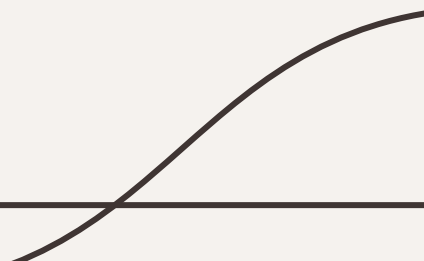


GESS: Grade 12 Parent/ Guardian Information Night

September 12th, 7:15pm





ałi kwu swiwi-numtax
We are beautiful

ałi kwu suknaʔqíñx
We are Okanagan

ałi axa/ L/tmxwula/xw
Because our land is beautiful

Important Info

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Mr. Frechette

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Counselling Website <https://gesinfo.weebly.com/>

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Counselling

Credits for Grade 12s

- ❑ Students can check their credits / transcript online through the Student Transcript Service with the Ministry of Education.
- ❑ Students should see Mr. Shaw if they have concerns regarding graduation, after checking online.
- ❑ **While it is the responsibility of the student to ensure graduation requirements are met, we will do our best to contact anyone not meeting minimum grad requirements.**

Ensure you have met BC graduation credits

REQUIRED COURSES FOR GRADUATION		
Course	Credits	Totals
REQUIRED GRADE 10 COURSES -	5 X 4	20 credits
REQUIRED GRADE 11 & 12 COURSES -	8 X 4	32 credits
Career Education	4	8 credits
Career Life Connections	2	
Capstone (via Mr. Frechette and Ms. Youngberg)	2	
Fine Arts &/or ADST 10, 11, or 12	4	4 credits
ADDITIONAL COURSES (electives) Gr 10, 11, or 12: min. of 4 courses	16	16 credits
Ministry of Education Graduation -		80 credits
Almost all GES students will have MORE than the minimum 80 credits as 'insurance' to protect graduation.		

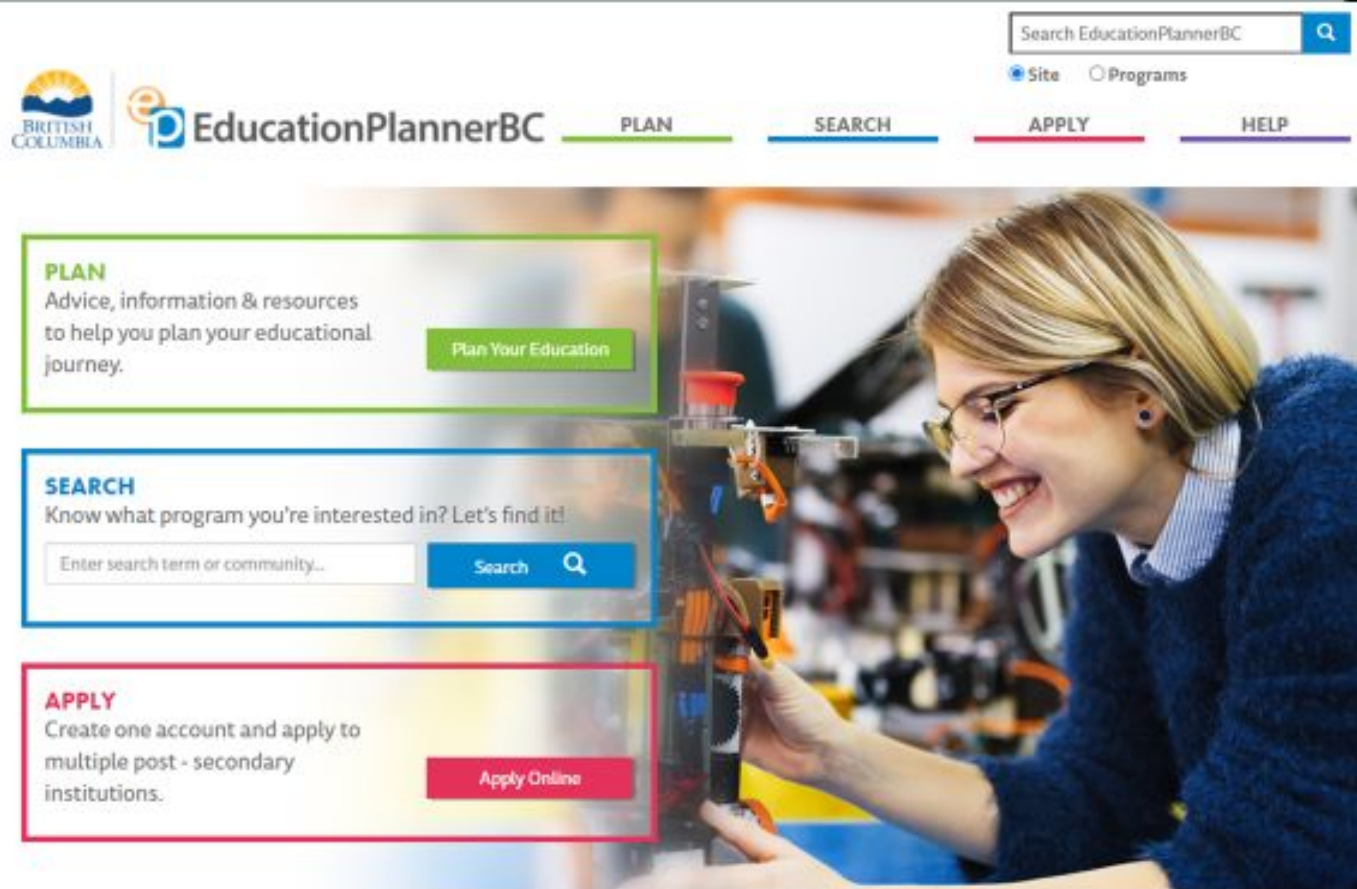
Literacy 10, Numeracy 10, and Grade 12 Literacy assessments are required for graduation.
French Immersion students must also write the French Language Literacy 12 assessment.

