



HIGH SCHOOL COURSE PLANNING PACKAGE



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WHO WE ARE

We provide K-12 Christian education that nurtures the heart, soul, mind, and strength of every student. Our vision is to see hearts and minds transformed in our students and in the world around us for the glory of God.

Our classrooms are interactive. Teachers use a wide variety of activities from inquiry-based stations to project-based learning. Students explore meaningful questions, real-world problems, and design challenges. They work together in teams to research and present their findings. A biblical worldview is interwoven through every subject.

Every day, students and staff engage in exciting and innovative hands-on learning at Maple Ridge Christian School.

Mission: Our mission is to provide Christian education to transform the whole student—and the world—for the glory of God.

Vision: Our vision is to provide innovative Christian education in a mission-minded community where every student thrives.

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NAVIGATING HIGH SCHOOL

This course and program planning guide will provide both students and parents with information about course and program planning in our secondary school. It is our hope and desire to provide as many opportunities as possible for students to learn and grow in ways which help each student to thrive.

At MRCS, our course programs not only meet all of the BC Ministry of Education graduation requirements, but they also provide opportunities for our students to develop critical skills to prepare them for the variety of future opportunities that await them. This includes a robust Career-Life Development program, opportunities such as exploratories, engagement in Bible courses, and opportunities to participate in various extracurricular activities. We consistently communicate and collaborate as staff and with our students to find new opportunities and ways to meet our mission and vision.

Grade 9 and 10 parents and students are encouraged to attend a Career-Life Development information meeting in the fall, in order to learn more about our Career-Life Development program, our high school course planning process, graduation requirements, and what that process looks like at Maple Ridge Christian School.

In Grades 11 and 12, students are supported in planning their post-secondary future through informative discussions regarding course planning in CLE and CLC, one-on-one academic advising sessions, and a committed leadership team available to discuss individual questions, concerns, and plans.

Grade 12 students and parents will attend a Grad information meeting in the fall. This meeting will give an overview of the graduation process and expectations. It will also highlight the unique experiences and opportunities for our grads.

Courses and opportunities that we offer can be impacted by enrollment, staffing, and ministry requirements. If classes are unable to meet size and staffing needs, or educational guidelines, they may be cancelled. In that case, our school will work with your child to meet their needs in the best way possible.

Our school works collaboratively to provide as much information, support, and opportunity as possible. This leads to students graduating as citizens prepared to transform the world for the glory of God.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The B.C. Certificate of Graduation, or Dogwood Diploma, is awarded to students who successfully complete the provincial graduation requirements. Students at MRCS also have additional requirements for graduation. Students who graduate with all of the MRCS credits will receive a diploma of distinction. To graduate, students require at least 80 credits total.

Of these 80 credits:

- 52 credits are required from the following:
 - Physical and Health Education 10 (4 credits)
 - Science 10 (4 credits), and a Science 11 or 12 (4 credits)
 - Social Studies 10 (4 credits), and a Social Studies 11 or 12 (4 credits)
 - A Math 10 (4 credits), and a Math 11 or 12 course (4 credits)
 - A Language Arts 10, 11, and a required 12 course (4 credits required at each grade, 12 credits total)
 - An Arts Education 10, 11, or 12 and/or an Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies 10, 11, or 12 (4 credits total)
 - Career-Life Education (4 credits), and Career-Life Connections (4 credits).
- At least 28 credits must be elective course credits
- At least 16 credits must be at the Grade 12 level, including a required Language Arts 12 course and the Career-Life Connections course
- 4 credits of Indigenous-focused coursework (Beginning in 2023-2024)

In addition, students must also complete three Provincial Graduation Assessments:

- Grade 10 Literacy Assessment;
- Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment; and
- Grade 12 Literacy Assessment

All students are expected to meet the career development learning standards in their Career-Life Education (CLE) and Career-Life Connections (CLC) courses and to complete 30 hours or more of career exploration before they graduate. When students complete secondary school, they should have developed the following:

- Competencies to be self-directed, responsible individuals who can set and meet career goals.
- Knowledge of a range of career choices, and actions needed to pursue those choices.
- Employability skills required to work effectively and collaboratively in a workplace.
To fulfill the career-life exploration requirements for CLC, all students must provide evidence that they have completed any one of the following:
- 30 hours of more of a work placement; OR

- 30 hours or more of volunteer or community service; OR
- 30 hours or more of paid student employment; OR
- 30 hours or more of fieldwork, entrepreneurship, or projects focused on an area of deep interest.

