## West Vancouver Schools, The Quarter System & Pursuit

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## **Quarter System Structure**

West Vancouver Schools continues to ensure all students are offered the courses they require for graduation purposes. This school year (2020-2021) due to COVID-19 and the ongoing Health & Safety protocols, West Vancouver Schools student timetables have been scheduled in a quarter system.

In this quarter system timetable, West Vancouver Schools students complete two courses each quarter (10 weeks) with one course scheduled in the mornings and one course scheduled in the afternoons from 8:30 – 3:00: Monday, Wednesday & Friday AND 8:30 to 11:45: Tuesday & Thursday.

Within this year's (2020-2021) quarter system structure, X blocks were created to provide opportunities for students to participate in a variety of programs such as sports academies, district programs, blended-learning courses, electives, and tutorials.

Students interested in pursuing personalized training in a variety of disciplines, can schedule it in the X Block periods (Tuesday & Thursday from 12:00 - 3:00). They will not be expected to complete an application for Pursuit. Parents and students are encouraged to communicate the district's flexible X block times with their service providers.

While we understand this does not provide the same flexibility as it has in the past, it does provide some training time during the day (two days a week) and does not interfere with the students' course-related obligations.

We are currently in the process of collecting feedback from students, staffs, and parents about this 2020-2021 school year. The feedback we receive will help guide our decisions for scheduling in the 2021-2022 school year.

We will continue to monitor the situation with respect to COVID-19 and any decisions we make will adhere to the directives from the Provincial Health officer and the BC Ministry of Education.

## Pursuit Applications:

Although we are not accepting Pursuit applications at this time, it is recommended that parents and students continue to return to this website for updates on the school district's timetable/schedule for the 2021-2022 school year. Any changes to the Pursuit Program will be posted here.