

Global Intercultural Studies and World Citizenship Program

Dear Parents,

Maple Ridge Christian School enrolls all students in Grades 9-12 in the Global Intercultural Studies Program as a way to track their volunteer and work experiences, as well as to ensure completion of the current BC Ministry of Education Graduation requirements for work and volunteer hours. It is now expected that upon graduation students show evidence of the following:

- Ability 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.

We recognize that career-life planning is not just about the acquisition of job skills, but it is also about service and giving back to our school, our community, and beyond. This is why we have implemented the Global Intercultural Studies Program, starting in Grade 9 and beyond.

The Global Intercultural Studies Program provides:

- Interpersonal and intercultural communication skills
- An understanding of how culture shapes society and how to serve within that cultural framework
- The opportunity to to gain 6 additional credits towards graduation with the successful completion of both courses

Process:

Grade 9

- Students enroll in and both the World Citizenship and Global Intercultural Studies. coursework. Time is given in Career Life Education 9 to register and work through Module 1 of Global Intercultural Studies.

Grade 10:

- Students complete all four modules of World Citizenship during CLE 10 and receive 2 credits.
- Students begin tracking their volunteer hours in Career Life Education class through a Google Form.

Grade 11:

- Students complete the modules for Global Intercultural Studies and complete a research project on the value of volunteering.
- Students continue tracking their volunteer hours in Career Life Education class through a Google Form.

Grade 12:

- Students complete their Graduation Capstone presentation, which is also the final mark for Global Intercultural Studies, and receive 4 credits.
- Students continue tracking their volunteer hours in Career Life Education class through a Google Form and receive a final report on their overall hours, meeting both course and Ministry of Education requirements.

As the parent of a current Grade 9 student, we wanted to let you know about the upcoming process for your child and ask that you provide us with the following:

- **A recent copy of a utility bill with your current address. You can send in a high resolution image or PDF. This allows us to register your child in the online courses for credit. You can send this to k.odell@mrccs.ca as soon as possible.**

Thank you for your cooperation. We are excited about the opportunities this program gives all of our students to flourish, while still meeting and going above and beyond the graduation requirements for the Ministry of Education for BC.

Sincerely,



Stacy Sowerby