

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GRADUATION PROGRAM

EFFECTIVE 2021-2022

To meet graduation requirements and be awarded a British Columbia Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma), students must earn a minimum of 80 stipulated credits (20 standard courses) and write three provincial assessments of numeracy and literacy.

To earn a Dogwood Diploma, all international students must meet all [graduation requirements, including all required exams and assessments](#).

Students must complete a minimum of 16 credits (4 courses) at the Grade 12 level.

Some credits can be transferred from the non-Canadian school under the regulations stipulated by the Ministry of Education under its Graduation Credit Policy: [Earning Credit through Equivalency, Challenge, External Credentials, Post-Secondary Credit and Independent Directed Studies Policy](#)

Special rules concerning options for satisfying graduation requirements apply to most international students. See the [International Student Graduation Credit Policy](#) for further information.

Credits must be earned in the following subject areas or courses:

REQUIRED COURSE	CREDITS EARNED
A Language Arts 10 (4 credits)	Transferable if meets criteria
A Social Studies 10 (4 credits)	Transferable if meets criteria
A Mathematics 10 (4 credits)	Transferable if meets criteria
A Science 10 (4 credits)	Transferable if meets criteria
Physical and Health Education 10 (4 credits)	Transferable if meets criteria
An Arts Education and/or an Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies 10, 11, or 12 (4 credits)	Transferable if meets criteria
Career Life Education 10 (4 credits)	Required to take while in British Columbia
A Language Arts 11 (4 credits)	Required to take while in British Columbia
First Peoples' 12 or English Studies 12 (4 credits)	Required to take while in British Columbia
A Social Studies 11 or 12 (4 credits)	Required to take while in British Columbia
A Mathematics 11 or 12 (4 credits)	Required to take while in British Columbia
A Science 11 or 12 (4 credits)	Required to take while in British Columbia
Career Life Connections 12 (4 credits)	Required to take while in British Columbia
Additional credits to total 80	Transferable if meets criteria

REQUIRED EXAMINATIONS (3)	Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment Grade 10 Literacy Assessment Grade 12 Literacy Assessment (starting in 2021/2022)
<p>The Numeracy and Literacy exams are schedule throughout the school year. Students should ensure that they are completing the required exams for post-secondary requirements.</p>	

Most Canadian students use three years to complete their grade 10 11 and 12 high school diploma. Students can graduate earlier with the required credits but elect to remain at school until the end of June to enjoy various electives, time with friends and in general to enjoy their high school experience completed with the graduation ceremony at the end of June.

Students who have completed grade 10 at home can transfer some credits to their British Columbia diploma. All classes in grade 10 must be completed and have received a successful passing grade. All classes must be identified on an official translated transcript. Failing grades and classes not completed cannot be granted credit.

Students who have completed grade 10 at home must still complete English 10 and Career Life Connections.

Please note that students who begin at an older age (16 or 17) with a lower level of English may be disappointed to find that they are not able to complete the graduation requirements in two years due to having to upgrade their English skills to be successful in the academic classes.

Students are recommended to begin at a younger age (15) to be able to smoothly work through the required classes.

Other Fees

Additional Courses - A student who requires more than 8 courses to graduate will be charged up to \$1350 for each additional course as part of their entry tuition. These courses would be done online or at night school where available.

Validation or Legalization of Transcripts - Legalization forms to be completed by the parent and student to obtain permission from local embassies or consulates to validate the report card or transcripts. There may be an additional fee for the validation service of up to \$300 CAD depending on the consular requirements, to be confirmed at the time of acceptance.

Graduation Fee – Changes every year but is approximately \$80 and includes the tickets to the ceremony and the cap and gown.

Graduation Dinner & Dance Fee: Changes each year but is approximately \$130