# Parent/Guardian Information: Course Request Process

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF NEXT YEAR'S GRADE 11 STUDENTS

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#### What we'll cover

- Graduation Requirements.
- Course Description Handbook and Course Request Sheets.
- Options and Opportunities (O2).
- Skilled Trades.
- Other Frequently Asked Questions.

# Graduation Requirements

2023-2024



### 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 11 can either take 3 Semestered, and 2 Linear courses, (Linear courses occur 5 times within the 8-day cycle) or 4 Semestered courses starting in September and complete their final assessments in January.
- Students will then begin 3 or 4 new Semestered courses in February and complete their final assessments in June.
- These 8 courses will add to the required 18 courses needed for graduation.

## English

- 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**

- If students request English 11, for instance, but their grade 10 teacher believes they are better suited for English Communications 11, we will recommend students to take the less difficult class.
- Parents will have to sign "The Request to take Academic English 11" sheet indicating that they understand the recommendations being given, but are ok with their child(ren) trying the Academic 11 even if their child(ren) are not successful in attaining the credit, and may have to repeat English 11 in the following academic year.

### 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, students usually remain in the same stream moving toward graduation.
- 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.
- Students can see the School Counselor or visit online information from programs of interest for admission requirements.

## **Graduation Requirements**

#### 1 Other

- Students will require another: Math/Science/Technology credit.
- Technologies may include:
  - Production Tech 11/12
  - o Multimedia 12
  - Skilled Trades 10
  - Construction Trades 11

#### Science

- A 2<sup>nd</sup> Science is required for graduation.
- Science Courses that are offered but not all in the same year:
  - O Biology 11 and 12
  - Chemistry 11 and 12
  - o Physics 11 and 12
  - Oceans 11
  - o Agrifoods/Agriculture 11

## **Graduation Requirements**

#### **Canadian Studies**

- Students will be required to take one of the following in order to graduate:
- African Canadian Studies
  11
- Mi'kmaw Studies 11
- Or a Canadian Studies course through NSVS

#### **Physical Education**

- Students will be required to take one of the following courses in order to graduate:
- Physical Education 11
- Fitness Leadership 11
- Dance 11
- Physical Education Leadership 12

## Graduation Requirement

#### **Fine Arts**

- 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

#### **Nova Scotia Virtual School**

• (NSVS) offers online courses to Nova Scotia high school students.

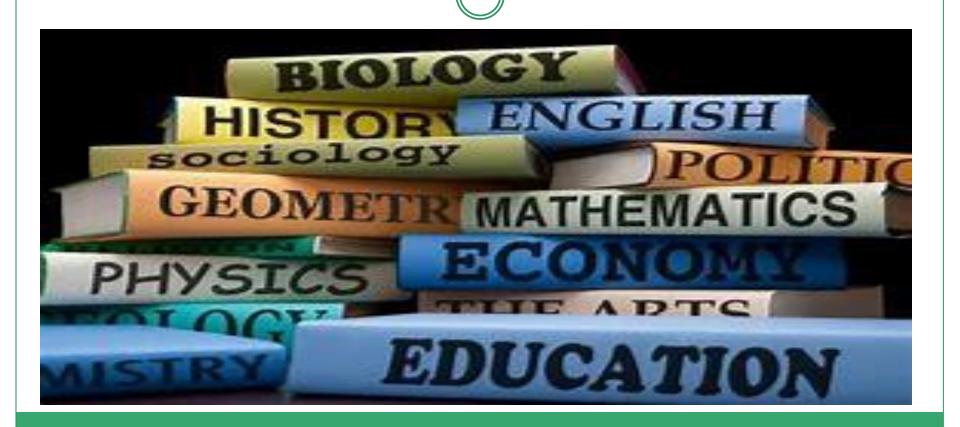


#### **NSVS**

- Courses are offered during 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.
- Students will sign into their courses, complete all their assignments, quizzes, test and participate in blogs, forums, journals and echats. (There is minimum of 1 hour per day of classwork)

- Students will also meet with their teachers, and fellow student online once a week. (All instruction is virtual/the teacher is not in the building)
- Student can also access a course calendar for each course to see what is due.

