

Parents Can Help



**Making Sense of High School Career Programs
and Post-Secondary Transition Support**

Agenda

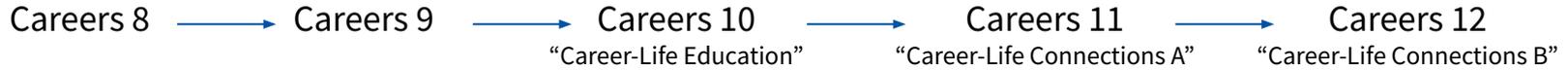
- * Careers 8-12 Course Overview
- * Career-Life Connections
- * Post-Secondary Support





Career Courses

Mandatory Career Courses:



Optional Career Courses:

*** These courses can be taken in Grade 10, 11 and/or 12 ***

WEX 12A → WEX 12B “Work Experience”

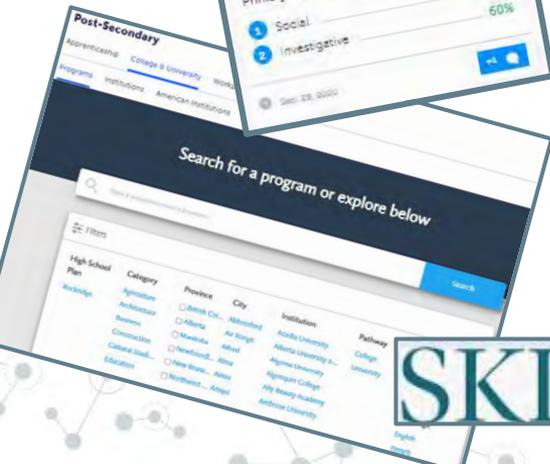
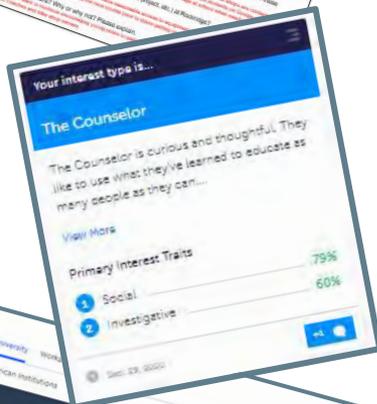
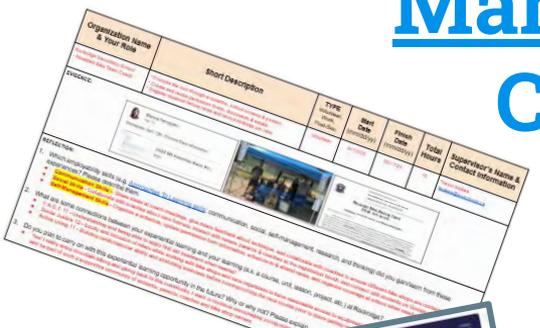
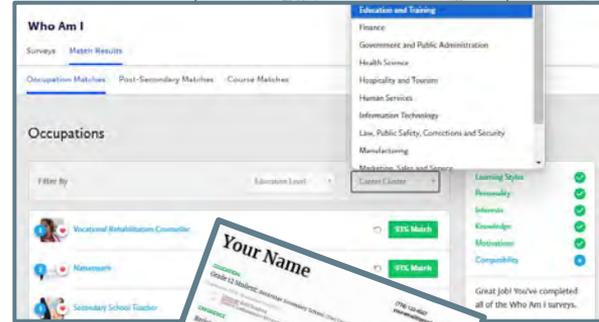
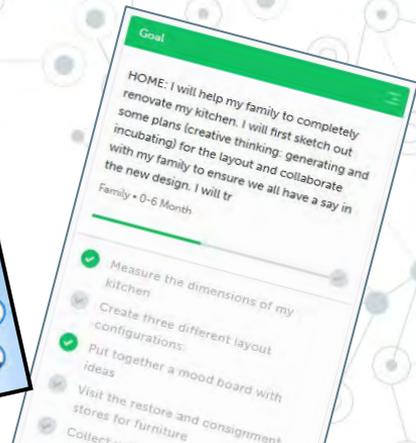
YTT 12A → YTT 12B → YTT 12C → YTT 12D “Youth Train In Trades”

