


New Westminster Secondary School

2024 – 2025
You're going into Grade 12!

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Course Planning for grade 12 is the focus for today's presentation.

If you have any questions, please book an appointment with your counsellor.

We may have a few minutes at the end to answer some questions as well.

This PowerPoint Presentation will be uploaded to our school website.



Grade 12 Course Planning Student Info Session



Today's Presentation:



Graduation requirements and diplomas



What are the required courses for grade 12?



Where to get information to help choose courses?



Completing course selections on paper and in MyEd

Graduation Requirements and Diplomas





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Graduation Requirements

- 🌊 Students need: 80 CREDITS + 3 Graduation Assessments Written (4 if student is in French Immersion)
- 🌊 Students require a minimum of 80 credits (52 + 28) to graduate. Students begin earning credits in Grade 10 → Courses are worth 4 credits each
- 🌊 Of these 80 credits for graduation:
 - 🌊 52 are required course credits (13 courses) and
 - 🌊 28 are elective course credits (7 courses or more)
 - 🌊 For French Immersion Students, there are 64 required credits to allow for the French language courses and 16 elective credits (total 80 credits)
- 🌊 For all students (English and French programs), at least 16 credits (4 courses) must be at the Grade 12 level, including a required English Language Arts 12 and Career Life Connections 12
- 🌊 In addition to 80 credits, students must write Provincial Graduation Assessments: Literacy 10, Numeracy 10, Literacy 12; French Imm. students write an additional assessment: Littérature 12



Required Courses

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

** **ONE** of these courses needs to be an **Indigenous-Focused Course** = English First Peoples or BC First Peoples (a Socials 12 course)

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

13 courses above + 3 French language classes: Français Langue Seconde 10, 11 and 12



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French Immersion/Dual Dogwood

- French Immersion students can earn both a BC Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) and a Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires en Colombie-Britannique
- FI students have 12 more required credits (for their French courses) for a total of **64** required credits and so require 16 elective credits (4 courses), for the same total of 80 required credits
- FI students write one additional graduation assessment for French: "Littératie 12"



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For More Information...

 The B.C. Certificate of Graduation or Dogwood Diploma:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/graduation>

The Dual Dogwood for French Immersion Students:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/ways-to-learn/french-programs/requirements_double_dogwood_french_immersion.pdf

 Provincial Graduation Assessments:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/curriculum-and-assessment/assessments/graduation>

Grade 12 Requirements

Grade 12 Required Courses are:

English 12 (choose 1 of 2 courses)

Careers 12 (choose fully online or as a "hybrid course")

Any 2 other grade 12 courses (french immersion students take FRAL-12 for one of these courses)

** But universities require 5-6 + grade 12 courses

Also required in grade 12: 1-2 Graduation Assessments

All students write The Literacy 12 Assessment

French Immersion students also write the "Litteratie 12" assessment (2 parts)

Families will be emailed details before the assessment ; assessments are written in November, January, April or June in the school library.

Course #1: English Studies 12 or English First Peoples 12



English Studies 12 (4 credits)



English First Peoples 12 (4 credits)



** Creative Writing 12 (4 credits) does not meet the English 12 requirement, but can be taken as an elective course

Course #2: Career Life Connections 12

Students can choose to do this in one of 2 ways:

- Either fully online – students apply with online learning form

OR

- By taking the hybrid course through NWSS
- mostly online
- occasional class or teacher meetings to help keep students moving through the course and for special presentations or information
- Capstone project fair at end of course

Courses 3 and 4: Grade 12 Elective (student-chosen) Courses

Students choose 2 or more grade 12 courses:

- ACCORDING TO APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS OF PROGRAM THEY ARE APPLYING TO
- A COURSE THEY HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO TAKE YET
- TO GET SPECIAL TRAINING (IE: FOOD SAFE CERTIFICATE IN CULINARY ARTS OR WORK EXPERIENCE 12a)
- BECAUSE IT'S THE LAST CHANCE TO TAKE THIS COURSE FOR "FREE"!

