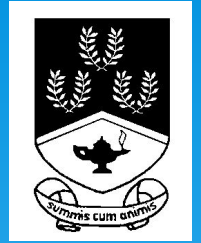


# Sentinel Secondary



**Grade 12  
Information  
Session  
2025-2026**

# Pathway to Graduation

## BC Dogwood Diploma

- Graduation requirements are listed on page 16 of our [Sentinel Course Planning Handbook 2025-26](#)
- Graduation requirements differ from university requirements
- Students need a minimum of **80 credits** to graduate
- A minimum of **16 credits must be at the grade 12 level**
- 4 credits required from an Indigenous-focused course(s)
- 52 of the 80 credits are earned by completing the following **13 required** courses:

# Pathway to Graduation

## BC Dogwood Diploma

**Required courses: 52 credits of 80**

1. Career Life Education (CLE) 10 (4 credits)
2. Career Life Connections (2 credits each)
  - a. CLC 12A (grade 11)
  - b. CLC 12B (grade 12)
3. Physical and Health Education (PE) 10 (4 credits)
4. Science 10 & 11 (minimum 2) (8 credits)
5. Social Studies 10 & 11 **or** 12 (minimum 2) (8 credits)
6. Math 10 & 11 (minimum 2) (8 credits)
7. English 10, 11 & 12 (all 3) (12 credits)
8. Arts Education or Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies 10, 11, **or** 12 (4 credits)



# Pathway to Graduation

## Numeracy + Literacy Assessments

In addition, students must also complete the three new graduation Assessments:

- Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment
- Grade 10 Literacy Assessment
- Grade 12 Literacy Assessment

French Immersion students must also complete:

- Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année – Français langue seconde – Immersion

# University

## Finding the BEST Fit

**P**rogram

**L**ocation

**A**ccommodations

**C**ost

**E**xtra consideration

# General Program Requirements

Most schools require 4-6 grade 12 academic courses for admission purposes

## **Arts/Social Sciences**

1. English 12
2. Grade 12 Academic
3. Grade 12 Academic
4. Grade 12 Academic

## **Commerce/Business**

1. English 12
2. Pre-Calculus 12
3. 2 or more additional grade 12 academic courses
4. Calculus (required or recommended depending on school)

## **Applied Science (Engineering)**

1. English 12
2. Pre-Calculus 12
3. Chemistry 12
4. Physics 12
5. Calculus 12 (required or recommended depending on school)

## **Science**

1. English 12
2. Pre-Calculus 12
3. Science 12
4. Science 12
5. Calculus (recommended)

# University Applications

## General

- **Know your PEN!!** Personal Education Number-9 digit number found on your report cards and transcripts
- Use your personal email address (SD45 emails accounts are deleted when you graduate)
- Have your resume/activity list available
- Have reference names/phone numbers/emails available
- Have a transcript you can reference if you need to self-report marks in the application
- Have payment option (credit card)
- **YOU DO NOT NEED ANY GRADE 12 MARKS TO APPLY. UNIVERSITIES RECEIVE THESE IN DECEMBER...**

# Applying to Post-Secondary Institutions in British Columbia

Students apply online through  
<http://educationplannerbc.ca>



You should have with you:

1. A copy of your most recent marks, grade 11 report card
2. PEN (Personal Education Number)
3. Credit Card Information





# Applying to Universities Outside of BC



## Ontario

- To apply to universities in Ontario, students apply through the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) at [www.ouac.on.ca/105/](http://www.ouac.on.ca/105/)



UNIVERSITY OF  
TORONTO

## Other Provinces



**McGill**  
UNIVERSITY



**DALHOUSIE**  
UNIVERSITY

- For universities outside the provinces of British Columbia and Ontario, students apply online through each university's website.

# Student Transcript Service (STS)

## \*Important\*

- \* Must register with STS to send marks to universities-use personal email
- \* Need a [Basic BCeID](#) to register
- \* These marks are sent directly from the Ministry of Education to the Institutions
- \* Counsellors will walk students through the STS process in Oct/Nov.

# Distributed Learning Courses

## Not regulated by Sentinel

Completion dates for Distributed Learning (Online) courses:

- \* Courses being used for admission average **may** need to be completed as soon as January 31, 2026
- \* Courses needed as program requirements (i.e. French 11) need to be completed by the end of June, but preferably by May so it gets onto their transcript

# AP Exam Marks

## Sending AP Score Reports to Universities:



- Only need to be sent if you choose
- Sent for admission purposes or advanced standing
- For AP exams taken in previous years or in this year: go to the [myap.collegeboard.org](https://myap.collegeboard.org) and request score report to be sent to the university or college of your choice.