Students must secure school approval that their career-life exploration experience meets the CLC requirement. Students should determine the relevance and eligibility of an experience while enrolled in CLC, with guidance from their teacher-mentor, to ensure clear linkages to personal interests and goals for post-graduation.

(All graduation requirements sourced from
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/kindergarten-to-grade-12/support/graduation/graduation-policy-guide.pdf>)

MRCS COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Course Load

Our students are expected to attend class full-time and maintain a full-time course load while enrolled at MRCS. This means taking a full schedule with no open blocks, aside from those provided for the students through our tutorials. This ensures that students meet every requirement for graduation and post-secondary plans. Students are also encouraged to take courses outside of their immediate areas of interest in order to develop new skills and learning opportunities. Students are not allowed to front-load their schedules by taking online courses that we offer in our schedule during the summer in order to create free blocks in their future schedule.

Online Course Allowances

If a university program requires a course not offered at MRCS or it absolutely cannot fit within a student's schedule, we will look to work with their schedule to provide the course through a proper Distance Education program. These requests must be done through an appointment with the Academic Advisor and approval through the school leadership team.

FLEX Blocks

All students in Grades 9-12 receive a dedicated flex block each day. This block allows them the opportunity to connect with fellow students for group projects, meet with teachers for further one-on-one support, and find dedicated working time before going home to the responsibilities and activities that await them.

Bible

Although our integration of biblical throughlines lends a biblical worldview and lens to all of our courses, we believe that a dedicated faith formation and study program is a key component to our students' learning and spiritual growth. All students in Grades 9-12 will have a dedicated Bible course within their schedule. At the 12 level, this culminates in a course exploring real world application of faith called Christianity and Culture.

French

At this time, many post-secondary programs continue to require a language 11 as a part of their admissions requirements. In order to help meet those needs for our students, we enroll all students in French for Grades 9-11, unless a different program is required due to their specific learning needs. There are many reasons to consider taking a language course at a high school level, including increased cultural awareness and improved communication skills.

Course Change Procedures

Student schedules are created based on the course selection process completed each spring. The Academic Advisor works with the students to make these selections. Course change requests are received by the Student Services team during the first week of semester-based courses and the first two weeks of linear-based courses. Course changes are not guaranteed and will be considered based on student academic need and course availability. Course change request forms are through our website's Student Services portal and students will be made aware of the process at the start of each semester. Students who wish to make an add or drop must have an appointment with the academic advisor to discuss the options. These requests will no longer be accepted after the first two weeks of classes and students will stay enrolled in the courses they have selected.

Work and Volunteer Experience

All students at MRCS are required to participate in the online courses that we provide in partnership with Key Learning. They are: Connect Ed 11 (2 credits) and GIS 12A (4 credits). These courses are completed with the Career-Life Education and Career-Life Connections class time and are meant to help students gain a deeper understanding of how they can provide meaningful service through their work and volunteer experiences



both locally and globally. We will work with the students to track both their paid work and volunteer service experiences from Grades 10-12, ensuring that we record them and submit them for the BC Graduation Program requirements. These details are discussed at the Grade 10 Career-Life Program meeting in the fall. This program meets the requirements in work and/or volunteer experience for graduation, as well as the Graduation Capstone requirement. We also have a Youth in Trades program which some students participate in within their course schedule. To learn more about this, an appointment should be made with the Academic Advisor.