YWT 11A → YWT 11B → YWT 12A → YWT 12B “Youth Work In Trades”

Mandatory Careers Courses

Careers 8-12 Overview

- Personal Reflections
- Goal Setting
- Experiential Learning
- Resume & Cover Letter
- Career Exploration
- Financial Planning
- **High School Planning**
- **Post-Secondary Planning**
- **Community Connections**



SKILLED TRADES BC

Work Experience

- Students the opportunity to connect what they learn in school with the skills, knowledge and attitudes needed in the workplace.
- Students are expected to complete 100 – 120 hours of work experience.
- In-school time spent on specific workplace orientation and workplace safety instruction by covering the following areas:
 - Workplace safety
 - Employability skills
 - Resume writing and interview skills
 - Interpersonal communication skills



Youth Train in Trades

- **Technical training** component of an apprenticeship
- Students are registered with the Industry Training Authority (ITA) and take a Foundation or Level 1 technical training program through a designated training provider
- Example: Carpentry program at West Vancouver Secondary School (Day 1)
- Dual credit program: student earns both technical skills towards trade certification (Day 1) as well as completes secondary school graduation requirements at Rockridge (Day 2)



Youth Work in Trades

- **Work-based** component of an apprenticeship
- Students are registered with the Industry Training Authority (ITA) as a youth apprentice (employer sponsored) and accumulate hours towards a trade (need 480 hours)
- Dual credit program earns both secondary school graduation credits and hours towards trade certification
- Students eligible for \$1000 award if they meet criteria

Mechanic



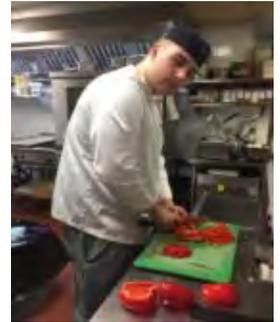
Electrician



Baker



Chef



Career Life Connections 12A (Grade 11)

TERM 1:

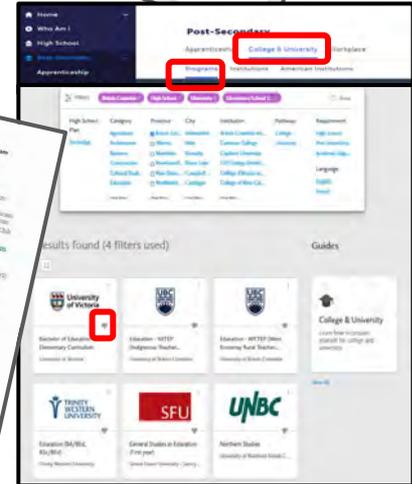
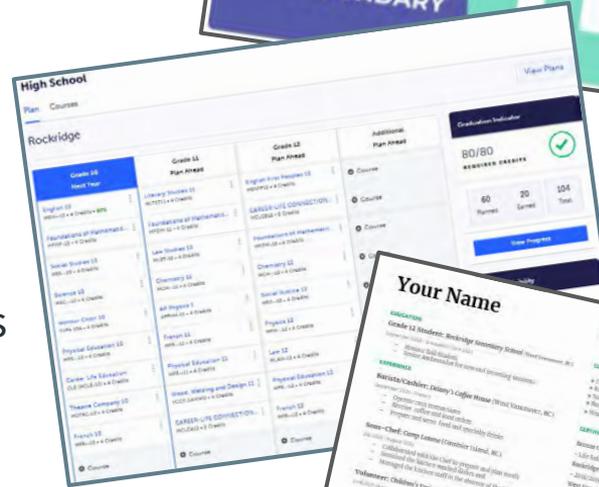
- Initial Survey
- Exploring Experiential Learning
- ATL/Core Competency Goal Setting
- Career Pathway Exploration

TERM 2:

- Resume & Cover Letter
- Post-Secondary Exploration
- Finalizing High School Plan
- Group Course Planning Meetings

TERM 3:

- One-on-One meetings
- Financial Aid Support (eg. Budgets, Scholarships)
- Career Expo/Alumni Insights
- Exit Survey



