
- US/UK admissions
- Scholarships

# Course Planning Process

1. Classroom sessions with counselling team-Block 1 class (February 2021)
2. Google Form: online course selection form available on the Grad 2022 Google classroom starting **March 2, 2021**. Deadline to submit the form is **March 9, 2021**.
3. Course verifications available (April/May 2021)

# Course Planning Resources

## [Sentinel Course Handbook 2021-22](#)

- We *strongly recommend* that students and their families use the handbook to guide them through the course selection process
- The Course Handbook includes descriptions of ALL courses offered as well as course pathways for each department

## [Sentinel Website](#)

- Our website includes course planning presentations, course lists, and a link to the Course Handbook

## Human Resources

- Don't forget to check in with family, school counsellors, teachers, and classmates

# BC Dogwood Diploma

Course requirements for graduation:

**80 CREDITS TOTAL:**

The following 52 credits are required courses:

(4 credits each course)

1. English 10, 11 & 12
2. Math 10, 11
3. Science 10, 11
4. Socials 10





# BC Dogwood Diploma (cont'd)

5. PE 10

6. Career Life Education (CLE) 10

7. Science 11 **or** 12

8. Social Studies 11 **or** 12

9. Career Life Connections (CLC) 12A & 12B

10. **One** Arts Education, **or** Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies 10, 11, or 12  
(eg. Foods, Textiles, Business, Computer, Music, Drama, Art)



# Pathway to Graduation:

Numeracy + Literacy Assessments  
are required for graduation

- Numeracy Assessment: grade 10
- Literacy Assessment: grade 10
- Literacy Assessment: grade 12
- All three assessments are required for graduation
- Assessment results do NOT affect final course grade
- Assessment is a mark from 1 to 4

# Career Life Connections 12B

- **CLC 12A**- completed in grade 11 (2 credits)
- **CLC 12B**-Capstone project (2 credits)  
(counsellors the teachers this year)
- CLC 12A & B required for graduation
- Not in-class, outside of timetable

# External Credentials

Can be used as credits toward graduation...

Examples of external courses are:

- Athlete 10, 11, 12 (4 credits each)  
(Provincial or National level sport)
  - ICBC Driver Education Course 11 (2 credits)
  - Lifesaving 11, 12 (2 credits each)
  - Royal Academy of Dancing 10, 11, 12A or 12B (4 credits each)
  - Royal Conservatory of Music 10, 11, 12 (4 credits each)
- For a complete list of courses that qualify as external courses visit the Ministry of Education External Credentials Website at:  
[www.bced.gov.bc.ca/graduation/external\\_courses.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/graduation/external_courses.htm)

# Course Selection

Grade 12 courses: What should I choose?

- Depends on post-secondary programs of choice
- Need to choose 7 person-to-person (includes hybrid) courses to be eligible for honour roll and internal scholarships
- Course selection presentations, course lists, and the Sentinel [Course Handbook](#) may be found on the Sentinel website's [homepage](#)

# Course Selection for 11's

\*Need 7 courses to be eligible for honour roll & Sentinel scholarships

1. **English Studies 12** or AP English Language 12
2. **Grade 12 Elective** (AP English Lit 12)
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5. **Elective**
6. **Elective**
7. **Elective**
8. **Elective** (or spare)
9. Outside timetable blocks (AP courses, Choir, Theatre, Research)
10. Career Life Connections 12B



\*Students are required to take a minimum of 4 grade 12 level courses

\*\*All electives should be based on post-secondary options

# AP Courses available at Sentinel

[AP Link](#)

Biology 12  
Calculus AB 12  
Calculus BC 12  
Capstone Seminar 11  
Capstone Research 12  
Chemistry 12  
Chinese Language & Culture 12  
Computer Science A 12  
Computer Science Principles 12  
English Language &  
Composition 12  
English Literature &  
Composition 12  
French Language & Culture 12

Human Geography 12  
Japanese Language &  
Culture 12  
Physics 1 Honours 11  
Physics 2 Honours 12  
Psychology 12  
Statistics 12  
2D Design Portfolio 12  
3D Design Portfolio 12  
2D Design Portfolio (Photo)  
Studio Art Drawing 12



