



# The Path to Graduation and Beyond:

Helping your kids choose their  
high school courses!

# *Credit System . . .*

***Manitoba high school graduation requirement:***

**30 CREDITS**

- *Credits accumulate from grade 9 to grade 12*
- *Credits are a mix of compulsory and elective courses*
- *Many students earn more than 30 credits*
- *We encourage students to plan for 32 credits*

# *Semester System ...*

## ***The Semester System:***

- *Semester 1: September - January*
- *Semester 2: February - June*

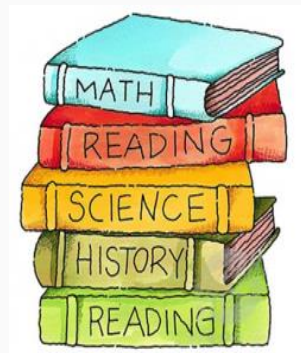
***Grade 9: All courses are semesterized except for  
ELA and MATH***

***Grade 10 – 12: All courses are semesterized***



# *The Path to Graduation ...*

<b>Subject</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>English Language Arts</b>	1	1	1	1
<b>Mathematics</b>	1	1	1	1
<b>Phys Ed   Health</b>	1	1	1	1
<b>Social Studies</b>	1	1	1	
<b>Science</b>	1	1		
<b>Grade Specific Electives</b>			1 (30s)	2 (40s)
<b>General Electives</b>	4	3	2	1
<b>Total Credits per Grade</b>	9	8	7	6
<b>Credits at Graduation</b>	30			



# *Sample Grade 9...*

## ***Compulsory Courses:***

- *ELA*
- *Social Studies*
- *Math*
- *Science*
- *Phys Ed | Health*

## ***Electives:***

- *Assigned by School*
  - *Key Boarding*
  - *Computer (ICT)*
  - *Reading is Thinking*
- *Chosen by Student*
  - *Home Ec or Tech Ed*
  - *Band or Art*
  - *Choir or French*

# *Sample Grade 10...*

## **Compulsory Courses:**

- *ELA*
- *Math*
  - *Applied / Pre-Cal*
  - *Essentials*
- *Geography*
- *Phys Ed / Health*

## **Electives:**

- *Life/Work Planning*
- *Computer Science*
- *Digital Photography*
- *Digital Film*
- *Sociology*
- *Band or Art*
- *Choir or French*

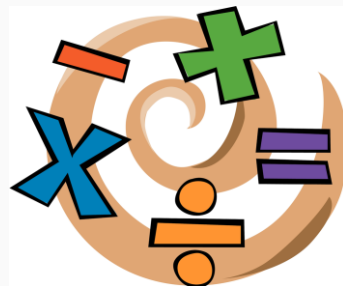
# *Choosing a Math Course (Grade 10) . . .*

## **Essentials Math:**

- *Practical math skills for daily life (consumer math)*
- *Will continue with Essentials through grade 12*
- *May limit some post-secondary options*

## **Applied | Pre-Calculus Math:**

- *Blend of theoretical and applied concepts*
- *Required for many science based post-secondary programs*



# *Sample Grade 11 . . .*

## **Compulsory Courses:**

- *ELA*
- *Math*
  - *Pre-Cal*
  - *Applied*
  - *Essentials*
- *History of Canada*
- *Phys Ed*
  - *School Based*
  - *Student Based*

## **Electives:**

- *Science*
  - *Topics in Science (general)*
  - *Biology, Chemistry, Physics*
- *Humanities*
  - *History, Psychology, Global Issues*
- *Music*
  - *Band, Jazz Band*
  - *Choir, Vocal Ensemble*
- *Art*
- *French*



# *Choosing a Math Course (Grade 11) . . .*

## **Pre-Calculus Math:**

- *Required for university programs or trades that are heavily oriented to problem solving and higher level thinking skills (medicine, commerce, engineering)*

## **Applied Math:**

- *Required for programs and trades that require hands-on problem solving (sciences, electrical, nursing, accounting)*

