

Parent/Guardian Information: Course Request Process



PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF
NEXT YEAR'S
GRADE 11 STUDENTS

SENT VIA EMAIL AND POSTED ONLINE:
MARCH 30, 2022

Parent Information Meeting



- Graduation Requirements (English and Immersion)
- Course Request Handbook and Course Request Sheets
- Skilled Trades
- Other Frequently Asked Questions

Graduation Requirements



2022-2023

Semestered Courses



- High school students take 4 semestered courses starting in September, write final exams in January, then begin 4 new courses in February which finish in June.
- CBH students will take 8 courses each year, for a potential total of 24 credits in 3 years.
- Students are not permitted to have free periods, unless they go part-time in their grade 12 year.

Credits



- Students require a total of 18 credits to graduate
- They must include the 13 compulsory credits
- No more than 7 grade 10 credits can count toward this 18
- At least 5 credits of the 18 must be at the grade 12 level

(All this information is in the Course Request Handbook available at cbheca.srce.ca)

Compulsory Credits



- 3 English (One at each grade level – 10, 11, 12)
- 6 in Math/Science/Technology
 - Of these, 2 must be science credits
 - 3 must be math credits
 - Remaining credit can be a math, science, or technology credit.
- 1 Global Studies
- 1 Canadian Studies
- 1 Physical Education
- 1 Fine Arts

English



- ***All grade 10 students take English 10***
- ***Beginning in Grade 11, students can pick two streams of English depending on their ability and career plans***
- English 11: Academic or Communications
 - Most University programs require Academic English
- English 12: Academic or Communications
 - Students select the same English 12 course that they took in grade 11 (Academic or Communications)

Math



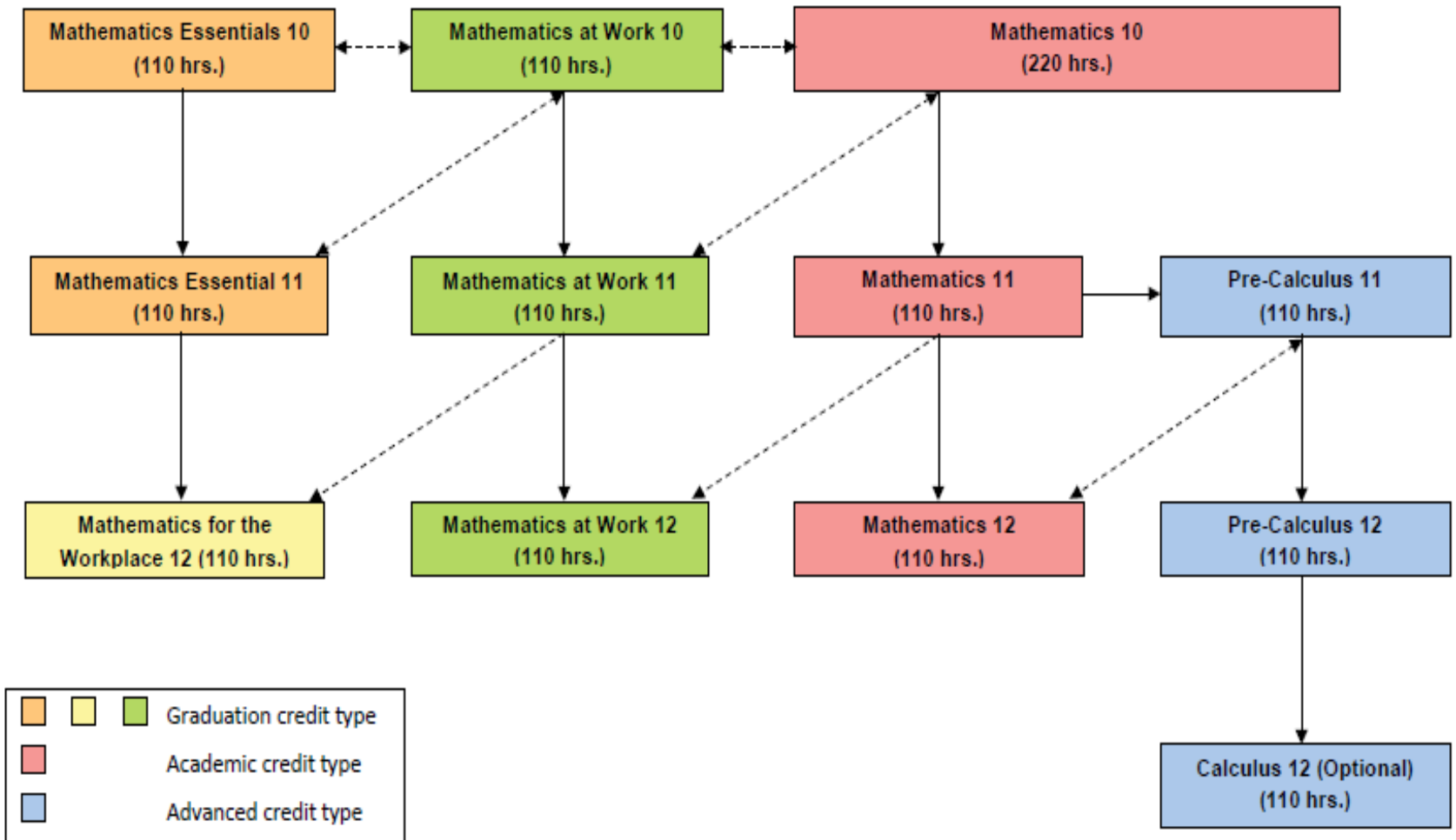
- The “difficult” decisions with Math are usually made when students pick among Academic, At Work, or Essentials going into Grade 10.
- Moving into grade 11 and 12, students usually remain in the same stream moving toward graduation.

