



## 2019-2020 Course Selection Students entering Grade 10

What you might/should need to know!

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# Today's Assembly

- ▶ General Information
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  - ▶ Languages and Fine Arts Department - Mrs. Parliament-Taylor
  - ▶ Science Department - Ms. Carruthers
  - ▶ Physical Education/Athletics - Mrs. Stubbert
  - ▶ Mathematics Department - Mrs. Power
  - ▶ Social Studies - Mrs. Power
  - ▶ Technology Department - Mr. Gould
  - ▶ Student Services Department - Mr. Van Snick
  - ▶ French/Early French Immersion - Mrs. Parliament-Taylor

# Graduation Requirements

- ▶ Minimum of 18 credits of which 14 are compulsory
- ▶ No more than 7 of the 18 credits may be at Gr.10 level
- ▶ At least 5 must be at the Gr. 12 level
- ▶ 3 English Language Arts: (1 @ each grade level 10, 11, and 12)
- ▶ 1 Fine Arts
- ▶ 1 Canadian Studies
- ▶ 1 Global Studies
- ▶ 1 Physical Education
- ▶ 3 Mathematics (1@ each grade level 10, 11, and 12)
- ▶ 2 Science (at least 1 from Science 10, Physics, Chemistry or Biology)
- ▶ 2 other credits from technology, math, or science

# Registered for Grade 10

- ▶ In order to be enrolled in Grade 10, a student must:
  - ▶ Have successfully completed grade 9

# Types of Courses/Credits

- ▶ **Advanced:** These courses are designed to meet the needs of students who have demonstrated an exceptional degree of academic ability or achievement. (There are no advanced courses at the grade 10 level).
- ▶ **Academic:** These courses are designed for students who expect to enter college, university, or other postsecondary institutions.
- ▶ **Open:** Although none of these courses is designed to meet the specific entrance requirements of any postsecondary institution, individual courses may meet entrance requirements of some institutions.
- ▶ **Graduation:** These courses are designed for students who wish to obtain a graduation diploma with a view to proceeding to employment or some selected area of postsecondary study.

# Course Load for Gr. 10

- ▶ Students in Grade 10 must take **eight** credits including the following:

# Required Course Selection

- ▶ Students must choose a course from each of the following categories:
  - ▶ English
  - ▶ Mathematics
  - ▶ Science
  - ▶ Fine Arts
  - ▶ Physical Education



# Elective Course Selection

- ▶ Students may choose remaining courses from any of the following categories:
  - ▶ French
  - ▶ Social Studies
  - ▶ Technology

# English Language Arts

- ▶ English 10 *academic*

# Fine Arts

- ▶ All students in grade 10 will be required to take only one of the following:
  - ▶ Drama 10 *academic*
  - ▶ Visual Arts 10 *academic*
  - ▶ Arts Visuels 10IMM *academic*
  - ▶ Music 10 *academic*

# Mathematics

- ▶ All students must take the Mathematics course recommended by their teacher **or** the agreed upon Mathematics course:
  - ▶ Math Essentials 10 *graduation*
  - ▶ Mathematics at Work 10 *graduation*
  - ▶ Mathematics 10 *academic*
- ▶ *Your grade 9 math teacher will be recommending you for one of these grade 10 math courses. You are encouraged to consider this recommendation carefully and discuss it with your teacher, parent/guardian and guidance counsellor.*