Courses 5-8: for post-secondary, to catch-up, upgrade or personal interest

COMMONLY MISSED GRAD REQUIREMENTS:

- PE10, CAREERS10, 1 (ONE) ARTS OR ADST 10-12 COURSE
- AN INDIGENOUS COURSE (ENGLISH 10, 11 OR 12 = "EFP" OR BC FIRST PEOPLES12)
- REQUIRED GRADE 10-12 COURSES THAT HAVE NOT YET BEEN PASSED (SOCIALS 11 OR 12, SCIENCE 11 OR 12, MATH 11 OR 12)
- REQUIRED COURSES FOR A POST-SECONDARY PROGRAM
- REPEAT A COURSE THAT HAS A LOW MARK
- "LAST CHANCE" TO TAKE COURSES

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



Example, if you haven't taken Mathematics 11 or 12 yet

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

- WORKPLACE MATHEMATICS 11**
- FOUNDATIONS OF MATHEMATICS 11**
- PRE-CALCULUS 11**

- FOUNDATIONS OF MATHEMATICS 12**
- APPRENTICESHIP MATHEMATICS 12**
- PRE-CALCULUS 12**
- CALCULUS 12**

**IS THERE A SPECIFIC MATH NEEDED FOR THE PROGRAM BEING APPLIED TO?

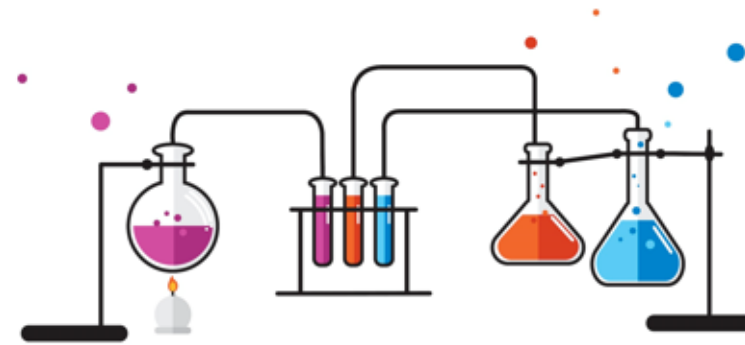
- Chemistry 11
- Earth Sciences 11
- Life Sciences 11 (Biology 11)
- Physics 11
- Science For Citizens 11
- Anatomy & Physiology 12 (Biology 12)
- Environmental Sciences 12
- Geology 12

- 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)

Physical Education & Language Electives

PHYSICAL & HEALTH EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP

ACTIVE LIVING 12

FITNESS & CONDITIONING 12

HOCKEY ACADEMY 12 (BY APPLICATION ONLY)

BASKETBALL SKILLS 12 (Z BLOCK)

VOLLEYBALL SKILLS 12 (Z BLOCK)

FOOTBALL 12 (Z BLOCK)

LACROSSE 12 (Z BLOCK)

LEADERSHIP 12

- APPLICATION AND INTERVIEW REQUIRED



MODERN LANGUAGES **

FRENCH 11 OR 12

JAPANESE (INTRO. 11, GRADE 11 OR 12)

PUNJABI (INTRO. 11, GRADE 11 OR 12)

SPANISH (INTRO. 11, GRADE 11 OR 12)

KOREAN ((INTRO. 11, GRADE 11 OR 12)

** UBC AND SFU REQUIRE A GRADE 11 SECOND LANGUAGE



Other Electives in Business, Tech & Home Economics

Applied Design, Skills and Technology (ADST) 10 Options

Business Education & Information and Communication Technology

Accounting 11 or 12
Marketing & Promotion 11
Entrepreneurship 12
Computer Programming 11 or 12
Digital Communications 11
Digital Media Development 12
Computer Information Systems 11 or 12
Desktop Publishing 11 or 12
Yearbook 12

Technical Education

Art Metal & Jewelry 12
Drafting 11
Drafting 12
Electronics 11 - Arduino
Electronics 12
Engineering 11 or 12
Furniture and Cabinetry 12
Machining & Welding 12
Metalwork 11 or 12
Robotics 11 or 12
Skills Explorations - Construction Youth Explore Trades 11 or 12
Woodwork 11 or 12

