

## **COURSE SELECTION: Grade 11 Students**

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.

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 entering Grade 12 and wish to apply for a **Study block**, you need to list at least eight courses and two alternates on your sheet and then get a Study application from your Counsellor, to whom you will return the completed application.

If you are applying for **special programs** such as Work Experience, Secondary School Apprenticeship Programs, or Trades programs, you will still need to fill out a complete course request form in case you do not get into any of these programs. If you are interested in career programs, you should make an appointment to see Mrs. Braid in the main office.

There are brief **descriptions** of each course in the Course Catalogue, which is available on the school website under the parent/student tab.

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.

**Career Life Connections/Capstone:** You need to complete this requirement to be eligible to graduate. You should have completed the Career Life Connections portion of this requirement in grade 11 with Ms. Braid, and will be focusing on completing your Capstone project in grade 12. If you choose to fulfill this requirement through the work experience program, you will need to connect with Mrs. Braid to make sure you are eligible and properly registered.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT TAKEN A COURSE THAT SATISFIES THE NEW INDIGENOUS-BASED COURSE REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION STARTING NEXT YEAR, YOU WILL NEED TO CHOOSE A COURSE THAT WILL MEET THIS REQUIREMENT NEXT YEAR.**