Scholarship Resources & Supports

Scholarship Name	Date (allows column in advance)	Value CAD\$	Description
IES Engineering Scholarship	Oct 8th	Multiple \$500	Submit an essay awarded on the basis of character
Loran Award	Oct 11	30 @ \$100,000+ over 4 years	Offers a four-year leadership-enrichment program, financial support for undergrad, diverse opportunities for experiential learning, and a long-term supportive community of peers and mentors, offered in conjunction with 25 Canadian post-secondary institutions
Charles Dickelbach Foundation Dr M. Wook Environmental Leadership Award	Oct 15	\$250-1,000	The leadership fund is used to engage, train and empower today's youth (age 15-19) with the skills necessary for the future sustainability of our spectacular regional parks.
Star Scholarship	Oct 21		To reward outstanding young women for their achievements in and out of the classroom, STAR continues to give stellar students an opportunity to continue their influence in their communities and the world, while giving each student a connection to a local chapter whose members are ready to encourage and support them as they embark on their college or university studies
Marsden-Cain Scholarship	Oct 31		Supports four summers—fully funded. A world-class education. Immersion in a world-class body. Experienced advisors to help introduce the scholars' dreams to reality. Experienced advisors to help introduce the scholars' dreams to reality.



Major Scholarship Nomination Application

If you would like Rockridge to nominate you as a scholarship recipient for a major post-secondary scholarship then please complete this form by 4pm on Friday, September 20th.

mferrajohn@vvschools.ca [Switch account](#)

Not shared

* Indicates required question

Last Name *

Your answer

First Name *

Your answer

Getting started with exploring the various scholarships, awards and bursaries that there are:

- [Major Scholarship Nomination](#) (September)
- [External Scholarship List](#) (Ongoing)
- [BC Public Funding](#) (Ongoing)
- [Scholarship Search Engines](#) (Ongoing)
- [Scholarship Information Session](#) (November)
- [Major Post-Secondary Scholarships](#) (December onwards)
- [School & District Scholarships](#) (April)

Career Life Connections 12B (Grade 12)

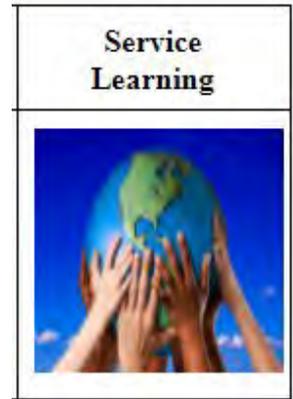
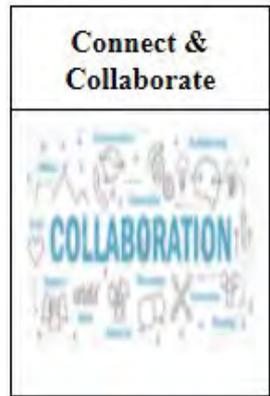
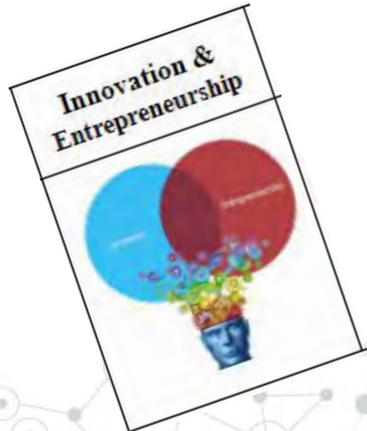
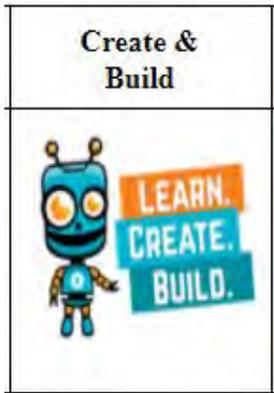
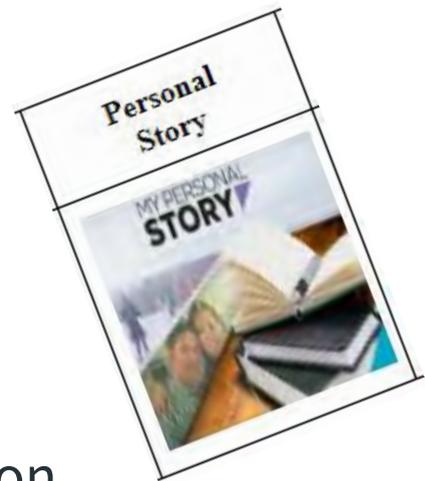
- Refine a Post-Secondary list
- Support students through application process
 - Application Workshops (UK, US, BC, Trades, etc.)
 - Transcript Requests (STS, Self-report, etc.)
 - Written Response & Interview Preparation
- Supplemental Application Support
- Scholarships, Bursaries, Loans
- One-on-One Support Meetings
- Explore career paths through experiential learning
- Aid with Post-Secondary Course Selection