Grad vs. Post-Secondary

B.C. GRADUATION	Capstone, English 12 3 additional grade 12 courses (any grade 12 course) Minimum of 80 credits
Trades Programs	Huge variety Some require skills testing (Math & English)
University Transfer-ARTS (College)	Okanagan College English 12 (60% min.) Generally, entrance is first come, first served
UNIVERSITY: ARTS	English 12 + 3-5 <u>approved</u> grade 12 courses depending on institution Competitive entry- other Grade 12 courses may also be required depending on the school you are applying to.
University Transfer SCIENCE (College)	Okanagan College English 12 (60% min.) + PreCal 12 (50% min.) Generally, entrance is first come, first served
UNIVERSITY: SCIENCE	English 12, Pre-Cal 12, + 2 -4 <u>approved</u> grade 12 courses depending on institution. Competitive entry- other Grade 12 courses may also be required depending on the school you are applying to.

Applying for Post-Secondary

Almost all BC institutions are now using the Education Planner BC site for their application process. Students are typically required to do their application through this site.



Search EducationPlannerBC

Site Programs

EducationPlannerBC

PLAN SEARCH APPLY HELP

PLAN
Advice, information & resources to help you plan your educational journey.
[Plan Your Education](#)

SEARCH
Know what program you're interested in? Let's find it!
Enter search term or community... [Search](#)

APPLY
Create one account and apply to multiple post - secondary institutions.
[Apply Online](#)

Post-Secondary Prep Sessions

These are an optional informational series to help grade 12 students organize and plan for post-secondary education.

PSP #1 October 17th

(entrance requirements, how to apply, funding, etc.)

PSP #2 Nov 28th

(funding, scholarships, COBSS & how to apply.)

PSP #3 April 11th

(post-secondary calendar, choosing courses, etc.)

Sending Transcripts to Post Secondary Institutions

Students
must sign up
for this!!!



Student Transcripts Service Information For Students

Student Transcripts Service (STS) is an online application for students to view their school marks, transcripts, scholarships and send transcripts electronically to post secondary institutions and employers.



Get Started

- To register for STS, students will need:
- Personal Education Number (PEN)
 - Full legal name
 - Date of birth
 - Email address

Step 1 Go to the Ministry of Education's Transcripts and Certificate website at <http://www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca>.

Step 2 You must sign up for a BCeID before you can use the Student Transcripts Service. For BCeID sign-up, you need to:

- Complete the fields to register for a basic BCeID
- Select your password reset questions and answers (remember these as you will need them if you forget your password)
- Follow the system prompts and sign up for Student Transcripts Service.