Culinary Arts & Home Economics

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



**What do you need to know
to Choose your Courses?**

Have you taken and passed all required courses? – see MyEd "Graduation Verification"

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LA0-Language Arts 10	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LA1-Language Arts 11	4	<input type="checkbox"/> LA2-Language Arts 12	4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AST-Applied Design, Skills & Tech	4	<input type="checkbox"/> CLC-Career Life Connections	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLE-Career Life Ed	4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IND-Indigenous Grad Requirement	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MA0-Mathematics 10	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MA1-Mathematics 11 or 12	4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PH0-Physical & Health Ed 10	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SC0-Science 10	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SC1-Science 11 or 12	4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SS0-Social Studies 10	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SS1-Social Studies 11 or 12	4	<input type="checkbox"/> NDC-Elective	28
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LTA10-Literacy 10 Assessment		<input type="checkbox"/> LTA12-Literacy 12 Assessment		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NMA10-Numeracy 10 Assessment	

Course	Completion Date	Course Description	Diploma Category	Potential Credits	Earned Credits	Interim Mark	School Mark	Prov Exam Date	Exam Mark	Final Mark	Notes
MSS--10	06-Jun-23	SOCIAL STUDIES 10	SS0		4		86				
MPHED10	21-Jun-23	PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION 10	PH0		4		80				
MCLE-10	23-Jun-23	CAREER LIFE EDUCATION	CLE		4		80				
MSC--10	10-Feb-23	SCIENCE 10	SC0		4		70				
MCTWR10	06-Feb-23	CREATIVE WRITING 10	LA0		2		62				
MLTST10	13-Feb-23	LITERARY STUDIES 10	LA0		2		62				
MFMP-10	03-Feb-23	FOUNDATIONS OF MATH AND PRE-CALCULUS 10	MA0		4		56				
MSP--10	08-Feb-23	SPANISH 10	NDC		4		56				
MFMP-10	08-Sep-23	FOUNDATIONS OF MATH AND PRE-CALCULUS 10					W				
MCMP11	31-Jan-24	COMPOSITION 11	LA1	4							
MFOM-11	31-Jan-24	FOUNDATIONS OF MATHEMATICS 11	MA1	4							
MPH--11	27-Jun-24	PHYSICS 11	SC1	4							

See "Education Planner BC" to find required courses for post-secondary programs

WWW.EDUCATIONPLANNERBC.CA/



Example of UBC Commerce Degree admission requirements:



Commerce: Bachelor Degree (UBCV)

[Add program to My List ★](#) [Apply now →](#)

Program type	Credential	Length	Start date	Tuition*
Undergraduate	Bachelor's Degree	4 years	September	\$5,900 year one

- Overview
- Admission requirements**
- Additional costs
- Application dates
- Program options
- Careers

- Academic admission requirements
- Additional admission requirements
- Admission advice
- Link to general admission requirements

Academic admission requirements

The Sauder School of Business has a Broad-Based Admission Policy for all students applying to the Bachelor of Commerce (BCOM) Degree program.

Admission decisions are based on a combination of your academic performance and an assessment of the BCom supplemental documents. Successful applicants have competitive grades and are self-motivated and actively participate in extra-curricular activities, and demonstrate leadership potential and team-work skills.

1. High school graduation or equivalent
2. English 12 or equivalent (70%)
3. Minimum six academic/non-academic Grade 12 courses (recommended)
4. Pre-Calculus 12 or equivalent
5. English 11 or equivalent (70%)
6. Pre-Calculus 11 or equivalent
7. Any Science 11 or Science 12 course

Co-op program



- [Visit University of British Columbia's program page](#)
- [Learn more about financial resources](#)
- [Tips on how to apply](#)

FIND YOUR PATH

This is also the website to APPLY to post-secondary

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the EducationPlannerBC website. On the left, there is a 'HELP' link with a question mark icon. In the center, there are four buttons: 'Plan' (green), 'Search' (blue), 'Path' (yellow), and 'Apply' (pink). The 'Apply' button is circled in red, and a red arrow points to it from above. To the right of these buttons are the logos for 'BRITISH COLUMBIA' and 'EducationPlannerBC', followed by a 'Go to My List' button with a star icon. On the far right of the navigation bar are links for 'SIGN IN' and 'CREATE ACCOUNT'. Below the navigation bar, a message states 'We found 37 programs that fit your search!' with a subtext 'Search for programs by using the search bar or by adding filters. Click Search to see your results.' Below this is a search bar containing the text 'Business', a '+2 Filters' button with an 'x' icon, and a 'Search' button. At the bottom of the search area is a 'More filters' button with a downward arrow icon.