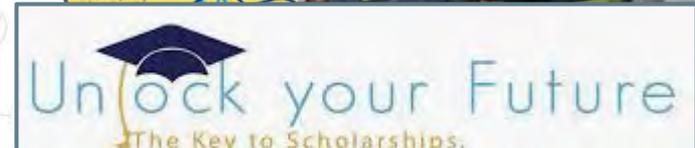
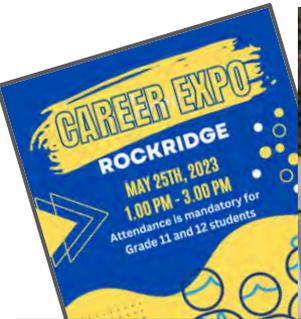
Capstone Project

- Capstone Theme
- Mentorship
- Experiential Learning
- Self-Reflection
- Core Competency/ATL Connection
- Post-Secondary Goal Setting



Additional Careers & Counselling Supports

- Liaise with post-secondary representatives
- Organize and host post-secondary fairs and visits
- Offer various career events
- Communicate experiential learning opportunities
- Write references for applications and scholarships
- Provide PSAT testing opportunities



Spend a Day

Student Awards

Student/
Faculty
Ratio

Faculty
Awards

Scholarships &
Bursaries

Student
Services

Reputational
Survey

Post-Secondary Planning

Operating
Budget

Library
Expenses

Library
Acquisitions

Social
Sciences &
Humanities
Grants

Medical/
Science
Grants

Total
Research
Dollars

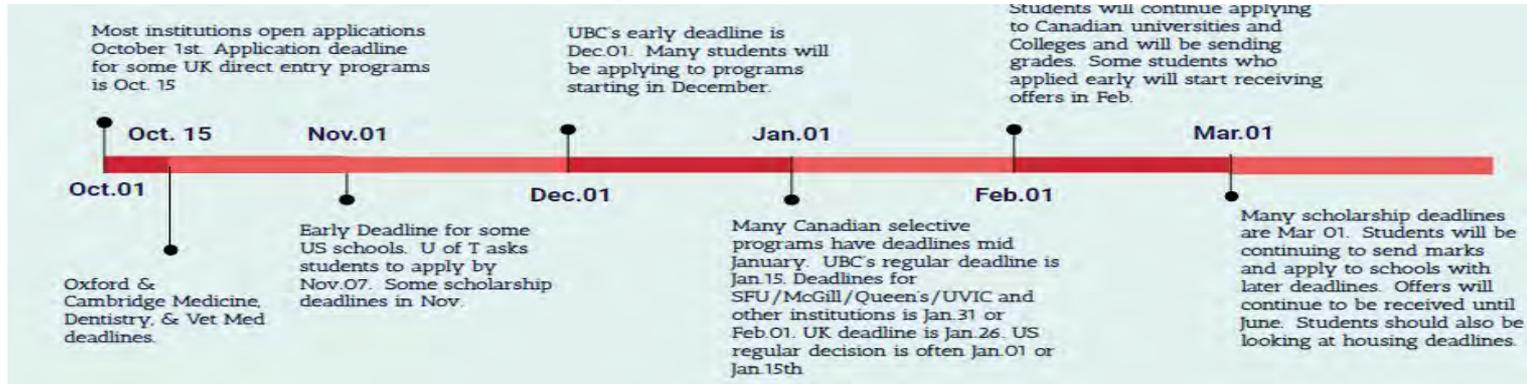
Preparing for Post-Secondary

How counsellors support in the process

Course planning-Grade 8 to 11

- counsellors give course planning presentations each year by grade
- In our presentations we go over course requirements for university programs and help students plan their courses accordingly
- Students can meet with counsellors at anytime throughout the year to discuss course and university planning