# Course Choices

- **English**

- English Studies 12
- AP English Language 12
- AP English Literature 12
- AP Capstone Research 12  
(outside timetable)

- **Mathematics**

- Apprenticeship Math 12
- Foundations of Math 12
- Pre-Calculus 12 or Honours
- AP Statistics 12
- AP Calculus 12 AB
- AP Calculus 12 BC





# Course Choices

- **Sciences**

- Anatomy & Physiology 12 or AP Biology 12
- Chemistry 12 or AP Chemistry 12
- Physics 12 or AP Physics 12
- Organic Chemistry 12
- Geology 12



- **Social Studies**

- Social Justice 12
- Economic Theory 12
- Comparative Cultures 12
- Law Studies 12
- World History 12
- Physical Geography 12
- Human Geography 12
- Genocide Studies 12
- AP Human Geography 12
- AP Psychology 12

# Course Choices

- **Performing Arts**

- Drama 12
- Directing & Script Development 12
- Theatre Production 12
- Theatre Company Company 12
- Dance Technique & Performance 12
- Dance Conditioning 12

- **Music**

- Instrumental Music 12: Jazz Band
- Instrumental Music: Orchestra 12
- Instrumental Music 12: R & B Band
- Instrumental Music 12: Concert Band
- Choral Music: Concert Choir 12
- Composition & Production 11/12

- **Fine Arts**

- Studio Arts 2D 12
- Studio Arts 3D 12: Ceramics and Sculpture
- AP Studio Art Drawing 12
- AP 2-D Design Portfolio 12
- AP 3-D Design Portfolio 12
- Photography 12
- AP 2-D Design Portfolio 12 (Photography)
- Visual Arts: Media Arts 12 Yearbook
  
- Peer Tutoring 12

# Course Choices

- **Modern Languages/FRIM**

- Français Langue et Culture 12
- French 12
- AP French 12
- Japanese 12
- AP Japanese Language & Culture 12
- Mandarin 12
- AP Chinese Language & Culture 12
- Spanish

- **Physical Education**

- Active Living 12 (PE)
- Girls Fitness 12
- Fitness & Conditioning 12
- **Applied Skills**
- Accounting 12
- E-Commerce 12 (Marketing)
- Economics 12
- Computer Information Systems 12
- Foods & Nutrition 12
- Textiles 12
- Woodwork 12
- Drafting & Design 12





# Work Experience 12A or 12B

(112B if completed 12A in grade 11)

- Gain practical insight into fields of interest
- Gain credit for extracurricular involvement
- Course work (google classroom)
- 90+ hours volunteer or paid
- Opportunity for parents to take on
- Sentinel student placements

[WEX Website](#)



# WVSD Premier Programs

<http://westvancouver.schools.ca/programs>

The WV District offers many programs available to all of our high school students. Students interested should go to the websites for more information. Most of these programs require separate applications and fees.

- [Fashion Industry](#)
- [FAST](#)-Lifeguard Education
- [200 Hour Yoga Training](#)
- [Youth in Trades](#)-Carpentry Program
- [YELL](#)-Young Entrepreneur Leadership Launchpad
- [Honour Choir](#)
- [Outdoor Recreation](#)

# Premier Sports Academies

Virtual Open House: Feb. 1-Feb. 5, 2021

<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/academies>

Students can continue to participate in academies in grade 12.  
Applications can be found on the academies website....

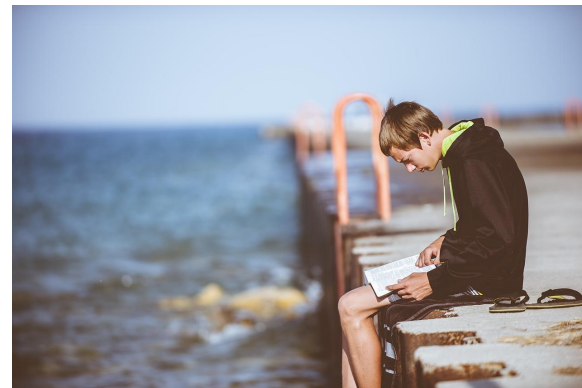


# Summer School

- **Summer School**

- Offered by various school districts
- Online registration is the responsibility of the student
- [West Vancouver Schools Summer Learning](#) opens for registration on May 1st
- Other local options include: [North Vancouver Summer Learning](#) and [Vancouver School Board Summer Experience](#)

