

School Counsellors' Overview of the Graduation Year and Beyond, for Parents



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Class of 2026 Google classroom (for students)

**A Great tool for planning after
high school**

myBlueprint



- ❑ Student access through their “gnspes.ca” home page
- ❑ Includes interest/career quizzes, lists student's credits earned, links to programs and other information

What's Next?

Work force

Travel, gap year experience

Apprenticeship (check out the [NS Apprenticeship Agency](#) for more info)

Community College ([NSCC](#), etc.)

[Canadian Armed Forces](#) (many entry and training plans exist)

Private career colleges (HDS, CBBC, MBC, Dexter Institute, etc.)

University

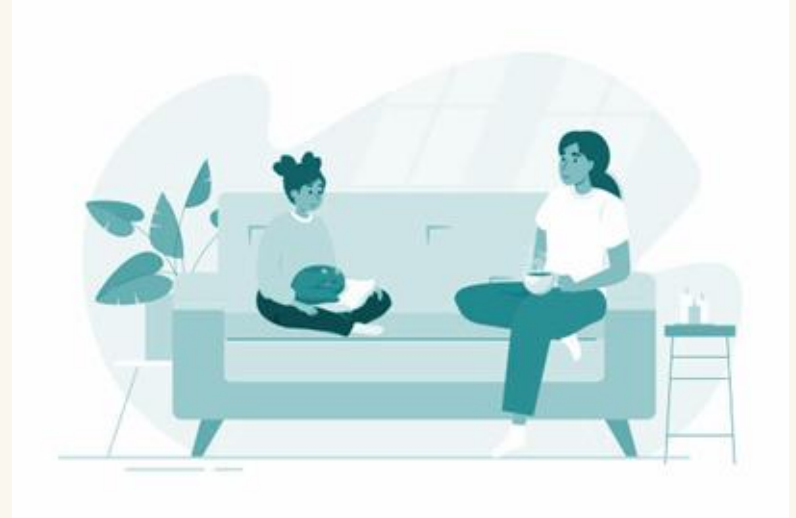


What information do students need?

- ★ Student's skills and interests (not yours!)
- ★ Programs that match those skills & interests
- ★ High school course requirements and grades necessary to apply for the programs
- ★ Institutions that offer the programs
- ★ Location of institution (does it fit the student- visit, check things out, stay at home or live in residence?)
- ★ Consider - cost of program, travel, textbooks and other supplies

How can parents help?

- ★ It is important to support your student in the process, but not do the process for them.
- ★ It is their future – the student needs to take ownership
- ★ Post-secondary institutions consider students to be young adults; they talk to the student – not the parent
- ★ Some students take longer to figure it out!



Credits and grad lists:

The school counsellors will check student's graduation status, but it remains the **responsibility of students and parents to ensure that all graduation requirements are met.**

Potential Grad List

- All grade 12 students who are on track to graduate in June 2027.
- Posted in early October and at the end of February (S2).
- Shows students what we have on record as their full legal name in order to prepare graduation diplomas (**It must be the correct full legal name**).

June 2027 Grad List

- A list will be posted the day before graduation in June listing the graduates based on their completion in Semester 2 courses.



Graduation Requirements:



Information Item CREDITS FOR GRADUATION DIPLOMA

These requirements apply to any student earning the Nova Scotia High School Graduation Diploma.

Students require a minimum of 18 credits to graduate. No more than seven of the 18 credits may be for grade 10 courses, and at least five must be for grade 12 courses.

The following are compulsory credits for graduation:

Language, Communication, and Expression

- ❖ 3 language arts, one at each grade level
- ❖ 1 arts: dance, drama, music, or visual arts

Science, Mathematics, and Technology

- ❖ 3 mathematics (one credit at each grade level)
- ❖ 2 science: one from Science 10, biology, chemistry, or physics, and one other approved science course
- ❖ 1 other from science or technology: eligible courses can be found in the Public School Programs (PSP) within the categories of Sciences; Skilled Trades; Technology Education; and Technology Integration and ICT Courses.

