

Course Selection



Transition to High School



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Appointments made with Student Services Secretary

- Career & Academic Counselling
- Confidential Personal Counselling
- Connections to School & Community

Important Dates

- **Jan. 30** – Astral Drive Jr. High at 9:30am
- **Jan. 30** – Graham Creighton Jr. High at 1:00pm
- **Feb. 10** – Jr. High Parent presentation at 6:30pm at Auburn Drive High School in the cafeteria
- **Feb. 18** - Astral Drive Jr. High at 8:30am; students input course selection (need PowerSchool username and password and course selection sheet)
- **Feb. 21** – Graham Creighton Jr. High at 9:00am; students input course selection (need PowerSchool username and password and course selection sheet)
- **Feb. 24** - PowerSchool course selection closes for Jr. Highs
- **Feb. 26** - Course verification sheets distributed.
- **Feb. 28** – Course verification sheets due from Jr. High Counsellors



Why is Course Selection important?

- ✓ transition – Junior – Senior
- ✓ career/life planning
- ✓ post - secondary admissions to:
 - University
 - Community College
 - Private Colleges
 - Apprenticeship
 - Workforce



How High School Works

Semesters

1st semester: Sept. to Jan. – write exams

2nd semester: Feb. to June – write exams

Grade 10 8 courses (credits) (4 per semester)

Grade 11 7 courses – one study period

Grade 12 6 courses – two study periods

Students may request to take 8 courses each year

A maximum of 21-24 courses (credits) in 3 years

Day by day - Classes

4 courses every day (75 min.)

- 4 day cycle: Day A, B, C, and D
- Lunch occurs every day between 12:05pm-12:55pm.
- Classes begin at 9:25am, end at 3:35pm



Attendance

The most important factor in determining student success.

Study

Grade 10 – 1.5 hours 4 nights/week

Grade 11 – 2 hours 4 nights/week

Grade 12 – 2 hours 4 nights/week

Attendance

- Attendance is taken every class.
- PowerSchool provides attendance information.
- Phone messenger sent every evening for missed classes.
- Notes for attendance are given to main office on students return to school.
- The Provincial attendance policy states students may lose credit if 18 or more classes are missed.

Exemptions

A student can exempt from writing one exam each semester if they have no more than **six** “absences” and no more than **six** “lates”.

Students **can not** exempt Math or English exams.

Programs

The following programs are offered at Auburn Drive High School:

English Program

French Immersion Program

Africentric Cohort

Options & Opportunities – O2

Advanced Placement - AP



French Immersion Program

Students must complete at least 9 French Immersion credits in order to receive a French Immersion certificate, with a minimum of two credits in each year of high school.

Students in the French Immersion program must complete the following courses:

Français 10 – Grade 10

Français 11 – Grade 11

Français 12 – Grade 12

Suggested French Immersion Credits for Grade 10 level Students

In addition to Français 10, 4 French Immersion credits are available to students in their Grade 10 year. Students will select from the following:

Sciences 10

Arts Dramatiques 10

Mode de Vie Actif 11

Histoire Canadienne 11



Africentric Cohort



A program for students who:

- Identify as being of African descent.
- Have been recommended by the junior high school.
- Plan to attend a post secondary institution (university, college, military, etc.)
- Will appreciate instruction that is centered around the student and their cultural heritage.
- Are interested in being in a supportive environment that allows for enriched programming both inside and outside of the classroom.
- Are willing to take part in a mandatory summer institute (early July and late August)

*** A meeting will be held for parents/guardians/students interested in applying to the program. ***

Options and Opportunities (O₂) at Auburn Drive



What is the O2 program?

- The O₂ program is offered to 20 students per year through an application and interview process.
- The O₂ program is from grade 10-12 and focuses on:
 - Hands on learning
 - Career exploration
 - Work placements
 - Helping students transition to community college, university, or youth apprenticeship

Who is an O2 student?