# Selecting the Best Course

## Considerations

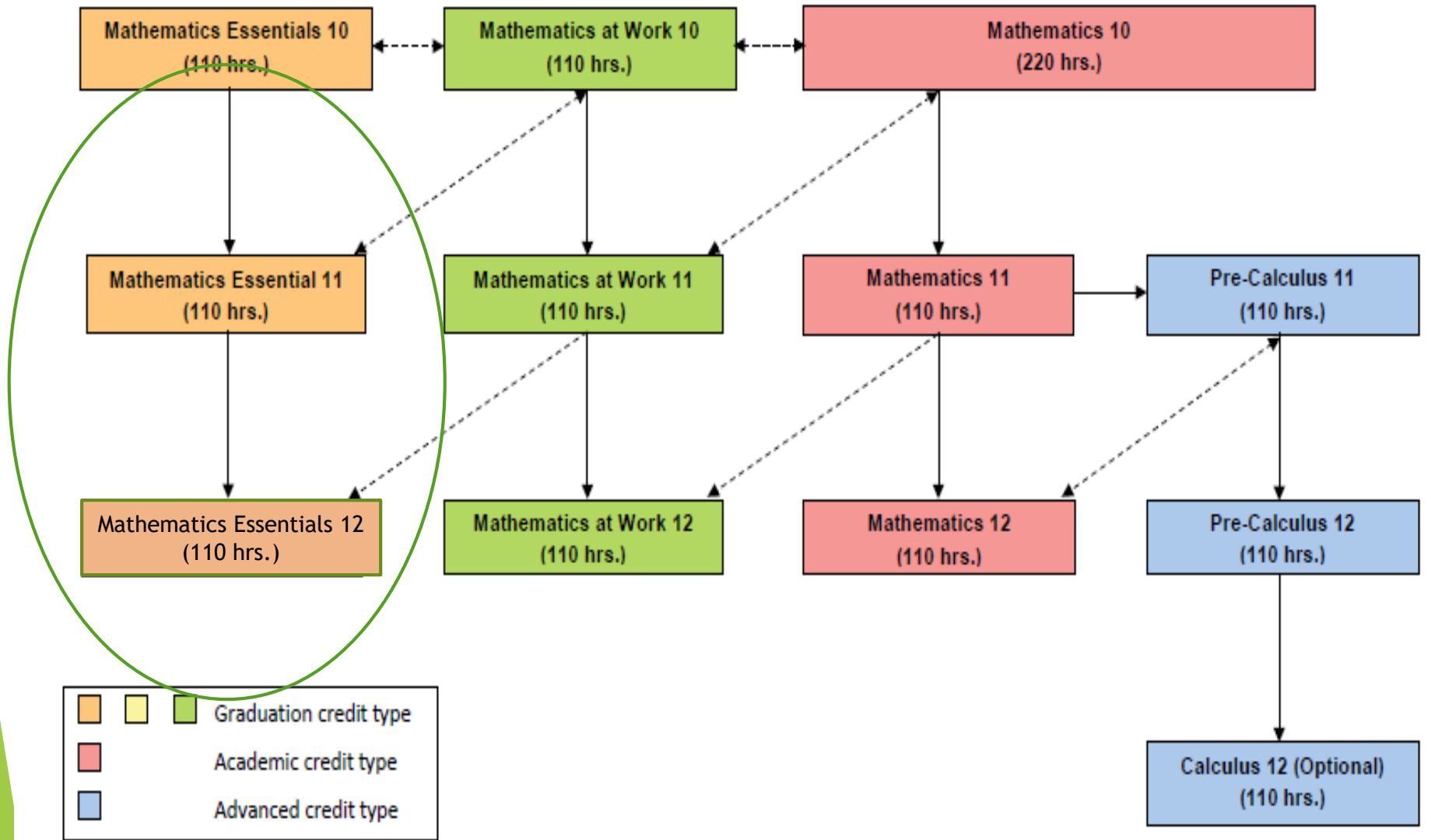
- Mathematical knowledge and background
- Future plans
- Interest
- Learner profile
- Previous mathematics achievement

It is in the students' best interests to select courses in which they are able to be appropriately challenged and are likely to experience success.

# Considerations for Mathematics Pathways



- When choosing a pathway, students should consider their mathematical knowledge and background, interests, and future education and career paths.
- Post-secondary programs of study have different mathematics prerequisites and admission requirements. Students and their parents should carefully investigate these prerequisites and requirements when selecting senior high courses.



