# Parent/Guardian Information: Course Request Process PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF NEXT YEAR'S GRADE 10 STUDENTS 

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## What we'll cover

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Course Description Handbook and Course Request Sheets.

Options and Opportunities (O2).
Skilled Trades.

- Other Frequently Asked Questions.


## Graduation Requirements

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## 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 on Page 2 of the Course Description Handbook available at
https://eaeca.srce.ca/)

## Compulsory Credits

- 3 English (One at each grade level - 10, 11, 12)
- 3 Math (One at each grade level - 10, 11, 12)
- 2 Sciences (Science 10, \& 1 other approved Science course)
- 1 Technology ( 1 from MATH or SCIENCE Beyond the above requirements), or TECHNOLOGY (All Computer Related Studies and Technology Education courses are eligible).
- 1 Global Studies
- 1 Canadian Studies
- 1 Physical Education
- 1 Fine Arts


## Semestered/Linear Courses

Students in grade 10 will take 3 Semestered courses, and 2 Linear courses starting in September. Linear courses run year long ( 5 times within the 8 -day cycle).

They will complete their final assessments in January, then begin 3 new Semestered courses in February and complete their final assessments in June.

Starting in grade 10, students will take 8 courses each year, for a potential total of 24 credits in 3 years.

## Math in Grade 10: Students Must Pick 1 of...

## Academic Math 10 (Year long)

- Two credits. You get two or fail two
- Final mark only in June following a provincial exam
- Must take for Science in University

Math at Work 10

- Arts Programs University
- NSCC
- Students should consider their goals AND ability when they make decisions about what math course to select.
- STUDENTS MUST BE PREPARED TO DO MATH EVERY DAY IN CLASS OR THE PROVINCIAL EXAM WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO PASS.


## A Note about ADAPTATIONS

Courses like Math 9 are considered mandatory and "one size fits all". In these instances, teachers will put adaptations to help students be successful in these courses.

As courses become differentiated, though (e.g., Math 10 vs. Math at Work 10) students are required to take courses that are suited to their ability.

## We Recommend...

If students request Math 10 , for instance, but their grade nine teacher believes they are better suited for Math at Work, we will recommend students to take the less difficult class.
Parents will have to sign "The Request to take Academic Math 10 " sheet indicating that they understand the recommendations being given, but are ok with their child(ren) trying the Academic 10 even if their child(ren) are not successful in attaining the credit, and may have to repeat Math 10 in the following academic year.

## Graduation Requirements

## English

English 10 is one credit for all students.

Students in Grade 10 will write a Provincial English Exam

## Science

2 Sciences are required for graduation.

All grade 10 students are required to take Science 10.

## Graduation Requirements (1"Other")

- Students will require either another: Math beyond the required 3, /a Science beyond the required 2 /or a Technology credit.

Technologies may include:

- Design 11
- Multimedia 12
- Skilled Trades 10
- Construction Trades 11
- Exploring Technology 10
- Production Technology 11/12


## Graduation Requirements

## Canadian Studies

Students will be required to take one of the following courses to fulfill their Canadian Studies requirement:

African Canadian Studies 11

Mi'kmaw Studies 11

## Physical Education

- Students will be required to take one of the following courses to fulfill their
- Physical Education Credit: Physical Education 11
Fitness Leadership 11
Dance 11
Physical Education Leadership 12


## Graduation Requirements

- Students will be required to select one of the following courses: to fulfill their required Fine Arts credit.
- Visual Art 10
- Music 10
- Dance 11


## Course Request Process

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## Tuesday, February 21 ${ }^{\text {st }}$

- Parent/Guardian Information posted online


## Wednesday, February $22^{\text {nd }}$

- Students get Course Request sheets/Presentations


## Monday, February $27^{\text {th }}$

- Deadline for Course Request Sheets to be passed in. Individual student meetings to take place in the following days with Administration and/or the School Counsellor


## Then what?

The information from Course Request Sheets determines number of 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!

## Options and Opportunities

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Options and Opportunities $\left(\mathbf{O}_{\mathbf{2}}\right)$ is an exciting high school program which offers students more hands-on learning experiences with a career focus. It's designed to prepare students for successful transitions from high school to work, a career path, or a post-secondary program.

A critical element in the success of $\mathbf{O}_{\mathbf{2}}$ is the participation of the Nova Scotia employers and communities who open their doors to students. Whether it's helping to shape curriculum, attending a career fair or hosting a student for a co-operative education work placement, $\mathbf{O}_{2}$ gives employers and communities an opportunity to play an active role in the education of our youth and to help create the workforce of the future.

Includes guaranteed admission to NSCC BUT ONLY IF
DEADLINES (WHICH ARE EARLIER THAN THEY ARE FOR
OTHER STUDENTS) ARE MET!

## What about $\mathrm{O}_{2}$

This program open to all students going into grade 10, but they MUST APPLY. Students who do not apply in the spring are not permitted to enroll in the program once September comes.

- We can make exceptions for students who move to the area after the application process has closed
- Contact Rachel Kuramoto or Dara MacDonald if you think your son/daughter might be a good fit for this program.

Students who want to apply for O 2 will still complete a course request form.

## Skilled Trades



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## This is NOT a program; rather it is a suite of courses

Any student can take Skilled Trades 10
Students in Skilled Trades 10 work on developing basic trades skills in four areas: Skilled Trades Living, Safety, Measurement and Calculation for Trades, and Tools and Materials. They develop an appreciation for, and an understanding of the benefits of a career in the skilled trades.
Once they have taken Skilled Trades 10,then they can take:

- Construction Trades 11


## Now what? And Other Erequently Asked Questions

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.


## Course Description

# Descriptions of all courses are available on our Course Request Handbook on our school website: https://eaeca.srce.ca/ 



## MOST Frequently Asked Question

What if we request the wrong classes? Is there a chance my child(ren) 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 child(ren) brings home the Course Request Sheet, you can look through it along with the Course Request Handbook online.

If you have any further questions, you can contact guidance or administration at any time.

- Paul Brown, Principal
- Dara MacDonald, Vice Principal
- Rachel Kuramoto, School Counselor