O2 students are students who:

- Are interested in being part of a cohort for three years.
- Are interested in exploring careers.
- Are hard working.
- Have good attendance.
- Can benefit from hands on learning experiences.
- Are willing to try new skills and participate in field trips and training opportunities.
- Self advocate and are willing to catch-up on missed work.
- Are considering attending NSCC and/or related program offerings.

Skilled Trades 10

- Skilled Trades 10 is a course that offers awareness of careers in the skilled trades as well as opportunity to learn skills associated with skilled trades.
- Carpentry
- Electrical
- Pipe Trades
- Welding
- Workplace Health and Safety Training

Cooperative Education 11/12

- Provides you the opportunity to get out of the class and engage in real world work experience.
- Students do an 80 work placement to try out careers that are of interest to them.
- Work on health and safety, resume, cover letters, interviews and portfolio building.
- Only available for grade 11 and 12 students.

Advanced Placement (AP)

- Advanced Placement courses allow students to pursue university level courses while attending high school.
- The courses follow guidelines outlined by the College Board.
- Students should consider taking AP courses if they have a willingness to meet the challenges of a rigorous academic program.

Advanced Placement Courses

The following courses may be offered:

- Biology AP
- Calculus AP
- Chemistry AP
- Computer Science Principles AP
- Statistics AP
- World History AP

Course/Credit Types

Courses are identified using the following:

Subject Name – English, Math, History, etc.

Grade Level – 10, 11, or 12

Credit Type

- **Advanced Placement:** The opportunity to complete university level courses.
- **Advanced:** Demonstrated exceptional achievement or academic ability
- **Academic:** Designed for students who expect to enter post secondary institutions.
- **Open:** Some institutions may accept these courses when considering admission
- **Graduation:** Designed for students who plan to obtain a NS High School diploma

Credit Value

- 1.0 – Full Credit

Graduation Requirements

18 credits are required to graduate from a Nova Scotia High School

- 13 are compulsory credits
- 5 are elective credits

Maximum 7 grade 10 credits

Minimum 5 grade 12 credits

13 Compulsory Credits



- 3 English
- 3 Math
- 2 Science
- 1 Other from Technology, Math or Science
- 1 Fine Arts
(Art, Drama, Music)
- 1 Physical Education
(Phys. Ed 10, Phys. Ed 11 Basketball, Physically Active Living 11, Mode de Vie Actif 11, or Yoga 11)
- 1 Canadian Social Studies Content
(Canadian History 11, Histoire Canadienne 11, African Canadian Studies 11 or Mi'kmaq Studies 11)
- 1 Global Studies Content
(AP World History 12, Global Geography 12, Global History 12, Géographie Planétaire 12 or Histoire Planétaire 12)

Compulsory Credits

English - 3 credits required, one from each grade level. All grade 10 students must take **English 10**. In grades 11 and 12 there are multiple levels of English courses available.

Science - 2 credits required: a “first science credit” plus any other science course. All grade 10 students will take **Science 10** - it is a “first science credit”.

Other - 1 credit required from either: **Technology**, **Science** (beyond the 2 required science credits), **Math** (beyond the 3 required math credits) or any combination of Math, Science, or Technology.

Compulsory Credits

Physical Education -1 credit required; grade 10 students must choose one of the following: **Phys. Ed. 10, Phys. Ed.11 Basketball, Physically Active Living 11 (Mode de Vie 11 Actif), Yoga 11.**

Fine Arts - 1 credit required; grade 10 students must choose one of the following: **Visual Art 10, Music 10 (band, vocals or drumline) , or Drama 10 (Arts Dramatiques 10).**

Art

You don't have to know how to draw or sculpt in order to take Art 10 or be an expert to pass, but you must attend and try!