## **Essentials Math:**

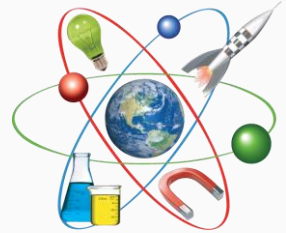
- *Non-math programs only*



# *Choosing Your Science Courses ...*

## ***Science becomes an elective in grade 11 and 12***

- *It is no longer mandatory*
- *Will be required for various university programs*



## ***Four choices:***

- *Biology (study of human systems)*
- *Chemistry (study of matter)*
- *Physics (study of forces and motion)*
- *Topics in Science (general science - not recognized for post-secondary)*

# *Sample Grade 12...*

## **Compulsory Courses:**

- *ELA*
  - *Comprehensive*
  - *Transactional*
- *Math*
  - *Pre-Cal*
  - *Applied*
  - *Essentials*
- *Phys Ed | Health*

## **Electives:**

- *Science*
  - *Topics in Science (general)*
  - *Biology, Chemistry, Physics*
- *Humanities*
  - *History, Psychology, Global Issues*
- *Music*
  - *Sr. Band, Jazz Band*
  - *Choir, Vocal Ensemble*
- *Art*

# *Choosing an ELA Course (Grade 12)...*

## ***Comprehensive Focus***

- *a mix of practical and literary English*

## ***Transactional Focus***

- *practical use of the English language*

***Students are required to write  
one provincial ELA exam!***



# *External Credits . . .*

- Independent Study Option (Distance Education)
- Senior Years Apprenticeship Program - up to 8 credits
- Life / Work Experience Credit
- Credit for Employment
- Community Service - 110 hours of volunteer work
- Private Music Option (only as additional credits beyond the minimum 30 credits)
- Cadets (only as additional credits beyond the minimum 30 credits)

# *Course Registration . . .*

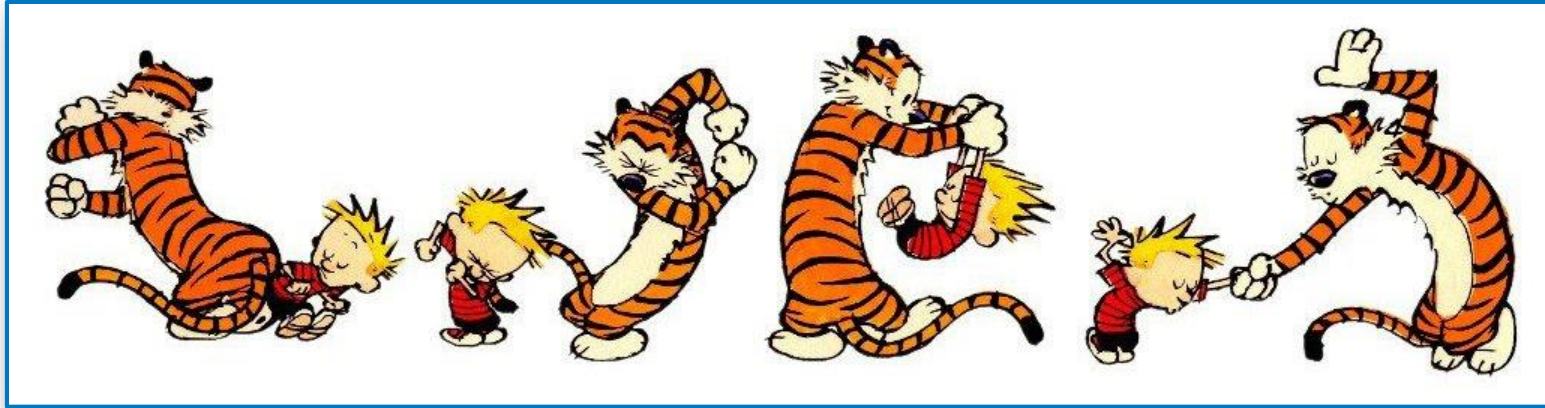
## ***Course selection forms will be sent home near the end of May***

- *Choose courses that best reflect your interest level and ability*
- *Parents are asked to sign the form and send it back to school*

***Please visit, call or email if you have any questions.***



*Enjoy . . .*



***BE GONE . . . BE GOOD . . . BE COOL***