Provincial Assessments

More information about the BC graduation assessments can be found at <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/assessment>. Students complete the required assessments in school at provided times. It must be noted that participation is not optional. Upon completion, the student's proficiency level is determined and indicated on their transcript, but there are no percentage marks assigned. The assessments are as follows:

- Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment
- Grade 10 Literacy Assessment
- Grade 12 Literacy Assessment

Post-Secondary Program Preparation

Our Career-Life Education and Career-Life Connections programs provide a robust and detailed opportunity for students to learn about various post-secondary programs and processes, as well as career-life considerations. It is also important for students and parents to work together to consider post-secondary plans and requirements that students may need to meet. The Academic Advisor works closely with the students and parents to assist in this area, and appointments can be scheduled through our website's Student Services portal. Our school also provides access to several post-secondary planning websites. These include:

myblueprint.ca

All MRCS students have an account to this online career guidance and planning system.

educationplanner.bc

Students are introduced to this site at the beginning of their Grade 12 year and can use it to plan and apply for many post-secondary options.

<https://www.bceid.ca>

Students are assisted in creating a BCeID in their Grade 12 year, which allows them to access and send transcripts to post-secondary institutions

PROGRAMS AND EXPERIENCES

Student Services

We strive to ensure that every student in our community thrives through innovative and mission-minded education. A part of that process involves working with the whole student. The Student Services program consists of our academic counsellor and leadership team, access to our Student Services page on the MRCS website, personal appointments, and more. We will connect with you in order to meet your social, emotional, spiritual, and academic needs and are happy to discuss course selection, post-secondary planning, and specific student questions.

ITA/Youth in Trades

The Youth Work in Trades Program (formerly known as Secondary Student Apprenticeship, or SSA) was instituted by the Ministry of Education to give students in Grades 10, 11, and 12 the opportunity to:

- Earn dual credit for trades-based work they are already doing.
- Get a start on earning their trades certification.
- Work hours accumulated during the course phase are reported to ITA (Industry Training Authority) and will be credited towards any future interest toward the trade.
- Possible qualification for a \$1000 scholarship (with meeting a C+ average in Grade 12 and 900 hours logged by age 19).
- Earn 20 credits for 6 courses:
 - ConnectEd (2 credits)
 - Intro to Youth in Trades (2 credits)
 - Youth in Trades 11A, 11B, 12A, 12B (4 credits each)



Students who are interested in a trades track can make an appointment with the Student Services team to discuss this opportunity.

SAIL

SAIL is our high school exploratories program. In this program students have the opportunity to participate in cross-graded, interest-based exploratory groups. These courses run on an alternating schedule throughout the year, based in the categories of S-Service, A-Activity, I-Interest, and L-Leadership. Students are allowed to choose top interests based on a variety of offerings for each four- to six-week session. Participation in SAIL is mandatory and provides students with opportunities to meet their social, emotional, and academic needs while learning new skills.

Athletics

The athletics program provides students with opportunities to both compete and serve, while discovering their God-given gifts through athletics. Our focus is on the discipline of training strong, healthy bodies, working hard, and working together. We offer a variety of teams and options. Students can play on a team, be a referee, a scorekeeper, or help coach a younger team.

Fine Arts

The fine arts program provides students with opportunities to express and develop their talent through drama, music, visual, and media arts programs. Students are able to participate in courses both in and out of the regular classroom schedule including Theatre Production, Jazz Band, Photography, Art Studio, Media Design, and more.

Missions

Each year, our school takes a team of students to the west coast of Vancouver Island to serve at Esperanza. Esperanza is a Christian ministry that offers a haven of rest to those who are looking for refuge from the storms of life. Students fundraise for this trip and spend a week serving and preparing the facilities for summer camps, assisting with any task that needs doing. Students and staff alike look forward to this wonderful opportunity to be community-servers. This trip is for students in grades 11-12, with some exceptions being made for Grade 10 students depending on the room available.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Our courses adhere to the BC Ministry of Education Curriculum website and are delivered through the lens of a biblical worldview. For each area, you can visit the site listed here: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca> and click on the appropriate curricular area and grade level to see the Ministry of Education course descriptions. The courses offered are listed in the course planning documents provided below.