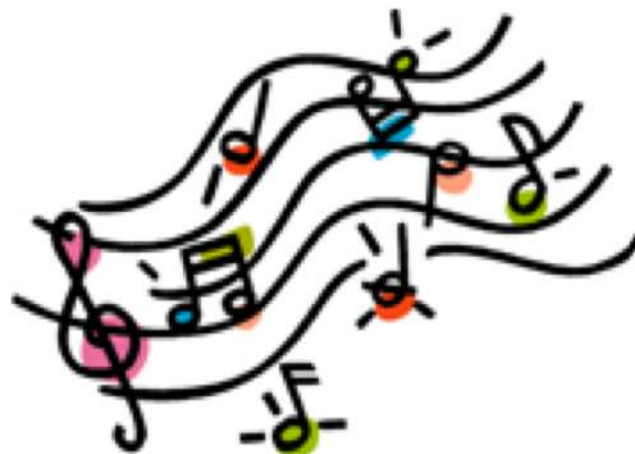


Drama

Just like Art, this is a place to learn, and you will have to take part. For some it is challenging at first, but then you get used to it, and this is a communications course.

Music

Courses in Instrumental Music (mornings), Vocal Music & Drumline are options as well.



Compulsory Credits

Canadian Social Studies Content - 1 credit required from the following: **Mi'kmaq Studies 11, Canadian History 11 (Histoire Canadienne 11) or African Canadian Studies 11.**

Global Studies Content - 1 required credit from either: **AP World History 12, Global History 12 (Histoire Planetaire 12), Global Geography 12 (Geographie Planetaire 12).** The Global Studies credit is usually completed in the student's Grade 11 or 12 year.

Compulsory Credits

Mathematics - 3 credits required from different grade levels. All grade 10 students must take a grade 10 math course.

Mathematics 10 (Africentric Cohort) is an Africentric academic high school mathematics course designed for African Nova Scotian learners. Teachers use cultural characteristics, lived experiences, and perspectives of African Nova Scotia students as a means to teach and assess them equitably and with rigour.

Note: Mathematics 10 for African Nova Scotian Learners is a two-credit course. This course runs with the Canadian History 11 and English 10 courses for the Africentric Cohort.