# FRENCH

- ▶ Core French 10 *academic*



# Integrated French

- ▶ Students continuing in the Integrated French Program must take both of the following:
  - ▶ Integrated French 10 *academic*
  - ▶ Mode de Vie Actif 11 *open*

# Early French Immersion

- ▶ To graduate with an Early French Immersion Certificate, student must complete **NINE** high school credits from courses in which the language of instruction is French.
- ▶ In grade 10, we ask that, where possible, students take **FIVE** of these NINE credits - leaving only **FOUR** over the next two years.
- ▶ You should make every effort to take the following:
  - ▶ Francais Immersion 10IMM *academic*
  - ▶ Mode de Vie Actif 11IMM *open*
  - ▶ Sciences 10IMM *academic*
  - ▶ Biologie 11IMM *academic*
  - ▶ Arts Visuels 10IMM *academic*

# Science

- ▶ Science 10 *academic*
- ▶ Sciences 10IMM - EFI students only *academic*
- ▶ Biologie 11IMM - EFI students only *academic*

# Physical Education Credit

- ▶ Physical Education 10 *open*
- ▶ Physically Active Living 11 *open*
- ▶ Mode de Vie Actif 11 *open*

# Athletics & Extra-Curricular

- ▶ Student Eligibility Requirements and Expectations (including, but not limited to):
  - ▶ A valid **Student card I.D.** for 2019-2020
  - ▶ **Full-time** student ( min. 3 courses per semester)
  - ▶ Signed agreement to be in **good academic standing**
  - ▶ Returning students must meet the **academic requirements** in June of the previous school year
  - ▶ No **unexcused absences** on the day of a competition

# Social Studies

- ▶ Geography 11 *academic*
- ▶ History 11 *academic*

# Technology

- ▶ **Where necessary**, choose electives from the Technology/Elective list to round out your course load to 8 credits.
  - ▶ Communications Technology 11 *academic*
  - ▶ Electrotechnologies 11 *academic*
  - ▶ Exploring Technology 10 *open*
  - ▶ Food Technology/Textile Production 10 *open*
  - ▶ Skilled Trades 10 *academic*
  - ▶ Service Trades 10 *academic*
  - ▶ Construction Trades 11 *academic*
  - ▶ Culinary Trades 11 *academic*

# Career Exploration Program

- ▶ Hands on - production lab
- ▶ Small class size - more one-on-one attention
- ▶ Co-op Experience - built into the program
- ▶ Graduation Diploma - same as all graduates
- ▶ Post-Secondary - Community College/Private School (NOT University)
- ▶ Extra Certificates:
  - ▶ Fall Harness
  - ▶ First Aid
  - ▶ WHMIS
  - ▶ Food Handlers



# General Admission Requirements for NS Students

	<u>General Requirements</u>
University	<p>(5) Relevant Academic Credits – In some cases both Grade 11 and Grade 12. Your grade 11 courses as predictor scores for grade 12 courses not yet taken.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Important for grade 10 students: Where mathematics is an issue or challenge for you, you should see a guidance counsellor to discuss your options when planning for your post-secondary education.</li></ul>
Public/Private College	<p>High School Graduation/Equivalent</p> <p>Some programs have specific requirement such as Portfolio or <b>Mathematics</b>/English level</p>



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# Course Selection Process

- ▶ Course Selection for 2019-2020 will be done online in PowerSchool.
- ▶ You will be called to a computer lab Wednesday, April 17 to complete your online course selection.
- ▶ The PowerSchool portal will remain open for a few weeks for you to make changes as you discuss your selection with your parents/guardians and guidance.

# Your questions.....

- ▶ Anything you might like to know that is specific to the content of a course should be directed at the appropriate head of a department.
- ▶ Questions of a general nature can be directed at either Mr. Van Snick or Ms. Dewar