Curriculum, Assessment & Graduation Program Newsletter

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Overview

All students in BC are now on the 2018 Graduation Program. This program has a mandate to develop educated citizens through intellectual, human & social, and career development. The Ministry of Education in BC has developed the Policy for Student Success found below:
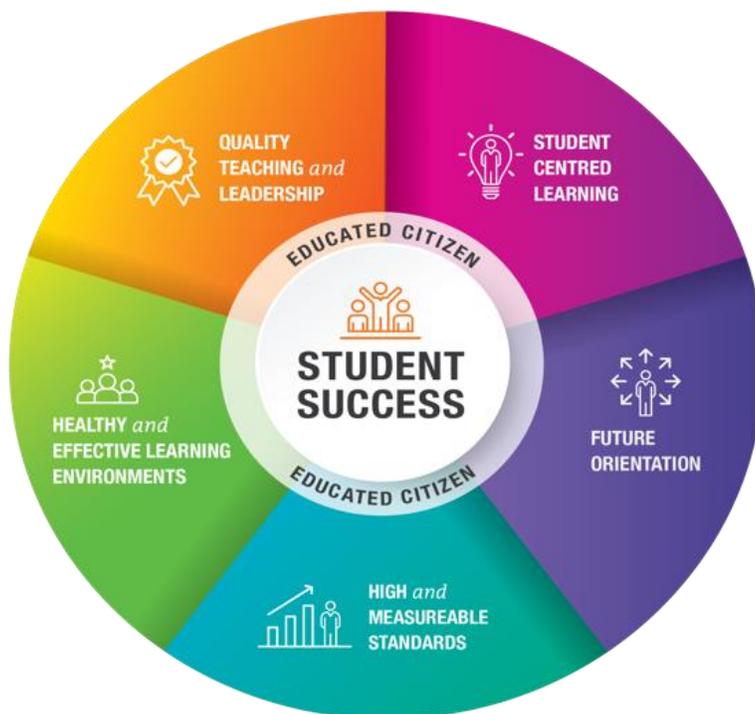
Provincial Curriculum Revisions

This is the first year of full Kindergarten to Grade 12 implementation of the revised curriculum. The key components of the curriculum are opportunities for:

- more courses and choice for students to explore their passions and interests
- learning about Indigenous knowledges and perspectives
- hands-on and experiential learning
- developing the Core Competencies needed for lifelong learning
- developing into an educated citizen

Curriculum Structure

There are 3 common components to the curriculum for each course from Kindergarten to Grade 12:

1. Core Competencies:
   - o Communicationn
   - o Critical & Creative Thinking
   - o Personal & Social Responsibility
2. Big Ideas: What students will *understand*
3. Learning Standards:
   - o Curricular Competencies: What students will *do*
   - o Content: What students will *know*

Courses are structured to encompass these components in a way that meets individual learning need and develops educated citizens.

Assessment of Learning

There are 2 components to assessment of learning in the BC curriculum:

1. Classroom Assessments:
- Intended to facilitate learning and move it forward in an equitable and inclusive way. It helps students answer 3 questions about their learning:
  Where am I now?
  Where am I going?
  How do I get there?
- Includes a variety of formative and summative assessment methods communicated through formal and informal reports
- Include an emphasis on proficiency and skill development

2. Provincial Graduation Assessments
- Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment
- Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment
- Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment (beginning in 2020-2021 school year)
- Required for graduation & appears on official Student Transcript of Records
- Assessed on Provincial Proficiency Scale

PROFICIENCY LEVEL →

Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

At Kitsilano, students in Grade 11 or 12 were offered an opportunity to write the Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment if they had not yet done so. This year's Grade 10 students will write both the Graduation Numeracy Assessment and the Graduation Literacy Assessment between January 20 and January 24, 2020. Detailed information will be sent out in December/January.

Communicating Student Learning

Schools are required to provide reports on student progress a minimum of 5 times a year (including a final summative report): 3 formal written reports and 2 informal reports.
The formal written reports must include:
- Letter grades and percentages
- Information on the students' level of performance in relation to the learning standards
- Descriptions of student behavior including information on attitude, work habits, efforts, and social responsibility

Schools are required to use the Provincial Letter Grades Scale for formal written reports:

