



# Grade 9 Parent Pre Information Package

# “Emerging or Insufficient Evidence IE” in Grade 9 Core Classes / Online

- ▶ Statistics show if you are not passing at grade level you will struggle to pass at Mount Baker.
- ▶ Options if you have “emerging or IE” in all core classes (English, Science, Socials, and Math):
  - ▶ Kootenay Educational Services - our alternate school
    - ▶ Still a Mount Baker student but attend a different building
    - ▶ Can have a blended timetable - Do core classes at KES, for a slower more self-paced program and attend Mount Baker for electives

Contact your school counsellor or administrator to discuss options
- Info on taking grade 10 courses in grade 9 - Mr. Hill
  - May leave a hole in your timetable at Mount Baker
    - DOES NOT mean an extra elective or grade 11 or 12 core class will be available
    - You could leave school to work on your online course at the public library or KDS

# The Structure of the School Year

Day	Morning	Blocks	Lunch	Afternoon	Blocks
Monday	1	2	Lunch	3	4
Tuesday	2	1	Lunch	4	3
Wednesday	4	3	Lunch	2	1
Thursday	3	4	Lunch	1	2
Friday	Rotates	Rotates	Lunch	Rotates	Rotates

- ▶ 2 semesters

- ▶ 4 classes each semester - total of 8 classes inside the timetable in the full year

- ▶ Tumbling timetable blocks - 8:35 - 3:15 (lunch is 11:25-12:25)

# Rotating block schedule with times



## **BELL SCHEDULE**

Opening warning bell	8:30 am
Class One	8:35 to 9:55 am
Class change	5 minutes
Class Two	10:00 to 11:25 am
Lunch Break	11:25 to 12:25 pm
Warning bell	12:20 pm
Class Three	12:25 to 1:48 pm
Class change	5 minutes
Class Four	1:53 to 3:15 pm

### **Block Rotation**

Monday	1	2	Lunch	3	4
Tuesday	2	1	Lunch	4	3
Wednesday	4	3	Lunch	2	1
Thursday	3	4	Lunch	1	2
Friday	Block Rotation varies – check in the office or on the website.				

# Graduation is a 3 Year Plan

- ▶ Each course is worth 4 credits
  - ▶ Full timetable in one year = 32 credits
  - ▶ Students need 80 credits to graduate
  - ▶ One Fine Arts or Applied Skills course (4 credits) is required by graduation (these courses are listed in our course selection booklet)

Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
6 required courses	4 required courses	2 required courses
2 elective courses	4 elective courses	6 elective courses (or enough credits to reach 80 credits) *2 of these electives <b>MUST</b> be Grade 12 level courses.

# Grade 10 Course Requirements

- ▶ 6 courses are required at the Grade 10 level
  1. Either:
    - ▶ English First Peoples - Literary Studies **PLUS** Writing **or** Spoken Language **or** New Media **OR**
    - ▶ English 10 - Literary Studies **PLUS** Composition **or** New Media **or** Spoken Language
  2. Workplace Math 10 **or** Foundations of Math and Pre-Calculus 10
  3. Social Studies 10
  4. Science 10
  5. Physical and Health Education 10
  6. Career Life Education 10 (building block for Career Life Connections 12)
- ▶ **Plus** students must select 2 electives
  - ▶ Special Cases:
    - ▶ Students in Band (an elective) choose one more elective.
    - ▶ Students in French Immersion (FRAL is an elective) choose one more elective.
    - ▶ Students in French Immersion and Band do not choose another elective.
- ▶ **Plus** Numeracy and Literacy Assessments

# Grade 11 Course Requirements

► 4 courses are required at the Grade 11 level

1. Either:

- English First Peoples 11 Literary Studies (Writing or New Media or Spoken Language)

OR

- English 11 Literacy Studies (Composition or New Media or Spoken Language)

2. Math 11 (one of):

- Workplace Mathematics 11
- Pre-Calculus 11
- Foundations of Mathematics 11
- Computer Science 11
- History of Mathematics 11

# Grade 11 Course Requirements (Cont'd)

3. **Science 11 (one of):**
    - ▶ Life Sciences 11
    - ▶ Biochemistry 11
    - ▶ Chemistry 11
    - ▶ Physics 11
    - ▶ Science for Citizens 11
  4. **Social Studies 11 or 12 (one of):**
    - ▶ 20<sup>th</sup> Century World History 12
    - ▶ BC First Peoples 12
    - ▶ Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12
    - ▶ Comparative Cultures 12
    - ▶ Political Studies 12
    - ▶ Physical Geography 12
    - ▶ Law Studies 12
    - ▶ Social Justice 12
    - ▶ Philosophy 12
    - ▶ Explorations in Social Studies 11
- ▶ **PLUS: 4 elective courses (any course, academic or not, for which students have the prerequisite).**



# Grade 12 Course Requirements

- ▶ 2 courses are required courses at the Grade 12 level:
  1. English First Peoples 12 or English Studies 12
  2. Career Life Connections 12
    - ▶ 2 credits - assignments portion
    - ▶ 2 credits - capstone project
      - ▶ Typically, the 2 credit assignments portion is completed in Grade 11 outside the timetable OR the entire 4 credit course can be taken in timetable in Grade 12
- ▶ PLUS: Two additional Grade 12 courses for a total of 16 Grade 12 credits (4 courses)
- ▶ PLUS: One Indigenous focused course during your grade 10-12 years

# TRAIN (TRNE) Programs

Formally YTIT or ACE-IT

8 foundation programs at COTR (e.g. Electrical)

Dual credit: students receive elective credit as well as first year apprenticeship schooling while attending the College of the Rockies full-time in their Grade 12 year.

Plan classes accordingly:

Complete CLC and an English 12 course in grade 11

Course choices depend on the program

- Eg. Electrician - Pre-Calculus
- Eg. Industrial Mechanic - Physics (recommended)

Application required - See your counsellor for more information.

# Assessments

Grade 10 Literacy Assessment

Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment

Grade 12 Literacy Assessment

French Immersion Assessments

Sample Assessments can be found at -

[https://www.awinfosys.com/eassessment/gradassessments\\_copyright.htm](https://www.awinfosys.com/eassessment/gradassessments_copyright.htm)

- “Google Graduation Assessment Information Parents and Students”

# Important Information



The first day of school is staggered. Watch for more information.



The second day is a full day.



Forms are given out on the first day. MAKE SURE EMAIL AND CONTACT INFO IS CORRECT



Fees are paid online at <https://schoolcashionline.com>



Lockers are assigned at the end of June. The locker number and combination will be on the timetable that students receive in September, if lockers are offered.

# Upcoming Dates

School	Presenting	Inputting
Laurie	Week of March 7th-10th	March 13th-17th
Parkland	Week of March 7th-10th	March 13th-17th
Jaffray	Done Individually by counsellors	Done individually by counsellors

- ▶ Counsellors will present course selection guides to Grade 9s
  - ▶ Students will input choices approximately a week after presenting
  - ▶ ALL chosen courses are totally adjustable - contact your counsellor at Mount Baker
    - ▶ Jodi Lode (Last name A-L)
    - ▶ Leah Draper (Last name M-Z)