[Sign Up for a BCeID](#)

Step 3 Log in to Student Transcripts Service using your BCeID.

When registering for the Student Transcripts Service using your BCeID, you will be prompted to:

Detailed Information and Instructions available at;

<https://gesinfo.weebly.com/transcript-information.html>

Step 4 From your STS Dashboard, you can choose your post-secondary institutions (PSIs) selections, preview, send and order transcripts, view exam and assessment results and view scholarship information. Please note that all transcripts previewed in the STS are considered unofficial, but official transcripts will be sent out when ordered.

You will need to consent to the STS privacy notice which enables the ministry to send your transcripts to your selected PSIs by paper or electronically depending on how the PSI is able to receive transcripts. Printed copies of transcripts may take up to 3 weeks for processing and delivery to your selected PSIs.

Troubleshooting:

For BCeID questions: <http://www.bceid.ca>

For Student Transcripts questions: services@gesinfo.bc.ca

Central Okanagan Bursary & Scholarship Society (COBSS)

- ▶ Application process opens Nov 28th
- ▶ Information on how to apply will be released on Nov 28th (PSP#2).
- ▶ Watch for it also posted on the GESS homepage and the GESS Counselling Website (gesinfo.weebly.com)
- ▶ **APPLICATIONS DUE: 9:00AM TUESDAY JANUARY 16th –no exceptions!!**

COBBS Information

- You must be attending a post secondary institution in September of 2024 to apply for COBBS
 - If you are taking a GAP year and/or graduating early from GESS (COBBS requires a min of 6 courses during Grade 12 year), you are not eligible to apply for COBBS
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GESS COUNSELLING

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**Information also
available on our
website!**

Counsellors at George Elliot Secondary

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Students in Grade 9

brent.sookochoff@sd23.bc.ca



Mr. Bruce Shaw

Students in Grade 10-12

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GESS CAREER CENTER



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Careers

Capstone Date: **May 9, 2024**

- Students are in a 2-credit class where they build and complete their Capstone in preparation for the May Capstone presentation.
- Students now can choose from 6 options to build their Capstone based on who they are, their passions and future goals.
 - Hosting an event
 - Tangible project
 - Entrepreneurial
 - 4 Food Chiefs
 - Inquiry
 - Career Passport

All Grade 12s must have completed **30 hours of volunteer work or career exploration** in order to graduate.

Forms are in the Career Centre.





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Grad Info: Admin

“People do not decide their futures.
People decide their habits, and their
habits decide their futures.”

—F. M. Alexander

**Smoking/Vaping/
Drugs/Alcohol**

Attendance

Parking

**DO THE RIGHT THING and
BE A DECENT HUMAN BEING**

Respect for All

Sanctioned Grad Events

Graduation, Post-Secondary, & Grad Events

- As a school, our primary responsibility is making sure your child graduates, successfully walking the stage with their 80+ credits
- We support students as they navigate toward post secondary
 - The onus falls on students/families to ensure that post-secondary requirements for applications are being met
 - With many institutions across BC, Canada, and the world, all with different and possibly changing program requirements, we cannot be responsible for knowing every in and out. For families, be involved early and often!
- Grad consists of two main events at the end of the year (and has for multiple years):
 - Convocation (ie. walking the stage) - **“Convocation is for parents”**
 - School-sponsored, parent-organized Prom - **“Prom is for the grads”**

Sanctioned/Non-Sanctioned Grad Events

Sanctioned

- Any grad event that is organized/sponsored by the school
 - We assume responsibilities for supervision, safety, liability – all in accordance with Board policy
- Ms. Marples will share information about these sanctioned events tonight and throughout the year

Non-Sanctioned

- Any grad event NOT condoned, supervised, or supported by the school
 - Eg. Grad bush parties, grad kidnapping, grad car parades, “Pass the Torch,” grad trips, etc.
- We advise you as parents/guardians to use **caution** in allowing your child to attend non-sanctioned grad events.
 - We have serious concerns about safety and behaviour in non-sanctioned events, and ask parents to investigate non-sanctioned events carefully

To Take Part In Grad Events

- **Convocation** is the one event that all grads will take part in as long as they are in a *mathematical position to graduate* (in terms of grad credits/courses)*
- To claim tickets for and attend/participate in final graduation ceremonies/events (**Convocation & Prom**) your child must also be in a position to graduate
- For all other sanctioned grad events any grade 12 can choose to take part as long as they are in “**good standing**”
 - The school code of conduct applies to all sanctioned grad events
 - If your child is under suspension and/or they have serious breaches of the code of conduct in areas that would cause concern related to events, they *may* not be permitted to participate in optional, sanctioned grad events
 - **Prom is an *optional* sanctioned event**



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We currently have this many grads, we want to keep it at that number.