For students going into Grade 11



- Students who pass Academic Math 10 need to decide if they are taking **Math 11** or **Math 11 AND Pre-Cal 11**.
- Pre-Cal 11 is usually required for students looking at science or engineering programs in university.
- See Guidance or online information from programs of interest for admission requirements.

The Mathematics Path



*NOTE: Math for the Workplace 12 is now Math Essentials 12

Science



- 2 Sciences required for graduation, one must be Science 10 or Sciences 10
- Other English science courses include
 - Biology 11 and 12
 - Chemistry 11 and 12
 - Physics 11 and 12 (Physics 12 is offered through NSVS only)
 - Oceans 11

Others



- Students may require another: Math/Science/Technology
- Technologies may include:
 - Skilled Trades 10
 - Construction Trades 11
 - Business Technology 11
 - Exploring Technology 10
 - Construction Technology 12

Global Studies/Canadian Studies



- Canadian History is taken in grade 11 in the English stream
- Global Geography is taken in grade 12 in the English stream
- Géographie Planétaire and Histoire du Canada are rotated annually in the French Immersion stream

Physical Education



- Physical Education 12
- Mode de Vie Actif 11 for students in Immersion
- NSVS Fitness Leadership 11 is also available if students want additional PE experiences

Students must participate and dress for PE!

French Immersion



- Students must take 9 courses in French
- Year 1
 - Français 10; Sciences 10; Arts Dramatiques 10; Histoire du Canada 11; Mode de Vie Actif 11
- Years 2 and 3
 - Français 11 and 12; Géographie Planétaire 12
 - One or more of the following:
 - ✦ Océans 11 (online)
 - ✦ Introduction à la Littérature 12 (online)
 - ✦ Education Cooperative 12

Course Request Process



**HOW AND WHY SCHOOLS ASK FOR STUDENT
INPUT**

Course Request Process



- **Wednesday, March 30**
 - Parent/Guardian Information posted online
- **Thursday, March 31**
 - Students get Course Request sheets/Presentations
- **Monday, April 4**
 - Deadline for Course Request Sheets to be passed in. Individual student meetings to take place in the following days with Guidance and/or Administration

Then what...



- **The information from Course Request Sheets determines number of sections and courses to be offered next year**
- **Timetable is generated and student requests are added to the timetable by the computer**
- **It is KEY to remember that students will not necessarily get the courses they request!**

Skilled Trades



- **This is NOT a program; rather it is a suite of courses**
- Any student can take Skilled Trades 10
- Once they have taken that course they can take :
 - **Construction Trades 11**

Other Frequently Asked Questions



What is NSVS?



- These are offered online by the Nova Scotia Virtual School System
- Students log on during the day to take a course that otherwise wouldn't be available in smaller schools
- Rules of the road:
 - You cannot take a course online if it is available in the school and fits your schedule
- Mimics the university experience and so it has its advantages over and above increased course offerings

Now what...



**YOUR CHILD WILL GET COURSE REQUEST
SHEETS TO BRING HOME AND COMPLETE
WITH YOU**

Course Request Sheets



- Course Requests Sheets are specific to each grade by Immersion and English Stream

CAPE BRETON HIGHLANDS EDUCATION CENTRE/ACADEMY COURSE REQUEST SHEET GRADE 10 STUDENTS GOING INTO GRADE 11 (ENGLISH) IN SEPTEMBER OF 2022

FULL NAME: _____

This form helps school staff determine student numbers for courses. Final timetables are based on the number of students who request courses, and how they fit in the final schedule.

Each Grade 11 student must take one English course. Please pick one of the following:

Subject	Courses	Request
ENGLISH (Pick One)	English 11 Academic (required for university & some college programs)	
	English 11 Communications	

Grade 11 students must take one Canadian Studies course to graduate.

Subject	Courses	Request
Canadian Studies	Canadian History 11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Students in Grade 11 must select at least one Science course.

