

# WELCOME TO BCSD'S VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

We value this opportunity to connect with you and show you some of the great opportunities we offer to our students. You will find these next slides for students going into specific grades.

These PowerPoint slides will cover course requirements and course selection. Once you have watched the slides for your child, you are encouraged to discuss this with your child.

Thank you,

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# SCHOOL STRUCTURE AND TIMETABLE

Burnaby South Secondary and BCSD are still operating on a Linear System.

- All students take 8 classes for the full school year
- Some students may have a class that is schedule before school or after school if they choose that option. In that case, they may have a free block during the regular school day.
- Four classes are on Day 1 and 4 classes are on Day 2
- Each class is approximately 75 minutes in length

# COURSE SELECTION

- This Course Selection Sheet is like a contract between you and BCSD.
- All schools are staffed and timetabled based on how you complete your course selection.
- Sometimes it is NOT possible for us to give you your 1<sup>st</sup> choices (usually in electives)

# REQUIRED GRADE 12 CLASSES

Grade 12's are required to take the following:

4 Courses

- English 12
- ASL 12
- 2 Additional courses
- Career Life Connections + Capstone
- Work Experience (30 hours or 80 hours)
- 4 elective courses that are chosen from the options on the course selection form

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Students will need a minimum of 80 credits (20 courses) in grade 10 to 12.
  - 12 required courses
    - English 10, 11 and 12
    - Social Studies 10 and 11 or 12
    - Science 10 and 11
    - Math 10 and 11
    - Physical and Health Education 10
    - Career Life 10
    - Fine Arts/Applied Skills 10, 11 or 12
    - One of these courses (must have English First Peoples 12)

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 7 Elective Courses
- Career Life Connections + Capstone

## Mandatory to Graduate

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

# WORK EXPERIENCE

Students can choose 3 options for Work Experience

- 30 Hours of Work Experience  
Mandatory for Graduation
- 80 Hours of Work Experience  
80 hours of volunteer work experience related to your career goals  
4 credits toward graduation  
Complete a written assignment
- Youth Train-in-Trades Programs  
Combination of Course Work and Hands On Work Experience

## CAREER LIFE CONNECTIONS - REQUIREMENTS

- Career Life Connections 11 & 12 is a MANDATORY REQUIREMENT for Graduation
- Grade 12's will be required to complete a CAREER FOCUSED GRADUATION PROJECT
- You will be applying your career-life exploration hours (30 Hours) towards this project
- An ONLINE ASSIGNMENTS will be required to demonstrate how you used the career-life exploration hours towards the CLC we Grad Project
- A PRESENTATION explaining your project will also need to be submitted in order to graduate

## POST-SECONDARY TIMELINE TIPS

- Stage 1 – Early Years
  - Early Financial Planning
    - look at saving for post-secondary, start up a tax-free saving account for the educational costs
- Stage 2 – Grade 8-10
  - Academic Awareness
    - specific course you may want to take in grade 12
    - be aware of grades

## POST-SECONDARY TIMELINE TIPS

- Stage 3 – Grade 11-12
  - Getting Ready
    - Start researching scholarships, awards & financial aid options
    - Career Life Connections 12 Course
    - Set goals for making decisions
    - Start investigating specific post-secondary options

# BENEFITS OF A CAREER PREPARATION PROGRAM

You will complete your Career Life Connections requirements for work experience

- Add it to your resume
- Assisting in University Applications
- Possibly use it towards applying for scholarships
- Gain Valuable work experience
- Opportunity for Career Explorations
- Learn Job Interview skills
- Possible part-time employment
- Gain Professional Contacts
- References

## WHAT HAPPEN NEXT?

- Your child will bring the course selection form on Friday and to complete this with you
- Course Selection form is due back to the principal by February 20

## ANY QUESTIONS??

If you have any questions regarding course selection, please feel free to contact:

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