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Grad Info - Sponsor

Oyama Adventure Park





Policy 525 (Level 4)

Field Trip Policy (525R, excerpt):

- inform parents in writing of the specific nature of the activity and its inherent risks. Also included will be an itinerary and information relative to accommodation, transportation, contact information, as well as alignment of the activity with the curriculum;
- ***hold parent information meetings which are required in order to fully inform parents of the hazards, inherent risks and potential consequences;***
- obtain signed copies of the Field Studies Parent Permission form for each student involved, including any medical concerns, allergies and medication requirements

Hazards, Inherent Risks, Potential Consequences

- Any risks associated with ziplining and general activities at the Oyama Adventure Park (ie. blisters, muscle pulls, cuts, scratches sprains, and more serious injuries)
 - At least one of the teacher/supervisors will have first aid training, and we will bring a first aid kit
- Any risk associated with travel by SD23 bus (ie. collision and injuries associated)
- Any risk associated with being outdoors (ie. animal encounters, insect bites, weather events)
- Any accidents resulting from poor decision making

Important Dates/Events

- Grad Council → EVERY Tuesday morning at 7:30 in Room 129
- Oyama Grad Retreat → September 21 OR 22
- Caravan Farm Theatre → December (TBA)
- Grad Photos → January 29 - February 9 (more information to come)
- Prom → June 8th
- Grad Convocation (cap and gown) → June 14th

More will be added as the grads choose and organize various events throughout the year

Grad Fees

- \$125 which includes convocation costs, caps, gowns, certificates
- Extra Fees:
 - Grad Photos
 - Prom ticket (only GESS 2024 grads attend)
 - Grad wear (in progress)
 - Other fees can apply throughout the year

Financial hardship → see Mr. Laird or Ms. Marples

Grad Photos

- January 29 - February 9
 - An email will be sent closer to the date with a link to sign up
- \$60 sitting fee
 - Can be used towards the purchase of order, or refunded if not ordering anything
- Photo needs to be taken to be included in the composite and the yearbook

Convocation

- This is a school sanctioned event
- Convocation (Cap & Gown) Ceremony → June 14th
 - Each grad will be allowed 4 tickets + the grad*
 - Extra tickets will be distributed in a lottery/raffle format
 - We are looking to livestream the event and more info will be coming

Interested in Volunteering?

Email me (lisa.marples@sd23.bc.ca) and provide:

- Your first and last name
- Your grad's name
- Contact number and email address
- What you are interested in volunteering for

This is especially important for those interested in being part of a parent planning committee! The sooner you are able to connect with each other, the sooner we can begin fundraising efforts.

Prom

- Dinner & Dance → June 8th at Okanagan Golf Club
- SD23 buses will be used for transportation to and from GESS
- Hypnotist, DJ, and Photographer were popular last year, and may be booked again this year (if grads are interested)
- Only 2024 GESS Grads attend
- Optional event

Where to Stay Informed?

- Please read the emails sent home!
- Check the Grad Website
 - <https://gesgrad.weebly.com/>
 - You can also find a link to it on the main GESS website
- Make sure your grad is in the '**CLP Grad 2024**' Google Classroom (code = **74ktw7p**)
- Check the weekly Coyote Connections that get sent home

Reminders

There is a Grad 2024 account set up at the local Bottle Depot in Lake Country. You don't need to sort your bottles! You can just drop them off and tell them it's for Grad 2024. All proceeds help[fundraise grad events. Please share this information!



Final Thoughts

- If you have any questions or concerns about your child's ability to graduate please contact the school earlier rather than later
- We work hard to keep families informed throughout the year if we have any concerns about graduation, but we encourage you to check online and with the school at any point

We would rather have every single family call and double check than have one of you be surprised and let down