**NOTE:** *If websites do not include updated summer 2021 information, please check again soon. Also, COVID-19 may affect course availability, so students are encouraged to register early.*



# Online Courses

- Online courses provide students with added flexibility; however, they are not a good fit for everyone
- Students should ensure that their learning style and abilities suit online learning (i.e. highly self-motivated, self-disciplined, organized, etc.)
- Online schools are not affiliated with Sentinel Secondary, therefore it is the *student's responsibility* to register for courses online
- Students should ensure online courses are recognized by the BC Ministry of Education
- Prerequisite courses must be completed (i.e. final marks posted) no later than August 15 if students are requesting the next level course for September
- Sentinel cannot guarantee a spot in requested courses at Sentinel, especially if the requests are for courses one or more grades ahead (note: priority goes to students in higher grades)
- Students should be aware of possible implications for post-secondary admissions (e.g. some schools/programs do not accept online courses)



# Post-Secondary Choices

- Two Routes to Your Educational Goal:
  - **1. The Direct Route** - enter a post-secondary institution directly from high school.
  - **2. The Transfer Route** - start at one institution, then transfer. This route can be taken whether or not you are eligible for the direct route.
- Gap Year
- Travel
- Work

# University Program Requirements

These are general requirements, students should research specific course requirements for schools they are applying to.

- **Faculty of Science:**

- English 11, English 12
- Pre-calc 11, Pre-calc 12
- Chemistry 11, Physics 11
- Two Science 12s (Bio, Chem, Physics)
- Calc 12 recommended or required depending on school

- **Faculty of Business:**

- English 11, English 12
- Pre-calc 11, Pre-calc 12
- Other business related courses recommended
- Calc 12 recommended for some

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- **Faculty of Social Sciences/Humanities/Arts:**

- English 11, English 12
- Pre-calc 11 or Foundations of math 11
- A science 11
- 3-5 grade 12 academic courses (Law, History, Chemistry etc.)
- Language 11 recommended
- \*dependent on school

- **Nursing:**

- English 11, English 12
- Pre-calc 11, Pre-Calc 12
  - or FOM 11 & 12\*
- Life sciences 11
- Chem 11
- Anatomy & physiology 12,
- Chem 12 recommended
- \*dependent on school

# UBC Admissions

## What they are looking for...

- Admission average will consider all grade 11 & 12 courses (except applied skills & PE), drop the lowest mark (~12-18 courses over the two years)
- Students should have a minimum 6 grade 12 courses based on the program they apply to
- Breadth-related courses (i.e. business courses if applying to commerce)
- Depth-rigour (AP, FRIM)
- Personal profile (written responses to questions provided)

# SFU Admissions

- Applicants must present a minimum of 5 approved Grade 12 courses including English Studies 12
- List of “approved courses” depends on the program
  - Students are encouraged to do their research to ensure they pick the courses required
- Must present a mark of 70% or higher in English Studies
- Must present a minimum of 60% in Math 11 or 12
- Arts & Socials Sciences requires 2 Social Studies 12

# Considering US or UK Applications

- Start researching now as deadlines are sooner for UK and US
- May require entrance exams (UK)
- US may require SAT or ACT exam (due to COVID many Universities are making entrance test optional)
- Students should attend Sentinel information sessions in the Spring
- Students should connect with their counsellor near the end of grade 11
- Attending a US or UK University fairs
- Require a counsellor reference letter as well as 2-3 teacher reference letters

# Scholarships

- Information session for students in Spring 2021
- Scholarship information can be found on the counsellor's [website](#)
- Students are encouraged to keep a file/portfolio of all their awards, reference letters, report cards, accomplishments, newspaper clippings, work experiences etc.
- Students can sign up for scholarship search engines such as yconic, scholarship tree-link found on the counselling website

# TMI

(Too Much Information!)

- Where do I start?
- Research!
- My Blueprint is a great resource!!!  
[www.myblueprint.ca](http://www.myblueprint.ca)
- - Focus on 2 or more schools (less than 8)
  - Connect with Universities (email, websites)
  - Campus tours, online tours, virtual tours