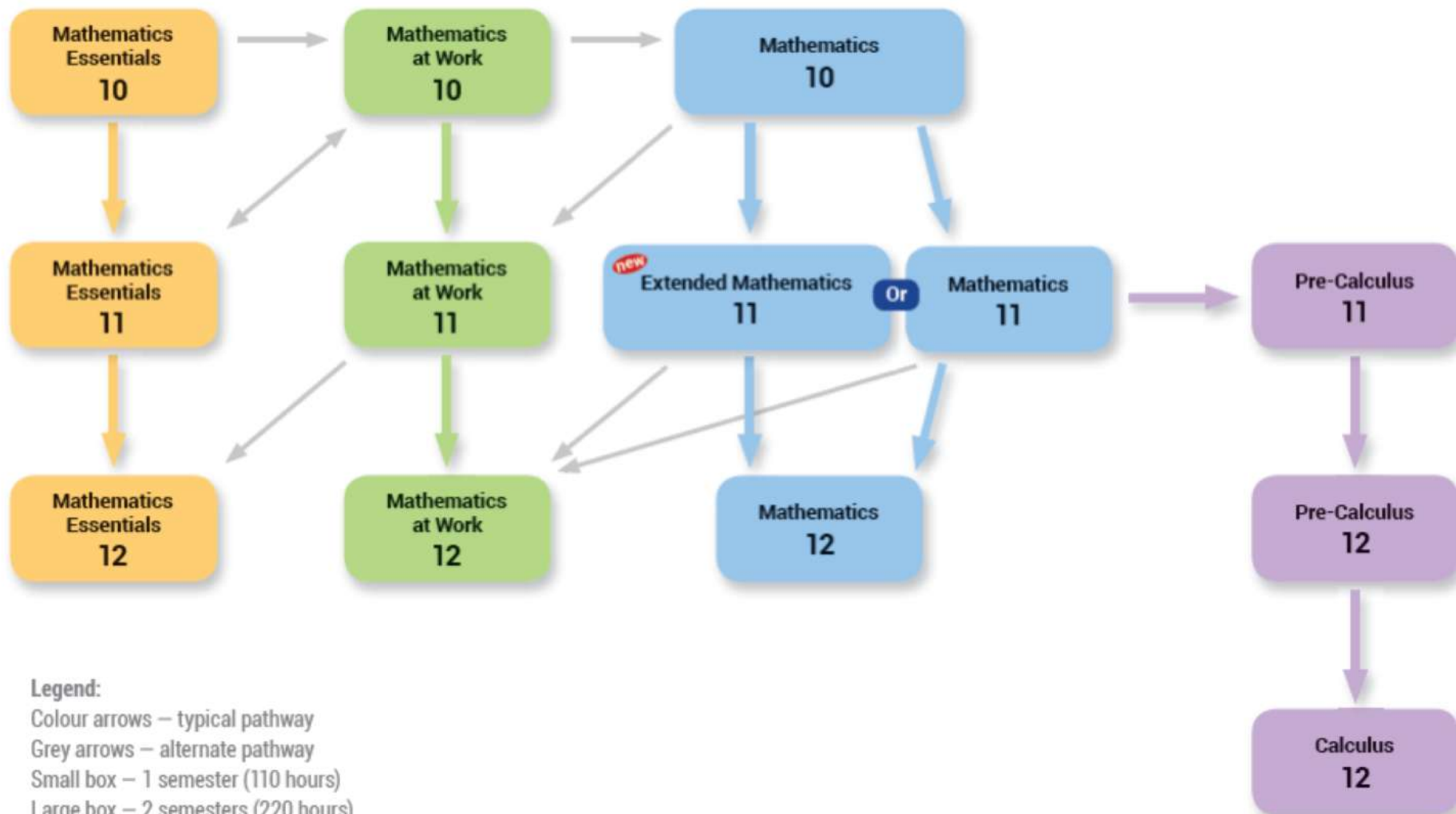
Senior High Mathematics Course Pathways

Effective: 2017–18 School Year

■ ■ Graduation Credit Type / Pathway

■ Academic Credit Type / Pathway

■ Advanced Credit Type / Pathway



Personal Development Credits

- Students who have successfully completed a course or program approved by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) will be eligible for a personal development credit. The credit will be entered on a student's transcript and may count toward one of the five elective credits required for graduation; it **does not** replace a compulsory credit.
- The EECD has developed a detailed set of criteria for approving external providers; please view the course selection booklet (pages 7&8) for the list of approved providers and courses.

Choosing Courses

It is important that students pick the right courses for them. **Students cannot change courses** once they get their timetable in the fall.

We tell students to pick courses because:

- They are interested in the topic;
- They need the course to graduate;
- They need the course to complete the French Immersion certificate;
- They need the course for your post-secondary plans;
- They have the ability to be successful in the course.

All students will take:

English 10

Math 10 (at the appropriate level)

Science 10

Physical Education (10/11)

Fine Art 10

Canadian Social Studies (11)

French immersion students will take the
courses listed above + French Language
Arts 10



Students must pick 1 or 2 elective courses so that their total course load is 8 full credits, remembering that:

- **One of the 8 courses must be at the grade 11 level.**
- **If you are a French immersion student then Francais 10 is one of your electives.**

Students must pick 1 alternate course so that in the event of a scheduling conflict, the student has a back up plan.

Pick the alternate carefully – it may appear on your on the final schedule!



What Happens Next...

Parents/Guardians should review the course selection books with their children when they bring them home from school. It is important to make decisions that will allow your son/daughter to experience success.

Junior High School Counsellors will assist each student in completing their formal course selections. Course verification sheets will be sent home for parental approval and signature once the courses have been entered into PowerSchool.

Math course recommendations will be given by the junior high math teachers. Please keep this in mind when making the math course selection.