Subject	Courses	Request
SCIENCE (Pick one)	Biology 11	
	Oceans 11	
	Physics 11	

Students will likely continue in the same stream of Mathematics they are taking in Grade 10. Please pick from the following:

Subject	Courses	Request
MATH (Pick One)	Math 11 Academic & Pre-Cal 11 (both required for science/engineering programs)	
	Math 11 Academic	
	Math at Work 11	
	Math Essentials 11	

Students take a total of 8 credits in Grade 11. Count the number of check marks you have above. Select enough elective courses below to get to 8.

Subject	Courses	Request
ELECTIVES	Chemistry 11	
	Physical Education 12	
	COOP O2 (must select if in O2 program)	
	Construction Trades 11	
	Exploring Technology 10	
	Business Technology 11	
	Core French 10 (Online Only)	

(A note about Phys. Ed.: Students must take one PE or Yoga course to graduate, but they can do so in grade 10, 11, or 12.)

Please ensure you have checked 8 courses above

CAPE BRETON HIGHLANDS EDUCATION CENTRE/ACADEMY COURSE REQUEST SHEET GRADE 10 STUDENTS GOING INTO GRADE 11 (FRENCH IMMERSION) IN SEPTEMBER OF 2022

FULL NAME: _____

This form helps school staff determine student numbers for courses. Final timetables are based on the number of students who request courses, and how they fit in the final schedule.

Grade 11 Immersion students take following required courses in French:

Subject	Courses	Request
FRENCH	French Immersion 11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Mode de Vie Actif 11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fine Arts	Arts Diplomatiques 10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Each Grade 11 student must take one English course. Please pick one of the following:

Subject	Courses	Request
ENGLISH (Pick One)	English 11 Academic (required for university & some college programs)	
	English 11 Communications	

Students in Grade 11 must select at least one Science course, however they may select more than one. Choose one from the first grouping and Chemistry if desired.

Subject	Courses	Request
SCIENCE	Oceans 11	
	Biology 11	
	Physics 11	
	Chemistry 11	

Students will likely continue in the same stream of Mathematics they are taking in Grade 10. Please pick from the following:

Subject	Courses	Request
MATH (Pick One)	Math 11 & Pre-Cal 11 (two credits for science bound students)	
	Math 11 (just one credit...taking Math 12 the following year)	
	Math at Work 11	
	Math Essentials 11	

Students take a total of 8 credits in Grade 11. Count the number of check marks you have above. Select enough elective courses below to get to Eight.

Subject	Courses	Request
ELECTIVES <small>(PICK and RANK as many as you need to have 5 selections on this sheet)</small>	Skilled Trades 10	
	Physical Education 12	
	COOP (for O2 students only)	

(A note about Phys. Ed.: Students must take one PE or Yoga course to graduate, but they can do so in grade 10, 11, or 12.)

Please ensure you have checked 8 courses above

What about Unique Situations?



- **All rules have exceptions:**
 - Passed Oceans 11 but not Science 10
 - Conflict in schedule so that Canadian History and Physics were in the same block in grade 11
 - Student was sick and missed a credit during a semester they were out
 - Students who move between high schools in the middle of the year (e.g., Dalbrae offers English 11 in semester 2, we offer it in semester 1...students who transfer from Dalbrae to CBH miss out on English 11)
- **Write those issues on the Course Request Sheet, and we'll figure something out!!!**

Course Description



- Descriptions of all courses are available on our *Course Request Handbook* on our school website: cbheca.srce.ca

Course Description Handbook CBHECA 2022-2023

The information below is intended to give students and parents a better idea of course content as they make course selection decisions for the 2022-2023 school year.



**Cape Breton Highlands
Education Centre /
Academy**

A Note about Online Courses



- Our Course Request Sheets do not include all online courses. Students going into grade 11 and 12 (and their Parents/Guardians) are welcome to review the Nova Scotia Virtual School website at:
<https://nsvs.ednet.ns.ca/launchpad/launchpad39/>

Reminder: students cannot take an NSVS course if the teacher-led course is available and fits in their schedule.

MOST Frequently Asked Question



- What if we request the wrong classes? Is there a chance my son/daughter won't graduate and/or won't get into the program they want after high school?
 - NO! Each student meets with a representative from administration or guidance,
 - Two things are monitored: (a) Is the student on track to graduate? (b) Is the student taking what they need for courses they have expressed an interest in?
 - We always recommend students take the most challenging courses they are able to manage so they can keep as many doors opened as possible.

Questions



- After your son/daughter brings home the Course Request Sheet, you can look through it along with the *Course Request Handbook* online
- You can contact guidance or administration at any time
 - Angela MacKinnon, Principal
 - Andrew MacLean, Vice Principal
 - John MacKinnon, Guidance