Letter Grade	Percentage Range	Description of Performance
A	86-100	Excellent or outstanding
B	73-85	Very good
C+	67-72	Good
C	60-66	Satisfactory
C-	50-59	Minimally acceptable
F	Below 50	Not demonstrating minimally acceptable
I	-	In Progress or Incomplete
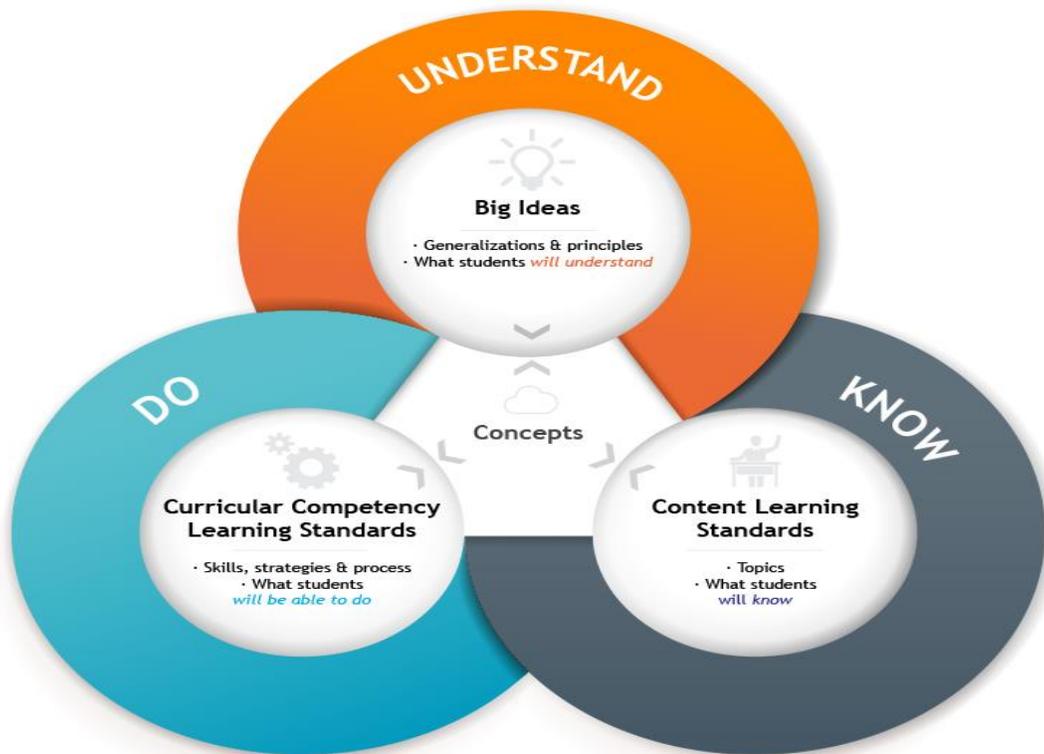
At Kitsilano, we are using the following framework for classroom assessments:

Proficiency Level	Incomplete	Emerging	Developing		Proficient		Extending
Percent	0-49	50-66	67-72	73-78	79-85	86-91	92-100
Grade	I	C	C+	B	B+	A	A+

A student self-assessment of the Core Competencies is now part of the Communicating Student Learning/Reporting process. At Kitsilano, the student self-assessment will take place during the June Advisory Class. Students will be encouraged to upload the self-assessment to their myBlueprint account. As well, they will be sent home with a paper copy of their self-assessment and encouraged to discuss it with parents/guardians.

Honour Roll & Principal's List

Students in Grades 10, 11, and 12 who meet the criteria are recognized for academic achievement on Honour Roll and Principal's List. At Kitsilano, to achieve Honour Roll standing, students must achieve an average of 80% or higher (in 7 Kitsilano courses for Grade 10 & 11, 6 Kitsilano courses for Grade 12). In addition, students cannot have an "I" or "F" mark. For Principal's List standing, students must achieve an average of 90% or higher (in 7 Kitsilano courses for Grade 10 & 11, 6 Kitsilano courses for Grade 12). In addition, students cannot have an "I" or "F" mark. There are several courses which are not eligible for inclusion when calculating the Honour Roll & Principal's List including Community Service, Peer Tutoring, Work Experience, ELL, Skills Development and any on-line or non-Kitsilano courses.

MyEd BC Student Family Portal

The MyEd BC Student Family Portal is considered a shared account between the student and those with parental authority to access their child's educational information. Families can access information about student attendance, student progress (in some courses), course requests and term & final report cards. With the current limitations of the system, this means that the log in ID, password, and email associated with the account need to be shared. For detailed information on accessing your MyEd BC account, please visit the Kitsilano school website.

The BC Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) is awarded to students who successfully complete the provincial graduation requirements.

English Program Students

Students in the English program must complete 80 credits of course work during Grades 10, 11, & 12:

- 16 credits must be at the Grade 12 level, including 2 required courses:
  - Language Arts 12
  - Career-Life Connections
- 28 credits must be elective credits
- 52 credits are required as outlined below:

Subject Area	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Arts Education/ Applied Design, Skills, and Technology	Arts Education 10 or 11 or 12 (4 credits) *or* Applied Design, Skills and Technology 10 or 11 or 12 (4 credits)		
Career Education	Career-Life Education (4 credits)	Career-Life Connections (4 credits)	
Language Arts	Language Arts 10 (4 credits)	Language Arts 11 (4 credits)	Language Arts 12 (4 credits)
Mathematics	Math 10 (4 credits)	Math 11 or 12 (4 credits)	
Physical & Health Education	Physical & Health Education 10 (4 credits)	-	
Science	Science 10 (4 credits)	Science 11 or 12 (4 credits)	
Social Studies	Social Studies 10 (4 credits)	Social Studies 11 or 12 (4 credits)	

English program students must also complete the 3 Provincial Graduation Assessments:

- Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment
- Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment
- Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment (beginning 2020-2021)

Please note that this year's English program Grade 12 students only require the Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment (or equivalent Grade 10 Math Provincial Exam).