Personal Development and Society

- ❖ 1 physical education: eligible credits include Physical Education 10, Physical Education 11, Dance 11, Fitness Leadership 11, Physically Active Living 11, Yoga 11, Physical Education 12, and Physical Education Leadership 12
- ❖ 1 Canadian history: African Canadian Studies 11; Canadian History 11; Gaelic Studies 11; Études acadiennes 11 and Mi'kmaw Studies 11
- ❖ 1 global studies: Global Geography 12, Advanced Global Geography 12, Global History 12, Advanced Global History 12, Global Politics 12, and Advanced Global Politics 12

Within the 18 course requirements for a graduation diploma, in most cases, no student may receive credit for two courses in the same specific subject area at the same grade level. There are a few exceptions: these include Co-op courses and Language Arts with a Canadian Literature course.

French Immersion Certificate

- FLA 10, 11, 12
- 2 courses in French/year
- 9 total courses in French

o2 Certificate

- CDO 10, CBL 11
- 3 CoOp credits
- Portfolio

<https://www.ednet.ns.ca/credit-requirements-graduation>

Where can students start learning about programs?

WEBSITES

Best place to find info! Look at admissions requirements, recruiting contact info, events, costs, etc.

Visits and Open Houses

NS universities tend to visit each high school and most have open houses. NSCC also has open houses.

Visit School Counsellor

We are here to help!

Note for Ontario:

One central application centre (OUAC) for all of their universities

Events:

- Visits at lunch @ Auburn
- Open Houses

AARAO

Atlantic Association of Registrars and Admissions Officers

- AARAO hosts post-secondary opportunities fairs for students and their supporters to learn about multiple educational options in one convenient location
- **AARAO will be @ Auburn Drive Tuesday October 6th in the afternoon from 1:10pm to 2:10pm.**
- There will be a Parent/Guardian session held at Charles P Allen High School on **Thursday October 8th from 6pm - 8pm.**

U.S. and Other Foreign Institutions

- Should apply before Christmas. Fee required.
- Outside North America may have deadlines as early as October. (Canadians are considered international students).
- About 60% of U.S. universities are still test-optional, but that means that about 40% are requiring an SAT or ACT for admissions. You can see a list of test-optional schools on this website: <https://fairtest.org/>
- **SAT** :www.collegeboard.com (must apply to write the exam prior to the exam date)
- **ACT**: www.act.org/content/act/en.html (must apply to write the exam prior to the exam date)

Transcripts

- ★ Most post-secondary institutions (11) in Nova Scotia are now part of the MyTranscripts system through the [MyNSFuture gateway](#).
 - For these post-secondary institutions in Nova Scotia, students do not need to send transcripts, instead they provide their **10-digit student identification number** on the post-secondary application.
- ★ If applying outside of Nova Scotia, students must place an order through the [Auburn Drive High School website](#). Students are responsible for mailing transcripts to the post-secondary institutions. Upon request, electronic transcripts can often be sent directly to the post-secondary institution
- ★ June 2027
 - In the graduation package there will be **two sealed final transcripts**, one of which must be sent to the post-secondary institution the student will attend in the fall (not necessary if the institution is using the MyTranscripts system).

NOVA SCOTIA **HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT**

Smith, John Birth Date: January 01 Student ID: 3100123456
Rocky Shore High School School Address: 123 Rocky Dr Rocky Shore, NS B9B 1B1
Tricounty Regional Centre for Education Phone: 902-429-4907 Fax: 902-321-7654