Not sure what you want to do? “PATH” sorts Careers into 12 groupings

Plan Search Path Apply  EducationPlannerBC [Go to My List ★](#)



Explore programs and careers by choosing a category below.



Business



Community & Support Services

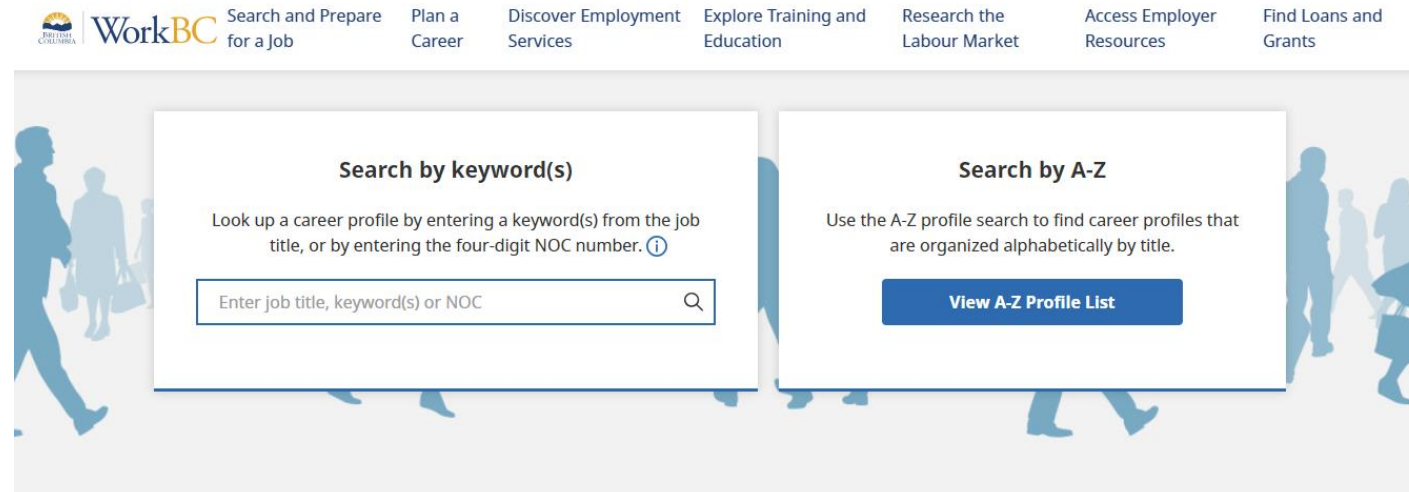


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Engineering & Architecture

Or check out Careers videos on the Work BC website



The screenshot shows the Work BC website header with navigation links: Search and Prepare for a Job, Plan a Career, Discover Employment Services, Explore Training and Education, Research the Labour Market, Access Employer Resources, and Find Loans and Grants. Below the header are two search options: 'Search by keyword(s)' with a text input field and a magnifying glass icon, and 'Search by A-Z' with a blue button labeled 'View A-Z Profile List'.



Career Search Tool



Career Transition Tool



Career Discovery Quizzes



Career Videos

Our Course
Description
Booklet is on our
school website:
www.nwss.ca

- Dept. Tab
- Counselling Tab
- Course Selection



**NEW WESTMINSTER
SECONDARY SCHOOL
2024— 2025**

COURSE DESCRIPTION BOOKLET

820 Sixth Street, New Westminster BC V3M 3S9

604.517.6220

www.nwss.ca

Things to consider during Course Selection

SPECIFIC POST-SECONDARY PROGRAM PRE-REQUISITES:

- ✓ Since the requirements are always changing, students must research the specific post-secondary institution websites
- ✓ Students must ensure that they meet the general university requirements **AND** program-specific requirements
- ✓ The minimum requirements to graduate from secondary school may not get you into the university of your choice






CAREER GOALS

LANGUAGE 11 REQUIREMENT FOR SOME POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS

MATH REQUIREMENTS – WORKPLACE, FOUNDATIONS, OR PRE-CAL?

