

# New Westminster Secondary School

2024 – 2025

## Grade 11 Course Selection Presentation

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FIRST NATION AND ALL COAST SALISH PEOPLES ON  
WHOSE TRADITIONAL AND UNCEDED TERRITORY WE  
LIVE, WE LEARN, WE PLAY AND WE DO OUR WORK.***



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Ministry of  
Education

# Graduation Dogwood Diploma

52 **required** course credits (13 courses):

- 1) Language Arts 10
- 2) **Language Arts 11**
- 3) Language Arts 12
- 4) Social Studies 10
- 5) **A Social Studies 11 or 12**
- 6) Science 10
- 7) **A Science 11 or 12**
- 8) A Mathematics 10
- 9) **A Mathematics 11 or 12**
- 10) Physical and Health Education 10
- 11) A Fine Arts or Applied Design, Skills and Tech. 10, 11 or 12
- 12) Career Life Education 10
- 13) Career Life Connections 12

Students must also complete one **Indigenous-Focused** English or Social Studies course to graduate

**French Immersion Program: 64 required course credits** (16 courses):

These include courses from the above subject areas and **Français Langue Seconde-Immersion 10, 11 and 12**



**Our Course  
Description  
Booklet is on  
our school  
website:  
[www.nwss.ca](http://www.nwss.ca)**



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**COURSE DESCRIPTION BOOKLET**

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# English Studies 11 or English First Peoples 11

- Composition 11
- Creative Writing 11
- Literary Studies 11
- Spoken Language 11
- English First Peoples Literary Studies & Writing 11
- English First Peoples Literary Studies & Spoken Language 11
- English First Peoples Literary Studies & New Media 11





Explorations in Social Studies 11

20th Century World History 12

Asian Studies 12 (1850 – Present)

BC First Peoples 12 (Indigenous-Focused Credit)