GRADE 9 COURSE PLANNING

Grade 9 at MRCS expands the student's high school experience. Students will be placed into a learning cohort, will have the opportunity to participate in SAIL, and will choose some of their own electives. Students are automatically enrolled into the required courses, unless alternate programming is required.

Grade 9 Required Courses:

- ✓ Humanities 9
- ✓ Science 9
- ✓ Math 9
- ✓ Physical and Health Education 9
- ✓ Bible 9
- ✓ French 9
- ✓ Career Education 9
- ✓ Students also receive a daily teacher-supervised flex block to provide extra working time for classwork.

Grade 9 Elective Options:

- ADST/Fine Arts Courses (Students will choose from the following electives, enrolling in the course for the year.)
 - ✓ Infotech 9
 - ✓ Visual Arts 9
 - ✓ Music 9
- Drama 8-9
 - Students in Grade 9 have the option to join Drama
 - Students who participate in Drama will be a part of the school play in the spring semester.

GRADE 10 COURSE PLANNING

Students begin taking their courses toward the completion of the BC Graduation Program in their Grade 10 year. Students will be placed into a learning cohort, will have the opportunity to participate in SAIL, and will continue to choose their elective courses. Students are automatically enrolled into the required courses, unless alternate programming is required.

Grade 10 Required Courses:

- ✓ Composition and Literary Studies 10 (English 10 equivalent)
- ✓ Science 10
- ✓ Foundations of Math and Pre-Calculus 10
- ✓ Physical and Health Education 10
- ✓ Bible 10
- ✓ French 10
- ✓ Career-Life Education
 - ConnectEd 11
 - Global Intercultural Studies 12A
- ✓ Students also receive a daily teacher-supervised flex block to provide extra working time for classwork.

Grade 10 Elective Options:

- ADST/Fine Arts Courses (Students will choose from the following electives, enrolling in that course for the year.)
 - Computer Studies 10
 - Art Studio 10
 - Concert Band 10
- Drama 10-12
 - ✓ Students in Grade 10 have the option to join Drama.
 - ✓ Students who participate in Drama will be a part of the school play in the spring semester.

GRADE 11-12 COURSE PLANNING

In Grades 11-12 at MRCS, students begin to fully select their courses to meet the needs of their future plans. Students are automatically enrolled into the required courses, unless alternate programming is required. **Courses in red are required for graduation in BC and/or required at MRCS. MRCS graduation requirements are also marked with an asterisk.**

Course Options:

- The elective courses for the social studies and science categories are offered on a rotating basis at this time. As the school grows, it is our hope to be able to continually offer the full range of course options, but at this time we rotate some of the courses, or offer based upon the needs of the majority of students.
- All of the options listed in the course planning chart are courses that we are able to offer through the staff and building options we currently have available.
- It is important to note that some courses have prerequisites to be able to move into the Grade 12 level. They are as follows:
 - Chemistry 12 requires Chemistry 11
 - Physics 12 requires Physics 11
 - Pre-Calculus 12 requires Pre-Calculus 11
 - Media Design 12 requires Media Design 11
 - Art Studio 12 requires Art Studio 11
- A reminder that students need to take at least one of either of the following course options in Grades 10-12 to meet the required 4 credit ADST/Fine Arts requirement:
 - Arts Education
 - Concert Band 10
 - Art Studio 10
 - Applied Design, Skills & Technology
 - Computer Studies 10
- Arts Electives
 - The following courses are offered once a week over the course of two years. All students in Grades 10-12 select one option to explore. Students must take both years to receive their two credits. These do not count towards the four credits required for the Arts and/or ADST credit requirements for graduation.
 - Photography 11
 - Yearbook 11
 - Jazz Band 11