If you have questions...

-  Speak to your subject teachers for more information and/or recommendations
-  Speak to your Counsellor and parents
-  Contact an **academic advisor** in the program or college / university you are intending to apply to

**Course Selection Sheets are
Due in Counselling on
February 14th**

Students will:

- 1 – complete course selection paper
- 2 – Choose courses on MyEd
- 3 – confirm paper & online match
- 4 – tell us about after high school
- 5 – get parent signature
- 6 – hand in CS Sheet by February 14th



will provide you with detailed information and support you with course selection. Students and their guardians are responsible to ensure successful completion of all courses required for graduation and post-secondary admissions. Course request is subject to availability; update/change may occur without notice to suit the dynamic needs of our students and school.

Full Name: _____ Student # _____
Parent/Guardian Contact #: _____ Parent/Guardian Email: _____
Student Contact #: _____ (optional) Student Email: _____
Circle Your Counsellor's Name: Mr. Mitchell (A-Ce) Ms. Kenny (He-Mas) Ms. Melvin (Ch-Ha)
Ms. Milne (Mat-Sam) Ms. Towers (San-Z)

RETURN THIS SIGNED FORM TO COUNSELLING OFFICE (ROOM 1102) AND COMPLETE COURSE SELECTION ONLINE BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8th

Grade 12	Required Courses	Your Selection	Taking at NWSS/Online Circle One
Course #1	English Language Arts 12: *First Peoples requirement can be met with select courses	1.	NWSS / <u>Online</u>
Course #2	Career Life Connections	1.	NWSS / <u>Online</u>
Course #3	Elective 1	1.	NWSS / <u>Online</u>
Course #4	Elective 2	1.	NWSS / <u>Online</u>
Course #5	Elective 3	1.	NWSS / <u>Online</u>
Course #6	Elective 4	1.	NWSS / <u>Online</u>
Course #7	Elective 5	1.	NWSS / <u>Online</u>
Course #8	Elective 6	1.	NWSS / <u>Online</u>
	Alternatives	1. 2.	NWSS / <u>Online</u>
Course #9 (optional)	Z Block (before and/or after school)	1.	NWSS

I have already completed an Arts Education and/or ADST 10, 11 or 12 course as an elective YES NO

We have reviewed the above course selections and have completed and POSTED the selections online at <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>

Have you selected any courses in MyEd that you do not intend to take? YES / NO If so, what are they? _____

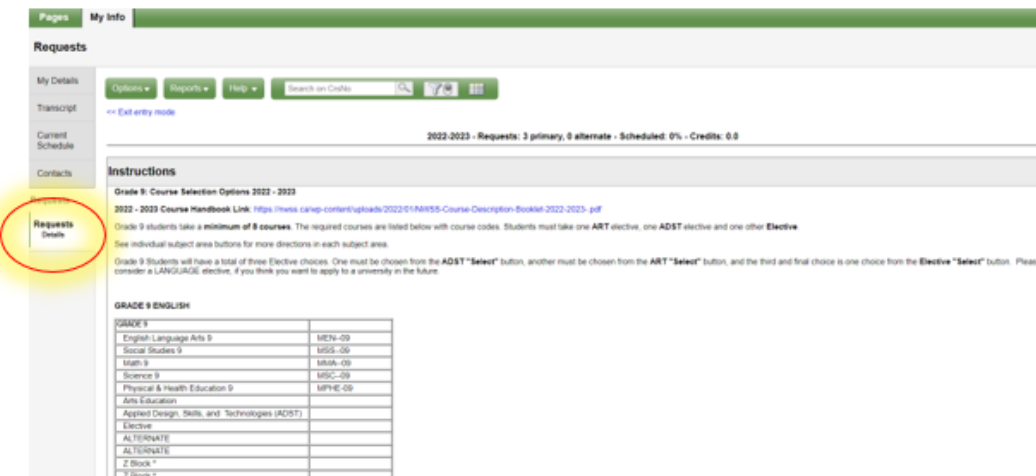
Indicate your Career or Post-Secondary Goals and Special Notes to the Counsellor

1) Log into MyEducation account (<https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/home.do>) using the Student Account information provided by your child's Middle School.