Comparative Cultures 12

Genocide Studies 12

Human Geography 12

Law Studies 12

Philosophy 12

Physical Geography 12

Political Studies 12

Social Justice 12

### French Immersion Social Studies Options

Exploration en Science Humaines et Sociales 11

Justice Sociale 12

Peuples Autochtones de la C.-B. 12

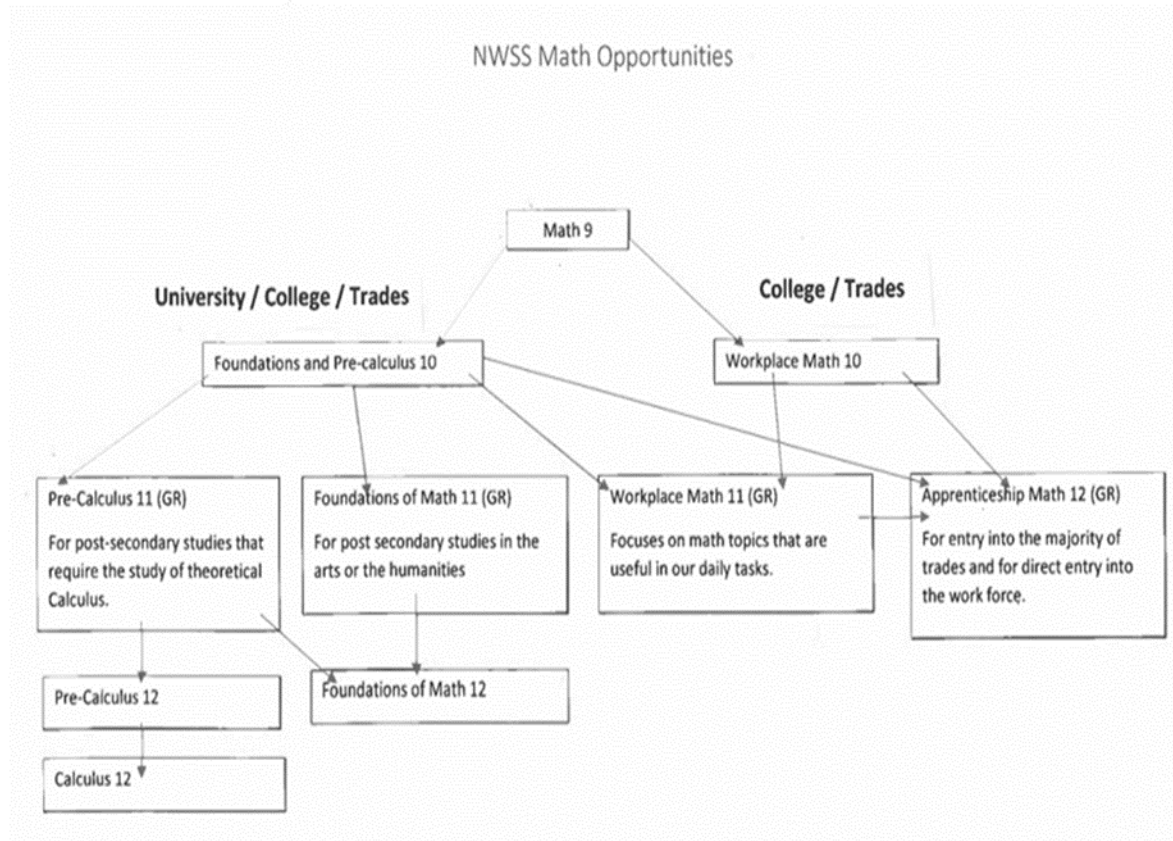
# Social Studies 11 or 12

Can be taken during the student's Grade 11 **OR** 12 year



# Mathematics 11 or 12

Can be taken during the student's Grade 11 or 12 year



- Workplace Mathematics 11
- Foundations Of Mathematics 11
- Pre-calculus 11
- Apprenticeship Mathematics 12
- Foundations Of Mathematics 12
- Pre-calculus 12
- Calculus 12



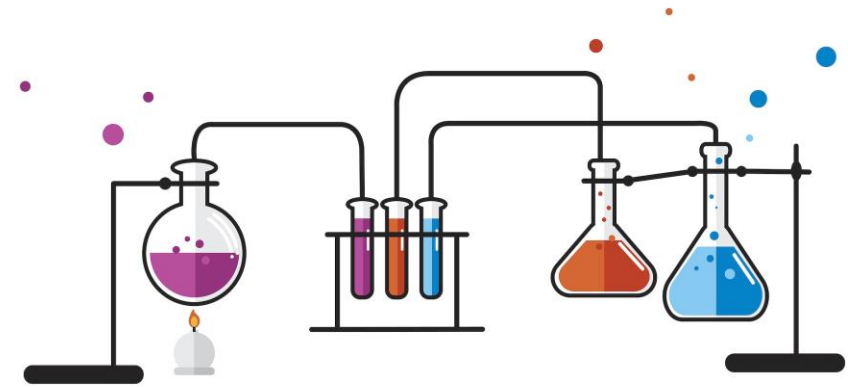
- Chemistry 11
- Earth Sciences 11
- Life Sciences 11 (Biology 11)
- Physics 11
- Science For Citizens 11
- Anatomy & Physiology 12 (Biology 12)
- Environmental Sciences 12
- Geology 12

- Chemistry 12\*
- Physics 12 \*

\*Require a grade 11 pre-requisite

# Science 11 or 12

Can be taken during the student's  
Grade 11 or 12 year



# Arts Education



## MUSIC

Choir 11  
Concert Band 11  
Music Composition & Production 11  
Orchestral Strings 11  
Chamber Choir 11 (Z Block)  
Vocal Jazz 11 (Z block)  
Jazz Ensemble 11 (Z block)

## ARTS

Art Studio 11 (Intro)  
Studio Arts 2D 11 – Drawing & Painting  
Studio Arts 3D 11 – Sculpture & Beyond  
Graphic Arts 11  
Media Arts (Animation) 11  
Photography 11

## DANCE

Dance Conditioning 11  
Dance Technique & Performance 11

## DRAMA

Drama 11 (Intro)  
Musical Theater Foundations 11  
Theater Company 11 (Advanced)  
Directing & Script Development 11  
Hair & Makeup for the Stage 11 (Z Block)