## Course Request Process



### Course Request Process

- Tuesday, February 21<sup>st,</sup>
  - Parent/Guardian Information posted online.
- Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> & Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - Students get Course Request sheets/Presentations.
- Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - Deadline for Course Request Sheets to be passed in. Individual student meetings to take place in the following weeks with Administration and/or the School Counsellor.

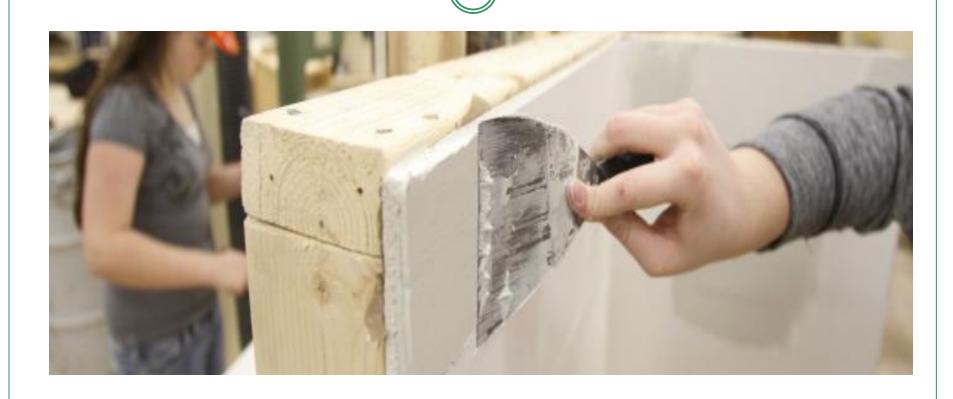
### Then what?

 The information from Course Request Sheets determines the courses to be offered next year.

• Timetables are 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



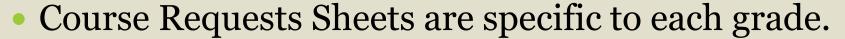
### **Skilled Trades**

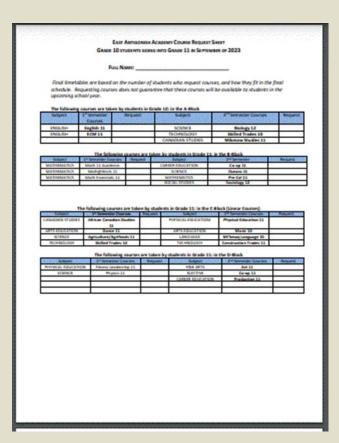
- This is NOT a program; rather it is a suite of courses
- Any student can take Skilled Trades 10.
- Students in Skilled Trades 10 work on developing basic trades skills in four areas: Skilled Trades Living, Safety, Measurement and Calculation for Trades, and Tools and Materials. They develop an appreciation 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

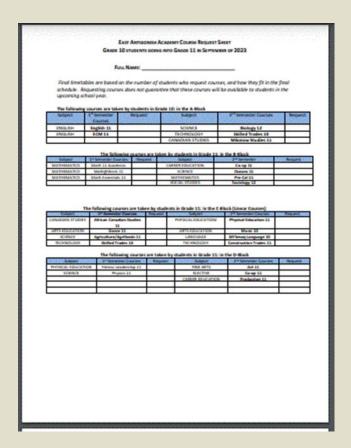
# Now what? And Other Frequently Asked Questions

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

### Course Request Sheets







## **Course Description**

 Descriptions of all courses are available on our Course Description Handbook on our school website: <a href="https://eaeca.srce.ca/">https://eaeca.srce.ca/</a>



## **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 the school counselor,
- 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
- If you have further questions, you can contact the school counselor or administration at any time
  - o Paul Brown, Principal
  - Dara MacDonald, Vice Principal
  - o Rachel Kuramoto, School Counselor