Post secondary planning-Grade 12



- Grade 12 information session in September
- discuss post secondary application process
- have students sign up for student transcript service
- one on one meetings with counsellors in October to discuss application progress
- ongoing meeting as needed

Post-Secondary Event Highlights

District Canadian Universities Event : Sep.18, WVSS,
6 - 8:00PM

District USA Admission Workshop, Oct. 17, Sentinel, 6:30PM

UK/Ireland/Australia Fair, Sep. 26, Rockridge, 12:45

UK Fair, Sep.23, Mulgrave, 6 - 8:00PM

USA Fair, Oct.08, Collingwood, 6 - 8:00PM

BC PS Event, Oct. 2024, Sentinel, Rockridge & WVSS

UBC Discovery Event, Oct. 30, WVSS, 6:30PM

District Scholarship Session, Nov. 07, 6:00 - 7:15 PM

Art & Design Fair , Nov.14, Collingwood, 6 - 8:00PM

Vancouver International Universities Fair , May 3, 2025

Post-Secondary Event Calendar

Today < > November 2024							Month	Calendar Icons	West Vancouver Schools Logo
SUN 27	MON 28	TUE 29	WED 30	THU 31	FRI Nov 1	SAT 2			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:55pm Bishops U @ Roc 4:11pm UToronto Info Sess 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1pm UGuelph @Rockridge 6:30pm Educationplanner I 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:50pm Kings College, W 2pm Insh Medical School 6:30pm UBC Okanagan @ I 7pm UNB Future Student B 	Halloween		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am UBC Engineering Dep 11am Camosun College Oj 			
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• Post-Secondary Pathways



Apprenticeships



Gap Year



Workplace



College/University



University/College Pathway Finding the BEST FIT

Program

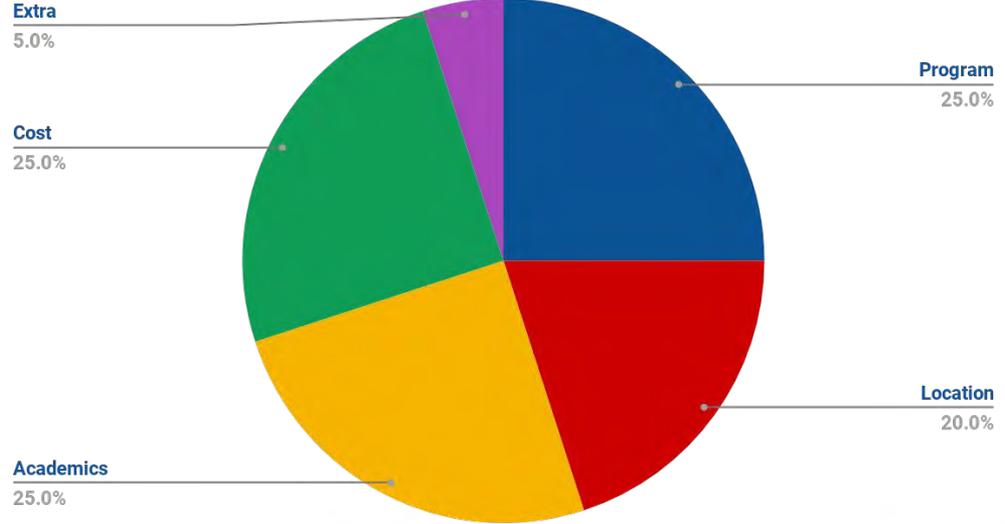
Location

Academics

Cost

Extra consideration

PLACE IMPORTANCE



Program

***important considerations when researching post secondary options**

- **Degree specifics**

UBC computer science - apply to Science and after first or second year apply to a computer science major. Engineering, general first year or directly into specialization

- **Degree requirements**

Read through course descriptions and requirements

- **Size**

Acadia (3,000) vs UofT (97,000), smaller programs within larger programs (Science One, Land One at UBC), smaller institutions within larger institutions (Huron University College @ Western)

- **Direct Entry vs. Transfer Program**

Langara, Douglas College, Capilano University to UBC/SFU/UVIC

- **UK/Ireland/Australia offer 3 year bachelor degrees, 4 year integrated masters, direct entry to professional programs**

Medicine, Dentistry, Law, Vet Med. etc.