Theater Production 11 (offered every two years)  
Musical Theater Program: Open to students in grades 9–12  
(offered every two years)



# Applied Design, Skills & Technology (ADST) Electives

Technology Education	Business Education & Information & Communication Technology
Art Metal Jewelry 12	Accounting 11
Drafting 11	Marketing & Promotion 11
Electronics 11	Entrepreneurship 12
Engineering 11	Computer Programming 11
Robotics 11	Digital Communications 11
Machining & Welding 12	Digital Media Development 12
Furniture & Cabinetry 12	Computer Information Systems 11
Metalwork 11	Desktop Publishing 11
Woodwork 11	Yearbook 12
Skills Explorations 11	



Culinary Arts and Home Economics
Culinary Arts 11
Food Studies 11
Interpersonal & Family Relationships 11
Child Development & Caregiving 12
Fashion Industry 12
Textiles 11



# Physical Education & Language Electives

## Physical & Health Education & Leadership

Active Living 11

Fitness & Conditioning 11

Hockey Academy 11 (by application only)

Basketball Skills 11/12 (Z block)

Volleyball Skills 11/12 (Z block)

Football 11 (Z block)

Lacrosse 11 (Z block)

Leadership 11 (Z block) – Application & interview required



## Modern Languages

French 11

Introductory Japanese 11

Japanese 11

Introductory Punjabi 11

Punjabi 11

Introductory Spanish 11

Spanish 11

Introductory Korean 11

Korean 11

### French Immersion Options

Communication Orale 11

Medias et Communication Numerique 11

Etudes du Cinema et de la Literature Francophone 11





# What If I Did Not Pass A Course in Grade 10?

- If you did not pass a **mandatory** grade 10 course, you **must** redo it either next semester, in the summer, or next year
  - Mandatory courses are: Math, Science, Socials Studies, English, Careers, and Physical Education
- If you did not pass your language 10 course, you cannot do the language 11 course – you must redo the language 10 course
- If you did not pass a course, you will not receive the credits for it

# Potential IB Students – Both Diploma and Certificate (Course) Options

- If accepted into the IB program, counsellors will be meeting with you for pre-scheduled interviews to discuss your IB courses and plan for next year
- Please fill out a regular course selection form just in case you are not accepted into the program or decide against doing it



# Things to Consider for Course Selection

- Although, it may seem early, it is important to choose your courses with your post-secondary plans in mind
- Consider your career goals → What type of job do you want?
- Are you wanting to go to a university or college?
  - Do you need a language 11 for admission?
  - Which level of Math does your university/college program want?
  - Do you need more than one Science? Which ones, specifically?
- Are you planning to do a trade, such as Carpentry or Plumbing?
  - Have you spoken with Ms. McArthur, the Trades Coordinator at NWSS?





# Things to Consider for Course Selection

- Keep in mind that Post-secondary institutions will be looking at **both** your grade 11 & 12 grades when considering admission
- Post-secondary institutions value a well-rounded course load
  - You should avoid taking the bare minimum
  - It is recommended to take a selection of courses from various subject areas
- Post-secondary institutions like to see evidence of school and community involvement and volunteer work



# Your Responsibility for Course Selection

- Consult the Course Description Booklet on the school website (nwss.ca)
- Your course selection form must be signed by a parent/guardian
- Selections must be entered into My Ed BC
  - \*The online selections must match the paper selection form
- Return paper form to the Counselling Office (room 1102)
  - \*Take a picture of it before you hand it in so that you remember what you chose



\*Please remember that just because you indicated on your paper form that you want to take an online course does **NOT** mean that you are signed up for it. **You must see your counsellor to be enrolled**

# If You Have Questions, You Should...

- Speak to your teachers for subject-specific questions and/or recommendations
- Speak to your Counsellor
- Contact an **academic advisor** within the post-secondary program you are considering applying to



# Thank you!

**THIS CONCLUDES OUR PRESENTATION**