French Immersion Program Students

Students in the French Immersion program can earn both a BC Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) and a Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires en Colombie-Britannique.
 (also known as a French Immersion Dual Dogwood). In order to earn a Dual Dogwood, French Immersion students must meet the graduation requirements for the Dogwood Diploma and of the 80 credits, they must earn:

- 4 credits of Français langue seconde-immersion 10
- 4 credits of Français langue seconde-immersion 11
- 4 credits of Français langue seconde-immersion 12
- 12 credits of Grade 10, 11, or 12 French language courses with at least 4 of these courses at the Grade 11 or 12 level

French Immersion program students must also complete 4 Provincial Graduation Assessments:

- Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment (English or French)
- Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment (English)
- Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment (English) (beginning in 2020-2021)
- Évaluation de littératie – Français langue seconde-immersion 12 (beginning in 2020-2021)

Please note that this year's French Immersion program Grade 12 students only require the Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment (or equivalent Grade 10 Math Provincial Exam).

Career Education Courses

Career Education courses are part of the curriculum from Kindergarten to Grade 12. As outlined in the previous section, the Grade 10 Career-Life Education course and the Grade 11/12 Career-Life Connections course are both required to achieve graduation.

At Kitsilano, Career Education courses are delivered in the following formats:

Grade	Course	Curriculum Delivery	Reporting
8	Career Education 8	Embedded in Applied Design, Skills & Technology courses, Fine Arts courses, and through grade-wide presentations and activities organized by Grade Counsellors & Grade Administrators	Letter grade and percentage assigned by Grade Counsellor & Grade Administrator based on course achievement and completion of assignments related to grade-wide presentations and activities; appears on final report card only
9	Career Education 9		
10	Career-Life Education 10	On-timetable, year-long course with direct teacher instruction in a regularly scheduled class; offered in both English & French	Letter grade and percentage assigned by classroom teacher based on achievement of learning standards; appears on each term & final report card
11	Career-Life Connections 12	Off-timetable, half-year course which meets periodically with students assigned to a teacher facilitator; offered in English only	Letter grade and percentage assigned by teacher based on achievement of learning standards; appears on each term & final report card
12	Career-Life Connections 12		

This year, both the Grade 11 and Grade 12 students will complete the Career-Life Connections 12 course to meet graduation requirements. Due to capacity issues, students may only enroll in these courses at Kitsilano one time. Students who do not achieve a passing grade in the course at Kitsilano will need to find an alternative method of completing the course in order to achieve graduation (e.g. on-line schools).

myBlueprint Education Planner

At Kitsilano, we are encouraging all students to access the myBlueprint Education Planner. This free on-line resource allows students to:
- create portfolios
- course plan for secondary school
- explore post-secondary programs and institutions
- explore career opportunities

myBlueprint can also be used for curriculum delivery and is currently being used by most of our Career Education courses in Grades 10 to 12. Students in Grade 8 & 9 will be registered on myBlueprint during the course planning process in February/March.

Course Planning

Course planning for the next school year begins in January with the Course Planning Open House taking place on January 30, 2020. Grade Counsellors will run course planning assemblies and visit classes during the month of February. Students will input their course requests into the MyEd BC Student Family Portal. Final student schedules are available to view just prior to the beginning of the next school year.

Scholarship and Bursaries

Please view the Scholarship Information.pptx for all information regarding scholarships & bursaries available to students in Grade 12.
All forms are available at the following links:
External Awards
Checklist for External Awards.docx
External Awards Nomination Form.docx

Internal School Awards
Checklist for Internal & District Awards.docx
Internal School Based Awards.doc

District Scholarships
Checklist for Internal & District Awards.docx
District Scholarship Nomination Form.docx

Student Transcript of Records (Marks)

Students can obtain school transcripts through the Student Records Clerk in the Administration Office at school. There is $10 fee for official transcripts. Official Ministry transcripts are also available through the Ministry of Education Student Transcripts Service (STS) is for current and former students to:

- View or order your grade 10 to 12 course transcript
- Send your high school transcript to post-secondary institutions
- Send your high school transcript to a third-party (e.g. Post-Secondary Institutions, employers, etc.)
- Order your graduation certificate
- View your provincially awarded scholarships
- View your provincial graduation assessment and exam results
- Select up to 25 Post-Secondary Institution (PSI) selections for transcript delivery at no charge for current students (students must be enrolled in or completed a course within the last 6 months)

STS can be accessed at www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca/. From there students can register for a Basic BCeID required to use the Student Transcripts Service. Watch Help Videos on using the Student Transcripts Service.

Resources

Kitsilano School Website

BC Curriculum Website

BC Graduation Policy Guide

BC Vision for Student Success

BC Provincial Graduation Assessments

Ministry Student Transcripts Service

Provincial Scholarships & Bursaries

myBlueprint

MyEd BC Student Family Portal Login