Location

- Distance from home, family and loved ones
- Urban, Suburban or Rural communities
- Type of campus, residential vs urban
- Housing, type and availability of residence/off campus housing
- Climate
- Travel - plane, train, car

Academics

- **Program course requirements, Engineering vs Arts (4-6 grade 12 courses)**
In Canada admission average is typically calculated on 4-6 grade 12 academic marks if available. If those marks are not available they will use grade 11 marks
- **Grade 11 course requirements in BC** - i.e. Chem 11, Phys 11, Pre-Calc 11
- **Admission average minimums** (Arts McGill 90% vs UAlberta 80% vs Capilano 60%)
- **Holistic vs. marked - based admission**
 - Many Canadian universities only looking at grade 12 admission average
 - UBC - written profile and admissions average
 - Some professional programs in Canada are more holistic (engineering, commerce)
 - These programs have supplementary applications - written essay/video recording.
 - UK are only looking at predicted grade 12 marks, personal statement and one reference, with some programs requiring testing.
 - US universities are generally holistic, looking at grade 9 -12 marks, personal essays, reference letters, standardized testing

Costs

(CAD) 2023/24 Faculty of Arts for domestic students, (international students pay between 4-6X more)

Institution	Tuition + Fees	Books/Supplies	Residence/Food (based on Dbl rm)	Total (no extras)
Capilano U	\$ 6,193	\$1,400	\$9,752	\$ 17,345
UBC	\$ 7,250	\$2,200	\$13,200	\$ 22,650
Queen's	\$ 8,476	\$1,660	\$16,557	\$ 26,693
McGill	\$11,426	\$1,000	\$17,400	\$ 29,826
Harvard	\$75,890	\$1,400	\$22,440	\$ 99,730
UCL (3yrs)	\$55,000	\$1,500	\$18,200	\$ 74,700

Professional Programs like Engineering and Business can be considerably more expensive

Extra Considerations

- **Work Integrated Learning Opportunities**
(Co-op, internship, practicum)
- **Sports Facilities/teams**
- **International Study Opportunities**
- **Quality of Career Services & Alumni Network**
- **Research opportunities**
(sometimes this is easier to do in small undergrad institutions)

Post-Secondary Resources

LOCATION	RESOURCE
BC	<u>Education Planner</u>
ONTARIO	<u>OUAC</u>
CANADA	<u>myBlueprint</u>
USA	<u>Big Info</u>
UK	<u>UCAS</u>
GAP YEAR	<u>CanGap</u>

Gap Year Support



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Deferring your admission

If you are offered admission to full-time study in the first year of a direct-entry degree, most UBC faculties will allow you to defer your studies for one full academic year.

Am I eligible to apply for deferred admission?

You are eligible to apply for a deferral if **you have been admitted to year one of an undergraduate degree** and one of the following conditions applies:

- You are planning to take a gap year.
- You are required to complete mandatory military service.
- You will be participating in a Rotary program.

WVSD

University Statistics

- 50% of BC high school students transition to postsecondary education within one year after graduation
- ***85% of West Vancouver district students transition within one year***
- Less than 5% of BC students go out of province to do university/college studies
- ***Almost half of our students leave the province to study. This includes approximately 10% of our students leaving Canada***

Universities Around the World



The 2018 Best Colleges in Every State Costing Less Than \$20,000 a Year



Top 10 UK Universities - 2018



AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES MAP



SOURCE: search.net/articles/best-college-that-costs-less-than-20000
news.com/best-colleges/rankings/national-universities
www.gov.collegedata.org/

howmuch.net

POST SECONDARY NETWORK



Parents as Education and Career Coaches, Jan.07, 6:30 -7:30PM

Join EducationPlannerBC and West Van, North Van, and Sea to Sky School Districts for a virtual workshop to learn how you can help support your student in planning for their future. This information will be especially valuable for families with students in Grades 10-12.

Topics will include:

- Navigating BC's post-secondary education landscape
- Program and admission requirements and timelines
- Cost of post-secondary and financial aid options
- Career exploration resources
- Using **My List** to save and compare programs
- Applying for admission through EducationPlannerBC



Watch to your high school E-Bulletin for information on registering



Any Questions?



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