Year	Course Title	Grade Level	Final Grade	Credit Type	Credit	Status	Lang
23-24	ENGLISH 12	12	82	ACAD	1.00	PSP	ENO
23-24	FOOD SCIENCE 12	12	71	ACAD	1.00	PSP	ENO
23-24	FRANCAIS IMMERSION 12	12	82	ACAD	1.00	PSP	FRE
23-24	HISTOIRE PLANETAIRE 12 IMM	12	74	ACAD	1.00	PSP	FRE
23-24	MATHEMATICS 12	12	86	ACAD	1.00	PSP	ENO
23-24	PSYCHOLOGY 12	12	75	ACAD	1.00	ALC	ENO
23-23	BIOLOGIE 11 IMM	11	88	ACAD	1.00	PSP	FRE
23-23	BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY 11	11	52	ACAD	1.00	PSP	ENO
23-23	CHILD STUDIES 11	11	71	OPEN	1.00	PSP	ENO
23-23	ENGLISH 11	11	54	ACAD	1.00	PSP	ENO
23-23	FRANCAIS IMMERSION 11	11	79	ACAD	1.00	PSP	FRE
23-23	HISTOIRE DU CANADA 11 IMM_INT	11	85	ACAD	1.00	PSP	FRE
23-23	MATHEMATICS 11	11	58	ACAD	1.00	PSP	ENO
21-22	ARTS VISUELS 11 IMM	11	56	ACAD	1.00	ALC	FRE
21-22	ENGLISH 10	10	90	ACAD	1.00	PSP	ENO
21-22	FRANCAIS IMMERSION 10	10	53	ACAD	1.00	PSP	FRE
21-22	MATHEMATICS 10	10	52	ACAD	2.00	PSP	ENO
21-22	WILDLIFE STUDIES 11	11	71	ACAD	1.00	PSP	ENO
21-22	MODE DE VIE ACTIF 11 IMM	11	83	OPEN	1.00	PSP	FRE
21-22	SCIENCES 10 IMM	10	82	ACAD	1.00	PSP	FRE

This student has successfully met the graduation requirements for the Province of Nova Scotia

Total Credits Earned: 21.0
An official transcript bears the school seal

School Official Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

Decided on a school for September 2027? Follow up is required!

- ★ In all cases final marks must be sent to the post-secondary institution following graduation in June 2027.
 - **EXCEPT** if the institution is using the MyTranscripts system then the institution will be able access the final transcript using the 10-digit student identification number
- ★ It is the student's responsibility to deliver the final transcript to the institution.
- ★ For post-secondary programs, students often pick actual courses and schedules in the spring or summer through the institution's online systems.
 - Highly recommend connecting with academic advisors at the institutions!

Scholarships and Awards



Research

- ★ Lots of scholarships out there but often takes time and effort by student!
- ★ Also monetary awards/bursaries based on financial need, leadership, volunteerism and industry specific awards.
- ★ <https://scholartree.ca>
- ★ <https://www.scholarshipscanada.com>

Entrance Awards

- ★ Entrance awards, based grades, are awarded by practically all universities, NSCC and by some private colleges.
- ★ Often a Feb 15th application deadline

Info from Counsellors:

- ★ We will post scholarships info on on the Grade 12 Google Classroom, on @auburnstudentservices Instagram account and on the bulletin board in Student Services.



Institution Websites

- ★ Each post-secondary institution will have a page for student awards or financial aid, this is a great place to check!



Auburn Drive High School Awards



★ Student must submit application online in May 2027.

Receive a scholarship?



- ★ If your student receives a scholarship (from an post-secondary institution, community group, etc) please give a copy of any scholarship offers to the main office.
- ★ JUNE 2027: Students who receive a scholarship letter at the graduation ceremony must bring the letter, as well as proof of post-secondary enrolment, to Ms. Saunders in September 2027.
 - The money will be forwarded directly to the institution.



Important Dates:

Local universities' **Entrance Awards Application Deadline: Feb 15**

Open Houses:

NSCC: Friday Oct 16th 9-3pm, Saturday, October 17th from 1-4 pm

Dal: Halifax Open House: Saturday October 24th

SMU: Friday October 23rd and Saturday November 28th

MSVU: Not posted yet, but this is the recruitment link!

St. FX: Sunday October 18th

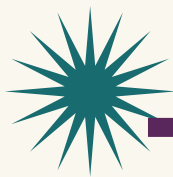
Acadia: October 30th and November 14th

UNB: October 3rd (Saint John) and October 18th (Fredericton)

Prom 2027: TBD, if interested in helping to organize please sign up

Grad 2027: TBD, but will be the last week of June





Thanks!

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