# US Applications

What do they consider?

- \* Most use the Common Application
- \* <https://www.commonapp.org/>
- \* Marks for grades 9-12
- \* Character and personal qualities
- \* Student essays and personal statements are important
- \* Counsellor Recommendation Letter
- \* Teacher Recommendation Letters-subject based
- \* Context of school reflected in School Profile
- \* Good website: [collegedata.com](http://collegedata.com)



# UK & International Admissions



- \* Research is the key!
- \* Dates can be early, i.e. Oxford or Cambridge is Mid-September if want an interview in Canada
- \* May be entrance exams such as UKCAT
- \* Website: [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) for UK schools
- \* Studying in a foreign country can involve a complex VISA process
- \* Sentinel UCAS Buzzword: Sentinel2026

# What happens after I apply?

Mostly patiently wait

- \* Self-Report marks when university portals open (depends on the university)
- \* Watch for incoming emails from the universities
- \* login into university portals
- \* Give universities access to Student Transcript Service (STS)
- \* Admission based on both grades, and personal profiles.
- \* Schools will make “conditional offers” until they receive all final marks at the end of the year

# Types of Scholarships

## \* Three Types:

| University                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Community                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Sentinel                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-application may or may not be separate to university application</li><li>-check financial/scholarship pages on university website</li><li>-some are automatic based on your average</li><li>-options for financial need</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-applications separate for each one</li><li>-can find them advertised on google classroom</li><li>-can search them on internet</li><li>-may require reference letter</li><li>-Search engines:<br/><a href="https://www.scholarshipscanada.com/">https://www.scholarshipscanada.com/</a><br/><a href="https://studentawards.com">https://studentawards.com</a><br/><a href="https://scholartree.ca/">https://scholartree.ca/</a></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-application available in March</li><li>-must be in 7 face to face courses to be eligible</li><li>-academic, creative and athletic and financial need options available</li></ul> |

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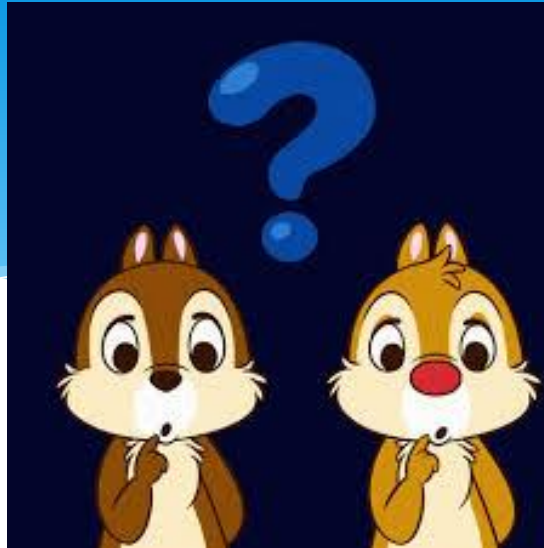
- \* Where do I start?
- \* Spend some time researching:
  - \* Use my blueprint to research programs & schools
  - \* Meet reps who come to Sentinel
  - \* Attend virtual University sessions
  - \* subscribe to the Post-Secondary Calendar to your google calendar (e-bulletin)
  - \* Attend Canadian University Event (CUE)
    - \* September 24th 6-8pm @WVSS

# Important Dates and Deadlines

- \* **Sept. 24th** Canadian University Event (CUE)
- \* **Nov. 1st** deadline for Early Decision (ED)  
Common App Schools
- \* **Nov. 7th** recommended application deadline for  
U of T especially engineering and especially  
programs
- \* **December 1st** UBC entrance scholarship  
deadline & first round offer deadline
- \* **December 15th** SFU entrance Scholarship  
deadline
- \* **January 15th** – UBC application deadline
- \* **January 31st** – SFU application deadline
- \* **May 4-15, 2026** – Advanced Placement Exams

# Celebrations for Grad 2026!

- \* **Follow @sentinelgrads26 on IG**
- \* **Grad wear-online store will open in the near future**
- \* **Kickoff Event:**
  - \* **Midnight in Paris-October 17, 2025**
- \* **Grad photos-Artona**
  - \* November 24th-29th
  - \* Sign up is **OPEN** at [artona.com/schools/SENT](https://artona.com/schools/SENT) for individual photos
- \* **Senior Casino Night-January 29, 2026**



HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY  
FURTHER QUESTIONS....