

COURSE SELECTION: Grade 10 Classes

Notes regarding **Grad Requirements** are on the reverse. The minimum needed to graduate with a regular Dogwood diploma is 80 credits—the equivalent of 20 courses. Most students graduate with more than the minimum.

To confirm the **credits** you already have and the credits you still need, see your Counsellor.

Most students complete their grad requirements in three **years**. Some students can finish in 2½ years; some take an extra semester or year. Some students get permission to return to Caledonia after graduating in order to pick up additional courses or upgrade certain marks.

If you have an idea of what you want to do after you graduate, you are advised to check on the high school courses expected or recommended as **pre-requisites**. Otherwise, you are encouraged to **“keep the doors open”**—to take the hardest courses in which you can succeed and to take a variety of courses. Keep in mind that it’s one thing to graduate from high school and it’s another to have what you need to enter a post-secondary program at college or university.

We expect each student to take a **full load** of eight courses within the school year in grade 11. You may take additional courses outside the regular school day.

If you wish to **balance** your harder and easier courses over the two semesters, you will need to work with your Counsellor in late August or early September.

If you have had a **Resource Room or Support block** and wish to have another, you may indicate that on your form.

If you are applying for **special programs** such as Outdoor Education 11, you still need to complete your course selection form as if you will not be in that program. Once you are admitted, your schedule will be adjusted.

There are brief **descriptions** of each course in the Course Catalogue. They are also available on the school website.

If you request a course for which you do not have the recommended pre-requisite or background, your Counsellor will issue a **caution** that you and your parent will need to deal with in order to be placed in the course.

Keep a copy of the list of courses you have requested. Please give **thought** to your course request and **keep it accurate**. The requests from all our students will determine which courses will actually end up running next year. Your Counsellor will stay in touch with you if courses you have requested end up being cut and you need to provide additional alternates.

Next year the new indigenous course graduation requirement comes into effect. You need to make a decision as to whether you want to satisfy this requirement next year, or in your grade 12 year. Your choices for satisfying this requirement next year are:

English First Peoples 11, BC First Peoples 12, OR North Coast Art and Design 10 or 11