Category	Grade 11	Grade 12
Career-Life Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Career-Life Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GIS 12A* (Continued)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Career-Life Connections <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Graduation Capstone
Language Arts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Literary Studies 11	<input type="checkbox"/> English Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Composition 12 (elective) <input type="checkbox"/> New Media 12 (elective)
Bible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bible 11 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christianity & Culture* (Grade 12)	
Science	One of the following in Grade 11 OR 12: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Physics 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry 12 (Prerequisite of Chemistry 11) <input type="checkbox"/> Physics 12 (Prerequisite of Physics 11) <input type="checkbox"/> Anatomy & Physiology 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Science 12 	
Math	One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Math 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Calculus Math 11 	<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Calculus 12
Social Studies	One of (in Grade 11 or 12): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century World History 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Theory 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Law Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Social Justice 12 	
PHE	<input type="checkbox"/> Active Living 12 (Offered every other year) <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Education 12 (Offered every other year)	
Languages	<input type="checkbox"/> French 11*	
Arts Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Art Studio 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Theatre Company 11	<input type="checkbox"/> Art Studio 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Theatre Company 12
Applied Design Skills & Technology	<input type="checkbox"/> Media Design 11	<input type="checkbox"/> Media Design 12 (Prerequisite of Media Design 11)
Arts Electives	<input type="checkbox"/> Yearbook 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Photography 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Jazz Band 11	<input type="checkbox"/> Yearbook 11 (Part II) <input type="checkbox"/> Photography 11 (Part II) <input type="checkbox"/> Jazz Band 11 (Part II)
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher's Assistant 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Youth in Trades Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher's Assistant 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Youth in Trades Program

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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Additional MRCS requirements are highlighted in blue.

Summary of Graduation Requirements: Dogwood and MRCS Diploma			
	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Required Courses: a minimum of 52 Credits			
English Language Arts	✓ Composition and Literary Studies 10	✓ Literary Studies 11	✓ English Studies 12
Mathematics	✓ Foundations of Math and Pre-Calculus 10	Choose one 4-credit course: (Grade 11) <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Math 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Calculus Math 11	
Bible	✓ Bible 10	✓ Bible 11 ✓ Christianity & Culture	
Science	✓ Science 10	Choose one 4-credit course (Grade 11 or 12): <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Physics 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Life Sciences 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Physics 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Anatomy & Physiology 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Science 12	
Social Studies	✓ Socials 10	Choose one 4-credit course (Grade 11 or 12): <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century World History 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Theory 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Law Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Social Justice 12	

Language	✓ French 10	✓ French 11	None required
Physical and Health Education	✓ Physical and Health Education 10		
Arts Education/ ADST	Choose one 4-credit course at either Grade 10, Grade 11, or Grade 12: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Studies 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Art Studio 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Concert Band 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Art Studio 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Theatre Company 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Media Design 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Art Studio 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Media Design 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Theatre Company 12 		
Career Education	✓ Career-Life Education 10 ✓ Career-Life Education 11 ✓ Career-Life Connections 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Graduation Capstone required for graduation is completed within this course. 		
Electives: a minimum of 28 credits			
<p>For all schools, the electives used to complete the student's required credits for graduation depend upon school offerings and student choice. At MRCS the 28 electives can come from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ministry-developed or Ministry-approved courses ● Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) courses ● External Credentials <p>Maple Ridge Christian School students have a full course load each year. They can choose their electives from the listed offerings in each category.</p>			
<p>Electives: For the best university admissions prospects, during Grades 11-12, students should take at least five Grade 12-level courses (in addition to the required English Studies 12). For elective options, please refer to the course catalogue.</p> <p>Grade 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> ADST/Arts Education: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Drama: Y/N 			

Grade 11

- Option 1: _____
- Option 2: _____
- Option 3: _____
- Option 4: _____
- Drama: Y/N

Grade 12

- Option 1: _____
- Option 2: _____
- Option 3: _____
- Option 4: _____
- Option 5: _____
- Option 6: _____
- Drama: Y/N

TOTAL CREDITS:

Required (At least 52):

Electives (At least 28):

Provincial Graduation Assessments:

Students must write the following assessments for graduation.

- Numeracy
- Literacy 10
- Literacy 12 (Beginning in 2021/2022 School Year)