

Grade 12 Course Selections – Frequently Asked Questions

What is the minimum number of credits that I have to take in Grade 12?

- Grade 12 students must register in a minimum of 30 credits. If you are not on track to have earned 75 credits in total for your Grade 10 & Grade 11 years, you should request at least 35 credits for grade 12.



How can I be sure I am meeting all requirements for a High School Diploma?

- High School Diploma requirements and Certificate of Achievement requirements are explained in detail in our Student Handbook on our website at <https://jmhs.blackgold.ca/student-handbook-2/>
- Grade 12 students must register in 10 credits at the 30-level other than English and Social. This can include math or science courses, CTS, fine arts, languages, physical education and any other 30-level courses.
 - If you did not complete CALM and/or Phys Ed 10 in Grade 10 or 11 and are not currently registered for those courses, or if you are failing either of those courses, you must select them for Grade 12. These are required courses for graduation.

Are High School Diploma requirements the same as post-secondary requirements?

- Not necessarily. Post-Secondary requirements for entrance into specific programs may have different criteria than courses required for High School graduation. Students are encouraged to research programs to find out the specific course requirements for post-secondary entrance into their program of choice.

What do I need to know about course prerequisites?

- You can only select a course for which you have the recommended prerequisite mark. Prerequisite marks are either a final mark or it can be based on the current Q3 mark for a course you are currently taking. All core courses and most CTS courses, fine arts, languages, physical education and other option courses do have prerequisite courses and marks. Prerequisite courses and marks are shown on the course planners and more detail can be found in the Student Handbook.
- Only register in courses for which you have the recommended prerequisite mark.
 - If your mark changes between now and the end of June (up or down from prerequisite), email us at jmhs@blackgold.ca so you can be registered in the appropriate course. Do not wait until September as many classes fill up.

What if I am currently failing a core course or failed a core course in Semester 1?

- You can only select a course for which you have the recommended prerequisite mark. If you are failing a course, refer to the Student Handbook for the appropriate course sequencing.
- If you require assistance with choosing the appropriate course sequencing, please contact Student Services prior to your designated online registration time. You may also email jmhs@blackgold.ca and your administrator or counsellor will respond.

What if my marks change (up or down) and I need or want to choose a different stream?

- For example, you had 52% in Biology 20 when you registered online and therefore could not choose Biology 30 as the prerequisite mark is 60% but by June your mark has improved to 61%, you now qualify to select Biology 30.
- At the end of June once your marks are finalized, email jmhs@blackgold.ca with your name, the course you want and your new mark and Student Services will make any necessary change to your course requests. Do not wait until fall to request a change, as many courses will fill up.

Can I take a 20-level & 30-level course in the same course sequence?

- If you choose to request both a 20-level and 30-level of a particular subject, you must verify that the 20-level course is in your semester 1 timetable and any 30-level courses in the same sequence are in semester 2. For example, if you choose to retake Math 20-1 and also request Math 30-1, you must verify that Math 20-1 is in semester 1 and Math 30-2 is in semester 2. Student timetables are available for viewing in PowerSchool in late August.

What if I am planning to take a Summer School course this year?

- If you are planning to take a course in summer school in July 2022, you should select it on the front page of your course planner in the section entitled Summer School.
- Entering the course you plan to register for on your course planner and on the online registration screen is NOT your Summer School registration. **You MUST still register online on the district website** (Summer School registration usually opens around May 1. [Click here for more information](#)). Please note: you should verify the list of summer school courses being offered on the district website once registration opens.

- If you decide not to go to summer school after you have entered the course on your online registration screen, you should contact the school as soon as possible (before the end of June) if you need to add that course to your course requests.