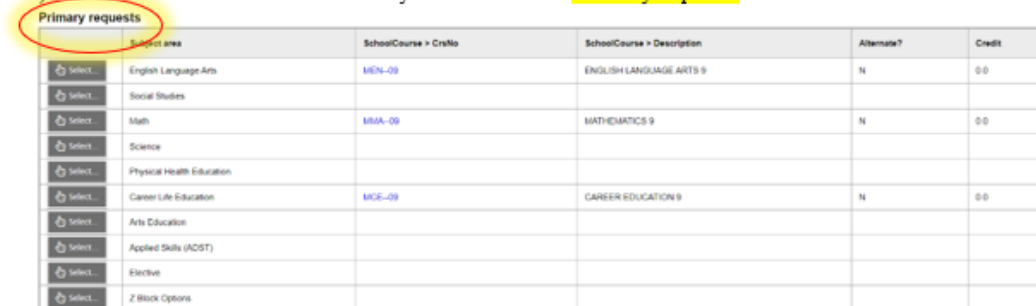
2) Click on the tab "My Info"



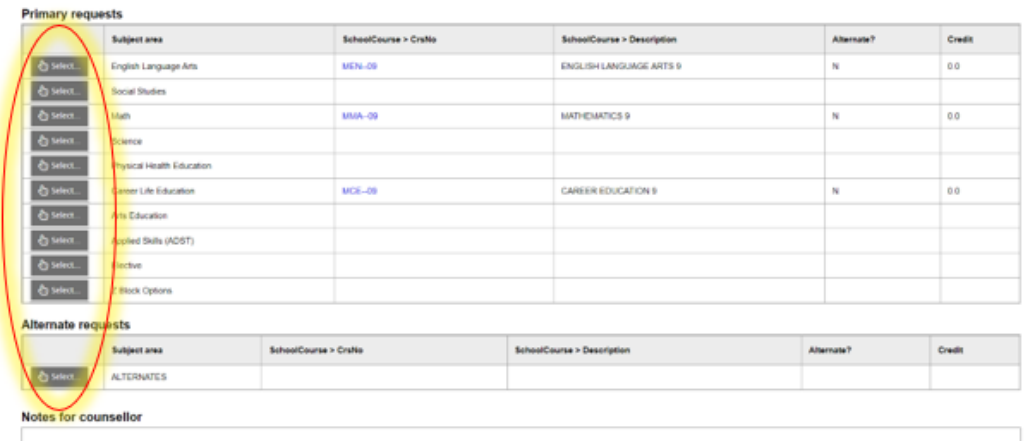
3) Select "Requests" on the left-hand side tab



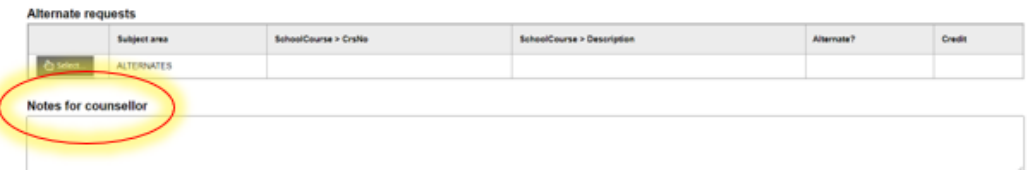
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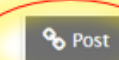


6) If you have any special notes to inform your counsellor, type it in the provided box.



7) This is the most important step! Click "POST"

Notes for counsellor



Last posted time: Approved time:

Take-Aways:

1. Get to know Education Planner BC now.
2. Choose your courses by next Wednesday, February 7th.
3. Finalize your choices and enter into MyEd by Friday, February 9th.
4. Bring Sheet to counselling office any day up until Wednesday, February 14th.

