Parent/Guardian Information: Course Request Process

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF NEXT YEAR'S GRADE 12 STUDENTS

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What we'll cover

- Graduation Requirements
- Course Description Handbook and Course Request Sheets
- Skilled Trades
- Other Frequently Asked Questions

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 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 12 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.
- A majority of these 8 courses will be added to the required 13 compulsory, and the 5 elective courses needed for graduation.
- Students are not permitted to take free periods, until the 2nd half of grade 12.

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 12, students usually remain in the same stream moving toward graduation.
- Students who pass Pre-Cal 11 need to decide if they are taking Math 12 or Pre-Cal 12 AND Calculus 12.
- Pre-Cal 11 is usually required for students looking at Science or Engineering programs in university.
- See the School Counselor or online information from programs of interest for admission requirements.

English

- Moving into grade 12, students usually remain in the same English stream moving toward graduation.
- Most University programs require Academic English.

Global Studies

- Students can only take their Global Studies (Global Geography Studies 12) in House in Grade 12.
- Students can also take their Global Studies virtually through NSVS.

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 2nd Science course is required for graduation.
- Science Courses may include:
 - o Biology 11 and 12
 - o Chemistry 11 and 12
 - o Physics 11 and 12
 - Oceans 11
 - Agrifoods/Agriculture 11

Canadian Studies

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

Physical Education

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

Fine Arts

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

Nova Scotia Virtual School

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

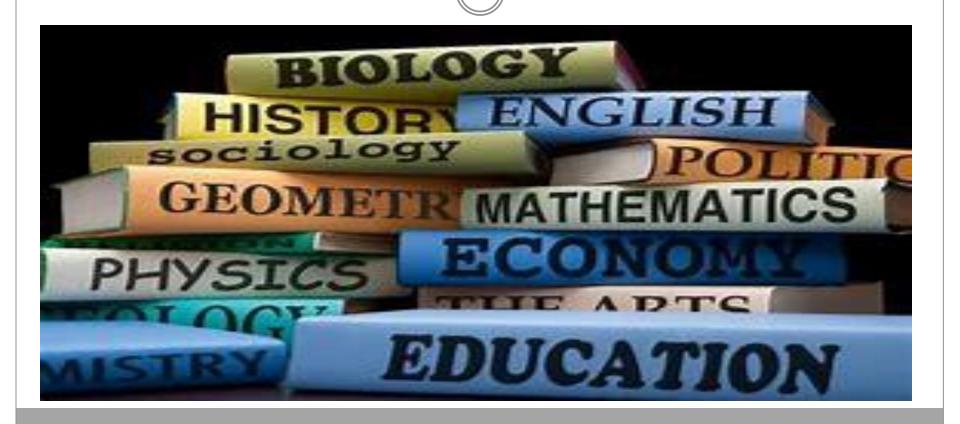


NSVS

- Courses are offered during 1st and 2nd 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 students online once a week. (All instruction is virtual/the teacher is not in the building)
- Student can also access a course calendar for each class to see what is due.

Course Request Process



Course Request Process

- Tuesday, February 21st
 - Parent/Guardian Information posted online.
- Thursday, February 23^{rd,} & Friday, February 24th
 - Students get Course Request sheets/Presentations.
- Monday, February 27th
 - 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.

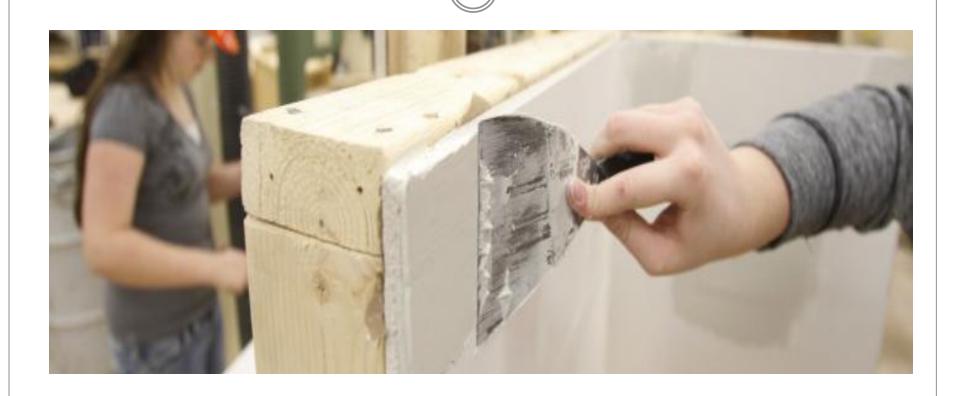
Then what?

• 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 all the courses they request!

Skilled Trades



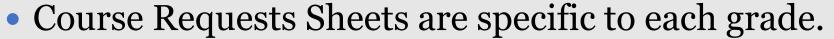
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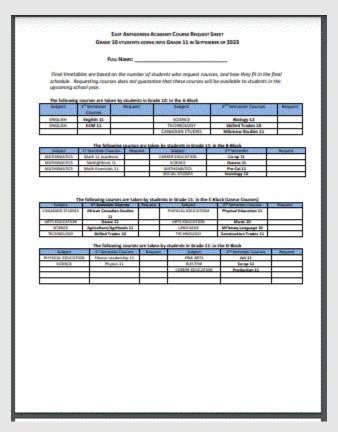
- This is NOT a program; rather it is a suite of courses
- Any student can take Skilled Trades 10.
- Students in Skilled Trades 10 work on developing basic trades skills in four areas: Skilled Trades Living, Safety, Measurement and Calculation for Trades, and Tools and Materials. They develop an appreciation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





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Course Description

 Descriptions of all courses are available on our Course Description 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 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 student 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
 - Rachel Kuramoto, School Counselor